10. (2.25 points)

a. (0.75 point)

Identify three criteria used to evaluate government insurance programs.

b. (1.5 points)

Evaluate the performance for each of the following programs based on the criteria identified in part a. above.

- i. PACICC
- ii. United States' National Flood Insurance Program

QUESTION 10

TOTAL POINT VALUE: 2.25 LEARNING OBJECTIVE(S): B2-B3

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Part a: 0.75 point

Sample

- Insurance or welfare
- Necessary
- Efficient

Part b: 1.5 points

<u>Sample</u>

PACICC:

- 1. Insurance \rightarrow Yes (sort of) members pay assessment fees
- 2. Necessary → Yes. Helps policyholders recoup some money after the insurer has become insolvent.
- 3. Efficient → Yes. Process already in place, self-sustainable OSFI requires insurers to have MCT > 150%

US Flood:

- 1. Insurance →Yes, people pay premiums before loss, and only those that incur losses are indemnified.
- 2. Necessary → Yes, flood insurance is a major concern due to changing weather and other conditions. Private coverage not enough therefore National Flood Ins. Program necessary to fill needs.
- 3. Efficient → Yes, as government programs are already undertaking some of the work in other departments e.g. property valuation etc. reduces cost, no commission, lower cost.

Alternate solutions

Arguments could be made on both sides of each evaluation criteria.

Sample solutions included:

PACICC:

• Welfare since policyholder don't pay premium

• Welfare as could recover full amount if covered by private insurance instead of limited amount

US Flood:

- Welfare as premiums are subsidized by government
- Unnecessary since could be covered by private insurer
- Inefficient as public acceptance is low as flood insurance increases debt and is run at a deficit

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Candidates were expected to demonstrate knowledge of the government insurance program evaluation criteria.

Part a

Candidates were expected to correctly identify the evaluation criteria of a government program.

A common error was providing a common insurance concept as an answer instead of the required evaluation criteria such as:

- Consumer protection
- Affordability

Part b

Candidates were expected to correctly evaluate each program while providing an argument for each of their evaluation criteria. An argument could be made for each criteria in either a positive or negative light.

A common error was that no argument is provided other than only stating if the insurance plan addressed the criteria quoted in part a.