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Examination Details:

Paper Title:	September 2026 Series R2 (Road Haulage) Case Study
Paper No:	RCS0926S
Date of Examination:	04/09/2026 13:00 - 15:15

Time allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

You must have:

- This case study
- A question/answer booklet

You may use:

- A calculator
- A dictionary
- Any permitted written materials

Instructions

- Answers to be written in pen/ink only
- Use the case study information to answer all the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the question/answer booklet. If you need extra space, use the lined page(s) at the end of the question/answer booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Additional paper may be used if required but you must clearly show your name, date of birth and question number(s).
- Answer all the questions.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets () in the question/answer booklet.
- This document has 3 pages.
- Assessment material has been prepared in line with legislation current at the time of production. Any subsequent changes to legislation have not been taken into account, however, responses that refer to amended legislation will be credited.

Background

Walvingham Deliveries Ltd (WDL) is a general haulage company. It holds a Standard National operator licence in the West Midlands Traffic Area, which authorises 11 vehicles and 11 trailers. The company's current fleet comprises 11 vehicles, all of which are owned outright. The vehicles are maintained in-house at the company's only operating centre in Walvingham. The company owns the freehold to the operating centre.

Company policies

- Drivers are required to complete a 10-minute vehicle check at the start of every day, or as soon as a vehicle is made available to them
- Drivers are required to take all break and rest periods as late as possible and for the shortest possible time
- Vehicle maintenance is to be completed in compliance with the DVSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness
- The company uses the standard RHA terms and conditions of contract and has a goods in transit insurance policy in place that meets the limits of those terms and conditions

Activities for Thursday of next week

Periodic training course

WDL will pay all its drivers to attend a training course for Driver CPC next Thursday, as follows:

- The drivers are required to report at the Walvingham operating centre to start work with course registration at 07.20 hrs. Registration will take 10 minutes
- The training course will cover the subject of the working time regulations
- The training course will last for 4 hours, including a 30-minute break

Collection from Darlington and delivery to Walvingham

One of WDL's customers has requested the haulier to provide a lorry to collect goods from the customer's premises in Darlington and deliver them to its premises in Birmingham on Thursday of next week. The following information reflects the customer's requirements and WDL's plans:

- WDL will supply a single-manned 18,000 kg GVW lorry to be made available to its driver immediately on completion of the periodic training course
- The driver for this journey will complete a weekly rest period tomorrow and Sunday and is expected to complete the following activities between Monday and Wednesday of next week:
 - Driving time under Regulation EC561/2006 will be 9 hours on each of Monday and Wednesday and 6 hours on Tuesday
 - The driver will take reduced daily rest periods on Monday and Wednesday and a regular daily rest period on Tuesday
- An average speed of 60 kph is to be used for the driver schedule for all legs of the journey
- The distance from WDL's operating centre to the Darlington collection point is 270 km. The route is via the M6 toll, costing £11
- Loading in Darlington will take 20 minutes, WDL's driver to assist
- The distance from Darlington to the Birmingham delivery point is 255 km. The route is via the M6 toll, costing £11
- Unloading in Birmingham will take 15 minutes, WDL's driver to assist
- The distance from Birmingham to WDL's operating centre in Walvingham is 10 km
- On arrival at Walvingham, the driver is to spend 5 minutes completing paperwork at the end of their shift

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Costing information for one 18,000 kg GVW lorry

Days in use per year	240
Purchase price, excluding the initial tyre set	£85,000
Expected vehicle resale value after 5 years	£25,000
Other standing costs per year	£14,400
Chargeable driver cost per day or part day	£195
Cost of a set of new tyres	£3,600
Expected life of tyres	40,000km
Fuel price	£1.40 per litre
Fuel consumption	10km per litre
Vehicle maintenance costs	£0.19 per km
Profit markup, to be applied to all costs	15%

Future plans

Yukon Distribution plc contract

Yukon Distribution plc (YDP) has offered WDL a three-year contract to collect goods from its warehouse in Bircham Heath and deliver them to its premises in Belgium. YDP will supply return loads to be delivered to Bircham Heath. The journeys will be twice weekly. YDP's warehouse is 16 miles from WDL's operating centre and is also in the West Midlands Traffic Area.

The following information reflects YDP's requirements and WDL's plans:

- The first journey is to start in 12 weeks' time
- WDL is to supply one articulated combination, to be entirely dedicated to the YDP work. It is to be acquired on a 'full-maintenance' lease and based at the Bircham Heath warehouse
- WDL's transport manager is deemed to be too busy to take control of this operation and a part-time external transport manager is to be recruited, also to be based at the YDP warehouse