INSULATION AND ACOUSTICAL (C-2)

Content of the Examination

The Insulation and Acoustical (C-2) Examination is divided into four major sections:

1. Planning and Estimating (25%)
   - Interpreting plans and specifications
   - Planning
   - Estimating

2. Acoustical (30%)
   - Ceiling grid
   - Roof framing
   - Acoustical tile and wall panels

3. Insulation (30%)
   - Site preparation and blow-in applications
   - Insulation preparation
   - Batt, rigid board, and radiant barrier applications

4. Safety (15%)
   - Personnel safety
   - Job site safety

*Percentages are approximate*

Test Site Policy

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination. All materials brought to the examination site must be left in an unmonitored area at your own risk.

Test Strategy

This is a multiple-choice examination with four choices per question. Examination questions are written to provide only one BEST answer. Some questions require mathematical computation. A calculator will be provided.

There is no penalty for guessing. If you are unsure about a particular question, it is better to try to answer the question than to leave the question blank.

Plenty of time is provided to answer all examination questions, so be sure to read each question and its four choices completely and carefully before selecting the BEST possible answer to the question.
Sample Questions

Below are three typical examination questions. The correct answer is underlined.

1. What is the BEST tool to use to locate wood framing in a wall system for a retrofit insulation job?
   a. Plumb bob  
   b. Stud finder  
   c. Tape measure  
   d. Rubber hammer

2. What length of ceiling wire should be installed for a 10-foot suspended ceiling if the roof deck is at 20 feet?
   a. 20’  
   b. 16’  
   c. 12’  
   d. 10’

3. A contractor is bidding on a job for a 30’ high, 60’ x 100’ metal building. It will be insulated with rigid board in both the ceiling and walls at a cost of $1.10/sq. ft. How much should be budgeted for insulation costs, assuming 5% waste?
   a. $11,088  
   b. $13,860  
   c. $17,160  
   d. $18,018

*All questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who are actively working in the trade*

Resources

Publisher information for reference books and code is provided below. Other sources for reference books may be found online.

California code books can be viewed online:
www.dgs.ca.gov/bsc

PHONE: (800) 786-4452  
INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

ASTM E580/E580M-17 Standard Practice for Installation of Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels in Areas Subject to Earthquake Ground Motions.  
PHONE: (877) 909-2786  
INTERNET: www.astm.org

PHONE: (630) 584-1919  
INTERNET: www.cisca.org

Insulate and Weatherize. Bruce Harley.  
Taunton Store.  
PHONE: (866) 325-2495  
INTERNET: www.tauntonstore.com

PHONE: (877) 833-5524  
INTERNET: www.mhprofessional.com

IR 25-2.13 Metal Suspension Systems for Lay-in Panel Ceilings: 2013 CBC. California Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect.  
PHONE: (916) 445-8100  
VIEW ONLINE:  
www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/Publications

PHONE: (877) 626-2666  
INTERNET: www.mancomm.com  
VIEW ONLINE:  
www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm

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