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CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS!

By Mark Maxwell

Have you ever overheard a student complaining about a recent exam? "I do not believe that they expected me to memorize that formula." "There were four questions about *common shock* on my test." "I had to use integration by parts—twice."

A fun—but fruitless—exercise would be to collect the myriad of student complaints. But, ignoring accuracy of the student comments (and the fact that exam questions are confidential and are not to be taken from the examination site), you think that you could contribute valuable potential exam questions? Well we agree.

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is seeking creative minds to contribute valuable potential exam questions. Think you are up to the task? Well, we agree.

In an effort to increase the number of exam question writers, the SOA published a  [policy statement](#) relating to service on examination committees. The only *ineligible* people are those who are actively teaching exam review courses or preparation seminars. So you can submit interest theory questions while you are teaching an interest theory course.

Not only would your questions add to the diversity of the exam pool, you would provide a valuable service to the profession. And you would have fun. What is the downside? Only disgruntled comments about your work from future exam candidates.

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