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**Sample MCQ 7255-350
Sample paper, multiple choice answer sheet and mark
scheme**

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1 Introduction

Area	Description
What is in this document	This document contains the sample multiple-choice question (MCQ) test, answer sheet and mark scheme for MCQ 350 test.
Documents included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sample questions• Multiple choice answer sheet• Mark scheme <p>Learners should be provided with the sample questions and the answer sheet.</p> <p>The mark scheme is to be used by training providers to mark the completed tests.</p>

Note to centres: This sample paper-based version of the multiple-choice test is to support formative assessment activities.

For live versions of the multiple-choice test, these will be accessed using City & Guilds e-evolve online system. Please refer to the qualification handbook for details on how to book and administer live tests.

2 7255-350 MCQ (sample questions)

Test duration: 45 minutes

You should have the following for this test:

- A pen with black or blue ink
- MCQ answer sheets

Read the following notes before you answer any questions:

- Attempt all questions
- If you find a question difficult, leave it and return to it later

This paper contains 30 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each.

This question paper is the property of City & Guilds.

How to complete the multiple-choice answer sheet

Each MCQ shows four possible answers (lettered 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'); only one is correct.

Decide which one is correct and mark your answer on the answer sheet with your pen.

For example, if you decide 'b' is correct, mark your answer with a cross like this:


1 a b c d

If you change your answer, cancel your first choice by filling in the box then put a cross in the answer which you have now decided is correct, like this:

1 a b c d

Q1	A portable power tool has been labelled unsafe to use. Which regulation would this be relevant to?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) First Aid Regulations 1987.</p> <p>b) Working at Height Regulations 2005.</p> <p>c) Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.</p> <p>d) The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.1a

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Q2	<p>What is the missing element from the fire triangle?</p> 
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air. b) Heat. c) Nitrogen. d) Carbon dioxide.
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.1b

Q3	What is the most important impact of health and safety regulations in the construction industry?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Controls the personal protective equipment (PPE) individuals wear.</p> <p>b) Controls work practices across sites.</p> <p>c) Controls the amount of breaks an employee can take.</p> <p>d) Controls the number of sites an employee can work on.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.2a

Q4	What is a key employee responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) They must check the first aid box is full every day.</p> <p>b) They must carry out a risk assessment before starting.</p> <p>c) They must pay for any PPE.</p> <p>d) They must follow organisational procedures and policies.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.2c

Q5	What is an employer responsibility for supporting the psychological well-being of staff?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Regularly changing organisational processes.</p> <p>b) Providing access to health professionals.</p> <p>c) Managing exposure to chemicals.</p> <p>d) Allowing access to online training activities..</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.2b

Q6	An employee is working on scaffold and notices a small crack in their safety helmet, what should their immediate action be?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Carry on using it, it is only a small crack.</p> <p>b) Tell their supervisor so it can be replaced.</p> <p>c) Buy a new safety helmet with their own money.</p> <p>d) Swap it with another helmet in the changing room.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.1.2b

Q7	Solvents are being used in a work area. Which is the most suitable type of protection that should be used?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Goggles. b) Respirator. c) Safety helmet. d) Ear defenders.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.2.1a

Q8	An employee is working on site approximately 10 metres from a pneumatic drill. What is the most suitable type of personal protective equipment they should use?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Gloves. b) Face mask. c) Eye protection. d) Hearing protection.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.2.1b

Q9	Which are the most important items of PPE to use when using a masonry core drill?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Boots, head protection and overalls.</p> <p>b) Overalls, dust mask and hearing protection.</p> <p>c) Gloves, head protection and safety glasses.</p> <p>d) Safety glasses, hearing protection and dust mask.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.2.1b

Q10	An electric cable is trailing on the floor and a worker trips over it but does not fall and suffers no injury. What type of incident would this be classed as?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Accident.</p> <p>b) Near miss.</p> <p>c) Fatal incident.</p> <p>d) Non-fatal incident.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.3.1a

Q11	At which point of a works contract is a risk assessment completed?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Before the groundworks start.</p> <p>b) Before anyone leaves the site.</p> <p>c) Before any of the work starts on site.</p> <p>d) Before the start of each day's work on site.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.3.1b

Q12	What is the purpose of a site induction?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Familiarise the operative with the correct method of laying bricks on site.</p> <p>b) Familiarise the operative with the wage structure of the company.</p> <p>c) Familiarise the operative with the ordering procedures of the company.</p> <p>d) Familiarise the operative with site procedures to mitigate any incidents.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.3.1b

Q13	What is the purpose of a method statement?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) It identifies which PPE must be worn while work is carried out.</p> <p>b) It identifies possible hazards and levels of risk prior to starting work.</p> <p>c) It identifies how to erect and dismantle scaffolding correctly and safely.</p> <p>d) It identifies how to carry out a task safely, in a specific order from start to finish.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.1b





Q14	What is the purpose of undertaking a risk assessment?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Identifies tools and materials needed to complete a task.</p> <p>b) Outlines the roles and responsibilities of workers for tasks.</p> <p>c) Promotes consistency in how tasks are performed.</p> <p>d) Determines who might be harmed and how when undertaking tasks.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.1c

Q15	What is the most likely injury to a worker using a pneumatic hammer for an extended period of time?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Falling from a height.</p> <p>b) Cuts and lacerations to hands.</p> <p>c) Vibration of the hands and arms.</p> <p>d) Dust inhalation and respiratory distress.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 –1.4.2c

Q16	A bricklayer is working on a scaffolding, and a part of the safety rail is removed to allow loading out of materials. What now has an increased level of risk?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Working at height.</p> <p>b) Lifting and carrying.</p> <p>c) Use of sharp objects.</p> <p>d) Repetitive strain injury.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.2b

Q17	One of the steps in the 'five steps of risk assessment' is to identify the control measures. What step comes next?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Recording.</p> <p>b) Assess risks.</p> <p>c) Identify hazards.</p> <p>d) Monitor and review.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.2a

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<p>Q18</p>	<p>Which one of the following sign types shows you something you must do?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">     </div> <p>Safety signs</p>
<p>Mark Scheme</p>	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) White circle, red border.</p> <p>b) Yellow triangle, black border.</p> <p>c) Blue circle, white border.</p> <p>d) Green rectangle, white border.</p>
<p>AO</p>	<p>AO1a</p>
<p>Qual spec reference</p>	<p>301 – 1.4.2d</p>

Q19	What is the most suitable way to reinforce waste disposal methods on site if a protocol has recently changed?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Site meeting. b) Toolbox talk. c) Risk assessment. d) Electronic communication.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.2d

Q20	What is the purpose of a risk rating when completing a risk assessment?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) It identifies who is at risk. b) It identifies the type of risk. c) It identifies the level of the risk. d) It identifies current action for the risk.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 1.4.3a

Q21	When using a masonry cut off saw in an internal, confined space, what is the most likely hazard to be aware of?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Lack of natural light. b) Dust and air pollution. c) Carbon monoxide gas. d) Water ingress from suppression.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.1.1d

Q22	Some building work that is taking place in a residential area is likely to create considerable noise. What should be considered when undertaking this work?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Only complete the work between 0100 and 0600 hours. b) Only complete the work between 0800 and 1800 hours. c) Only complete the work between 1200 and 2200 hours. d) Only complete the work between 1700 and 0100 hours.
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.1.1a

Q23	What should be provided on site in the event of liquid containers at refilling stations being broken or knocked over?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Spill kits placed next to the containers.</p> <p>b) Mop and bucket placed next to the containers.</p> <p>c) Dustpan and brush placed next to the containers.</p> <p>d) Mechanical sweeper placed next to the containers.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 - 2.1.1e

Q24	When building a bay window, a cut off saw is used, producing a considerable amount of dust. How could the amount of air pollution be reduced?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Use a low-speed cutter blade.</p> <p>b) Use a cutting shed for the saw.</p> <p>c) Use a cutter with water suppression.</p> <p>d) Use a cutter with an extractor facility.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.1.1c

Q25	What is the value of construction work for which a site management waste plan should be produced?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) £700,000–£900,000.</p> <p>b) £500,000–£700,000.</p> <p>c) £300,000–£500-000.</p> <p>d) £100,000–£300,000.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.1.1f

Q26	What is the purpose of an environmental sign at a site?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) To inform operatives they can dispose of waste.</p> <p>b) To inform operatives of a dangerous environment.</p> <p>c) To inform operatives they must not dispose of waste.</p> <p>d) To inform operatives of environmental issues at a location.</p>
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.2.1b

Q27	What is the purpose of Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) on a new housing development?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) Reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>b) Reduce the risk of water shortage.</p> <p>c) Reduce the risk of water-borne disease.</p> <p>d) Reduce the risk of pipework blockages.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.2.1b

Q28	What does an airtightness test measure?
Mark Scheme	<p>Answers</p> <p>a) The amount of thermal bridging in a building.</p> <p>b) The amount of heat and air transfer in a building.</p> <p>c) The amount and location of air leaks in a building.</p> <p>d) The amount of sounds that are transmitted in a building.</p>
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.2.2d

Q29	What is the minimum depth of a concrete strip foundation under building regulations for constructing a house?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) 100 mm. b) 150 mm. c) 200 mm. d) 250 mm.
AO	AO1a
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.2.2f

Q30	Which method could be used to increase the recycling of waste materials during a work programme?
Mark Scheme	Answers a) Stack all waste materials together. b) Remove all waste materials weekly. c) Use separate skips of different colour for different materials. d) Wait until completion of site for collection of waste materials.
AO	AO1b
Qual spec reference	301 – 2.3.1a

3 7255-350 Multiple choice answer sheet

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Number of correct answers: / 30

4 7255-350 Mark scheme

Grading

Pass: 20–30 marks

Fail: 0–19 marks

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