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### Core Unit 1A Sample Questions

1. A trust-based defined benefit scheme
  - a. is perceived to be less risky for an employer than a defined contribution scheme
  - b. will not typically offer a full range of retirement options to members
  - c. can provide short service refunds for members who joined on or after 1 October 2015 and leave with over 30 days' service.
  - d. is always regulated by TPR and the FCA.
  
2. The beneficiaries of a trust-based defined benefit scheme may include
  - a. spouses of members
  - b. anyone who was financially dependent on the member
  - c. the employer
  - d. all of the above.
  
3. When will the implementation of staging for automatic enrolment be concluded for all employers?
  - a. September 2017.
  - b. September 2018.
  - c. January 2018.
  - d. February 2018.
  
4. Defined contribution pension schemes always
  - a. give the individual member choice concerning the investment of contributions
  - b. offer at least two choices of investment
  - c. have an insurance company as the provider
  - d. expose the member to the risk of uncertain final benefits.
  
5. Insurance companies
  - a. only provide contract-based schemes
  - b. can provide annuities and AVC facilities
  - c. are always regulated by the ABI and the PRA
  - d. never act as scheme managers.

6. For ISAs  
(i) contributions are made from taxed income  
(ii) the income earned is tax free.
- a. Both True
  - b. Only (i) True
  - c. Only (ii) True
  - d. Both False
7. (i) State pensions can be paid before State Pension Age.  
(ii) A lump sum benefit can be taken from State pension benefits at State Pension Age.
- a. Both True
  - b. Only (i) True
  - c. Only (ii) True
  - d. Both False

**Correct Responses:**

- 1. B
- 2. D
- 3. D
- 4. D
- 5. B
- 6. A
- 7. D