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Examination Details:

Paper Title:	**September 2026 Series P2 (Passenger Transport) Case Study**
Paper No:	**PCS0926S**
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 Executive Travel Ltd (WET) holds a Standard National operator licence in the West Midlands Traffic Area which authorises 11 vehicles. The company's current fleet comprises 11 vehicles, all of which are owned outright and are in use every day. 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 not permitted to take break periods other than at base or at a designated stopping place en route
- Vehicle maintenance is to be completed in compliance with the DVSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness

Activities for Thursday of next week

Periodic training course

WET requires 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 07.50 hrs. Registration will take 10 minutes
- The training course will cover the subject of the working time regulations
- The training course will last for 3½ hours

Coach route

One driver is required to drive a 49-seat coach on a route, accompanied by one passenger assistant. The following information shows the requirements of the route which will run from Walvingham Station to Scarborough, returning to Walvingham station via Bircham Heath.

- WET will supply a 49-seat coach to be made available to its driver at the operating centre at 11.45 hrs
- 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
- The coach is to stop at the following times:
    - Walvingham Station (outward journey) at 12.05 hrs
    - Scarborough at 16.30 hrs
    - Bircham Heath at 19.45 hrs
- An average speed for all legs of the journey is 60 kph
- The distance from WET's operating centre to the first stop at Walvingham Station is 10 km
- Embarking passengers at Walvingham Station will take 5 minutes, the driver to assist
- The distance from Walvingham Station to Scarborough is 260 km
- The vehicle will lay over for 45 minutes at Scarborough, allowing passengers to disembark and embark. The driver is not required to assist
- The distance from Scarborough to Bircham Heath is 150 km
- The vehicle will lay over for 45 minutes at Bircham Heath, allowing passengers to disembark and embark. The driver is not required to assist

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- The vehicle will then return to Walvingham Station, a distance of 110 km
- The driver is required to assist with disembarking all passengers for 5 minutes. The vehicle will then return to the Walvingham operating centre, a distance of 10 km, where the driver will immediately finish work

Costing information for one 49-seat coach

Days in use per year	240
Purchase price, excluding the initial tyre set	£105,000
Expected vehicle resale value after 5 years	£75,000
Other standing costs per year	£14,400
Driver cost per day or part day	£195
Passenger assistant cost per day or part day	£140
Cost of a set of new tyres	£4,400
Expected life of tyres	40,000km
Fuel price	£1.40 per litre
Fuel consumption	10km per litre
Vehicle maintenance costs	£0.19 per km

Future plans

Yukon Tours plc contract

Yukon Tours plc (YTP) has offered WET a three-year contract to collect its customers from YTP's owned premises in Walvingham three times every week and take them to France, returning to the UK with passengers from the previous week. YTP's premises are a few miles from WET's operating centre and are also in the West Midlands Traffic Area.

The following information reflects YTP's requirements and WET's plans:

- The first journey is to start in April 2027
- WET is to supply one 53-seat coach, to be entirely dedicated to the YTP work. It is to be acquired on a 'full-maintenance' lease and based at the YTP's Walvingham premises
- WET'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 YTP premises

Local bus service

WET is beginning to plan a new local bus service in Walvingham. The service would operate seven days every week and serve the town centre, the station and some local residential areas.

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