Content of the Examination

The Lathing and Plastering (C-35) Examination is divided into four major sections:

1. Planning and Estimating (18%)
   - Interpret plans and specifications
   - Estimate material, equipment, and labor
   - Inspect job sites

2. Lath Preparation and Installation (22%)
   - Coordinate lath and plaster installation
   - Prepare substrates
   - Install lathing materials
   - Seal penetrations

3. Plaster/Stucco Preparation, Installation, and Repair (40%)
   - Mix and apply scratch and brown coats
   - Install plaster/stucco systems
   - Repair plaster/stucco installations
   - Install specialty plaster/stucco installations
   - Clean up job sites

4. Safety (20%)
   - Personnel safety
   - Job site safety
   - Cal/OSHA laws and regulations
   - Personal protective equipment

*Percentages are approximate*

Test Policy

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination.

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 marked with an asterisk (*).

1. How many square yards of plaster will be required to plaster fifteen 12’ high x 3’ wide decorative panels?
   a. 540 sq. yds.  
   b. 180 sq. yds.  
   c. 120 sq. yds.  
   d. 60 sq. yds.*

2. What is the recommended mixing time when using a mixer to prepare plastic portland cement plaster for a brown coat?
   a. 1-2 minutes  
   b. 3-5 minutes*  
   c. 18-24 minutes  
   d. 25-30 minutes

3. According to Cal/OSHA, the top handrail around scaffolding should be at what MINIMUM height?
   a. 36”  
   b. 38”  
   c. 42”*  
   d. 48”

*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

INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

INTERNET: www.buildersbook.com

INTERNET: www.usg.com

Plaster & Drywall Assemblies Manual. Walls & Ceilings. PHONE: (248) 362-3700  
INTERNET: www.wconline.com

INTERNET: www.cement.org/docs/default-source/stucco/eb049.pdf

INTERNET: www.mancomm.com  
VIEW ONLINE: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/LawsAndRegulations.htm

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