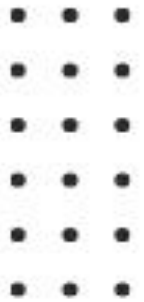


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## Question 1: What is the primary purpose of scaffolding on a construction site?

- A) To provide shade for workers
- B) To serve as a decorative structure
- C) To support workers and materials at elevated heights
- D) To store tools and equipment

**Answer: C) To support workers and materials at elevated heights**

**Explanation: Scaffolding is primarily used to provide a safe working platform for workers and materials at elevated heights.**

## Question 2: What should you do before using scaffolding on a construction site?

- A) Start working immediately to save time
- B) Inspect the scaffolding for defects and ensure it is safe for use
- C) Ignore safety regulations and proceed with work
- D) Assume that someone else has already inspected it

**Answer: B) Inspect the scaffolding for defects and ensure it is safe for use**

**Explanation: Before using scaffolding, it is crucial to inspect it for defects and ensure that it is safe for use to prevent accidents.**



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**Question 3: What is the minimum safe clearance required between scaffolding and power lines?**

- A) 1 inch (2.5 cm)
- B) 3 feet (1 meter)
- C) 6 inches (15 cm)
- D) The distance varies depending on the voltage of the power lines

**Answer: D) The distance varies depending on the voltage of the power lines**

**Explanation: The safe clearance between scaffolding and power lines varies depending on the voltage of the power lines and should be determined based on local regulations.**

**Question 4: Why is it important to use guardrails on scaffolding?**

- A) To increase the speed of work
- B) To provide a place to hang tools
- C) To prevent falls from elevated platforms
- D) To decorate the scaffolding

**Answer: C) To prevent falls from elevated platforms**

**Explanation: Guardrails on scaffolding are essential to prevent falls from elevated platforms, enhancing worker safety.**



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**Question 5: What is the primary purpose of "base plates" on scaffolding?**

- A) To serve as decorative elements
- B) To increase the height of the scaffolding
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To distribute the load and stabilize the scaffolding

**Answer: D) To distribute the load and stabilize the scaffolding**

**Explanation: Base plates on scaffolding are used to distribute the load and stabilize the scaffolding, ensuring its stability.**

**Question 6: Why is it important to use "safety nets" or "fall arrest systems" when working on scaffolding at elevated heights?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To provide shade for workers
- C) To reduce noise levels
- D) To protect workers from falling in case of accidents

**Answer: D) To protect workers from falling in case of accidents**

**Explanation: Safety nets or fall arrest systems are used on scaffolding to protect workers from falling in case of accidents, enhancing safety.**



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**Question 7: What should you do if you notice any damaged or missing planks on scaffolding?**

- A) Ignore them and continue working
- B) Document the issue for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and replace or repair them before use
- D) Replace them with any available materials

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and replace or repair them before use**

**Explanation: Damaged or missing planks on scaffolding should be reported to your supervisor and replaced or repaired before use to maintain safety.**

**Question 8: How often should scaffolding be inspected for safety?**

- A) Once a year
- B) Only when a new project begins
- C) Before each work shift and after any occurrence that could affect safety
- D) Every five years

**Answer: C) Before each work shift and after any occurrence that could affect safety**

**Explanation: Scaffolding should be inspected for safety before each work shift and after any occurrence that could affect safety to ensure ongoing safety.**





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**Question 9: What is the primary hazard associated with using damaged or deteriorated scaffold components?**

- A) Improved stability
- B) Reduced noise levels
- C) Increased efficiency
- D) Risk of collapse and accidents

**Answer: D) Risk of collapse and accidents**

**Explanation: Using damaged or deteriorated scaffold components can pose the primary hazard of scaffold collapse and accidents.**

**Question 10: What is the purpose of "toe boards" on scaffolding?**

- A) To increase the speed of work
- B) To provide additional lighting
- C) To prevent tools and materials from falling off the scaffolding
- D) To decorate the scaffolding

**Answer: C) To prevent tools and materials from falling off the scaffolding**

**Explanation: Toe boards on scaffolding are used to prevent tools and materials from falling off the scaffolding, enhancing safety.**



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## Question 11: What should you do if you encounter strong winds while working on scaffolding?

- A) Ignore the wind and continue working
- B) Secure tools and materials and continue working
- C) Stop work and secure the scaffolding and materials, and wait for the wind to subside
- D) Increase work speed to complete tasks quickly

**Answer: C) Stop work and secure the scaffolding and materials, and wait for the wind to subside**

**Explanation: When encountering strong winds while working on scaffolding, it's important to stop work, secure the scaffolding and materials, and wait for the wind to subside to ensure safety.**

## Question 12: What is the purpose of "outrigger beams" on scaffolding?

- A) To provide additional lighting
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To increase the scaffolding's height
- D) To extend the base and provide stability to the scaffolding

**Answer: D) To extend the base and provide stability to the scaffolding**

**Explanation: Outrigger beams on scaffolding are used to extend the base and provide stability to the scaffolding, especially when working at greater heights.**



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**Question 13: What should you do if you notice any unauthorized modifications or alterations to scaffolding?**

- A) Ignore them if they do not seem significant
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that they are corrected
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that they are corrected**

**Explanation: Unauthorized modifications or alterations to scaffolding should be reported to your supervisor to ensure that they are corrected and do not compromise safety.**

**Question 14: What is the primary purpose of "fall protection" when working on scaffolding?**

- A) To increase the speed of work
- B) To reduce noise levels
- C) To provide a safe means of preventing falls from elevated platforms
- D) To decorate the scaffolding

**Answer: C) To provide a safe means of preventing falls from elevated platforms**

**Explanation: Fall protection on scaffolding is used to provide a safe means of preventing falls from elevated platforms, enhancing worker safety.**



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**Question 15: What is the primary hazard associated with overloading scaffolding?**

- A) Improved stability
- B) Increased efficiency
- C) Risk of scaffold collapse and injuries
- D) Reduced noise levels

**Answer: C) Risk of scaffold collapse and injuries**

**Explanation: Overloading scaffolding can pose the primary hazard of scaffold collapse and injuries to workers.**

**Question 16: What should you do if you notice any signs of corrosion or rust on scaffolding components?**

- A) Ignore them as they are purely cosmetic issues
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that affected components are inspected and replaced as needed
- D) Paint over the corrosion to hide it

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that affected components are inspected and replaced as needed**

**Explanation: Signs of corrosion or rust on scaffolding components should be reported to your supervisor, and affected components should be inspected and replaced as needed to maintain safety.**



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**Question 17: What is the primary purpose of "fall arrest harnesses" when working on scaffolding?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To provide a place to hang tools
- C) To decorate the scaffolding
- D) To arrest the fall of a worker in case of a fall from height

**Answer: D) To arrest the fall of a worker in case of a fall from height**

**Explanation: Fall arrest harnesses on scaffolding are designed to arrest the fall of a worker in case of a fall from height, preventing injuries.**

**Question 18: Why is it important to provide proper training to scaffolding users?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To document workers' personal preferences
- C) To ensure that workers are knowledgeable and skilled in safe scaffold use
- D) To calculate the scaffolding's fuel consumption

**Answer: C) To ensure that workers are knowledgeable and skilled in safe scaffold use**

**Explanation: Providing proper training to scaffolding users is essential to ensure that workers are knowledgeable and skilled in safe scaffold use.**



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## Question 19: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold planking"?

- A) To provide a comfortable resting place for workers
- B) To increase worker comfort
- C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials
- D) To decorate the scaffolding

**Answer: C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials**

**Explanation: Scaffold planking is used to provide a stable working surface for workers and materials on scaffolding.**

## Question 20: Why is it essential to follow load capacity guidelines when using scaffolding?

- A) To increase the speed of work
- B) To reduce noise levels
- C) To ensure that the scaffolding can safely support workers and materials
- D) To provide a place to hang tools

**Answer: C) To ensure that the scaffolding can safely support workers and materials**

**Explanation: Following load capacity guidelines when using scaffolding is crucial to ensure that the scaffolding can safely support workers and materials, preventing overloading and accidents.**



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## Question 21: What is the purpose of "scaffold ties" or "braces"?

- A) To decorate the scaffolding
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To secure the scaffolding to a structure and enhance stability

**Answer: D) To secure the scaffolding to a structure and enhance stability**

**Explanation: Scaffold ties or braces are used to secure the scaffolding to a structure and enhance stability during use.**

## Question 22: When should scaffolding be erected and dismantled?

- A) Only during daylight hours
- B) Whenever convenient for the workers
- C) By workers with no specific training
- D) By competent personnel following established procedures

**Answer: D) By competent personnel following established procedures**

**Explanation: Scaffolding should be erected and dismantled by competent personnel following established procedures to ensure safety.**



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**Question 23: What is the primary hazard associated with using damaged or worn-out personal protective equipment (PPE) on scaffolding?**

- A) Increased worker comfort
- B) Reduced noise levels
- C) Risk of injuries in case of a fall or accident
- D) Improved stability

**Answer: C) Risk of injuries in case of a fall or accident**

**Explanation: Using damaged or worn-out PPE on scaffolding can pose the primary hazard of increasing the risk of injuries in case of a fall or accident.**

**Question 24: What should you do if you encounter any slippery or wet surfaces on scaffolding?**

- A) Ignore them and proceed with work
- B) Document the issue for future reference
- C) Report the issue to your supervisor and take precautions such as using non-slip footwear
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Report the issue to your supervisor and take precautions such as using non-slip footwear**

**Explanation: If you encounter slippery or wet surfaces on scaffolding, it's important to report the issue to your supervisor and take precautions such as using non-slip footwear to prevent accidents.**





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**Question 25: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold couplers" or "clamps"?**

- A) To decorate the scaffolding
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To connect scaffold tubes and maintain scaffold integrity

**Answer: D) To connect scaffold tubes and maintain scaffold integrity**

**Explanation: Scaffold couplers or clamps are used to connect scaffold tubes and maintain scaffold integrity, ensuring stability.**

**Question 26: Why is it important to use "safety ladders" or "access points" when working on scaffolding at elevated heights?**

- A) To provide shade for workers
- B) To increase worker comfort
- C) To prevent unauthorized access
- D) To provide a safe means of access to and from the scaffolding

**Answer: D) To provide a safe means of access to and from the scaffolding**

**Explanation: Safety ladders or access points on scaffolding are used to provide a safe means of access to and from the scaffolding at elevated heights.**



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**Question 27: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold guardrails"?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To prevent unauthorized access
- C) To provide shade for workers
- D) To prevent falls from the scaffold platform

**Answer: D) To prevent falls from the scaffold platform**

**Explanation: Scaffold guardrails are used to prevent falls from the scaffold platform, enhancing worker safety.**

**Question 28: Why is it important to maintain clear access pathways on scaffolding?**

- A) To provide a place to store materials
- B) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- C) To reduce noise levels
- D) To ensure safe movement of workers and materials

**Answer: D) To ensure safe movement of workers and materials**

**Explanation: Maintaining clear access pathways on scaffolding is important to ensure the safe movement of workers and materials on the platform.**



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**Question 29: What should you do if you notice any loose or unstable scaffold components during your work shift?**

- A) Ignore them and continue working
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or repair them
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or repair them**

**Explanation: If you notice any loose or unstable scaffold components during your work shift, it's essential to report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or repair them for safety.**

**Question 30: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold platforms"?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials
- D) To provide additional lighting

**Answer: C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials**

**Explanation: Scaffold platforms are used to provide a stable working surface for workers and materials on scaffolding.**



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**Question 31: What is the primary hazard associated with working on scaffolding that is not adequately secured or stabilized?**

- A) Increased efficiency
- B) Reduced noise levels
- C) Risk of scaffold collapse and falls
- D) Improved stability

**Answer: C) Risk of scaffold collapse and falls**

**Explanation: Working on scaffolding that is not adequately secured or stabilized can pose the primary hazard of scaffold collapse and falls.**

**Question 32: Why is it important to use "scaffold ties" or "anchors" to secure scaffolding to a structure?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To prevent the scaffolding from tipping or moving

**Answer: D) To prevent the scaffolding from tipping or moving**

**Explanation: Scaffold ties or anchors are used to secure scaffolding to a structure to prevent it from tipping or moving, enhancing stability.**



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**Question 33: What should you do if you encounter any loose debris or materials on scaffolding?**

- A) Leave them as they are and continue working
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Remove them to maintain a clean and safe work area
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Remove them to maintain a clean and safe work area**

**Explanation: If you encounter loose debris or materials on scaffolding, it's important to remove them to maintain a clean and safe work area, preventing potential hazards.**

**Question 34: What is the purpose of "safety harnesses" when working on scaffolding?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- C) To decorate the scaffolding
- D) To provide fall protection for workers

**Answer: D) To provide fall protection for workers**

**Explanation: Safety harnesses are worn by workers on scaffolding to provide fall protection in case of accidents, ensuring their safety.**



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**Question 35: Why is it important to use "scaffold leveling jacks" or "base plates" on uneven surfaces?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To provide a stable and level base for the scaffolding
- D) To provide additional lighting

**Answer: C) To provide a stable and level base for the scaffolding**

**Explanation: Scaffold leveling jacks or base plates are used on uneven surfaces to provide a stable and level base for the scaffolding, ensuring stability and safety.**

**Question 36: What should you do if you notice any unauthorized personnel on scaffolding?**

- A) Ignore it and continue working
- B) Document the issue for future reference
- C) Inform your coworkers about it
- D) Immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority

**Answer: D) Immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority**

**Explanation: If you notice any unauthorized personnel on scaffolding, it's crucial to immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority to maintain safety.**



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**Question 37: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold guardrails" on both open sides of a scaffold platform?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase worker comfort
- C) To provide a protective barrier to prevent falls from the platform
- D) To provide additional lighting

**Answer: C) To provide a protective barrier to prevent falls from the platform**

**Explanation: Scaffold guardrails on open sides of a scaffold platform are used to provide a protective barrier to prevent falls from the platform, enhancing worker safety.**

**Question 38: Why is it important to keep scaffolding clear of tools, materials, and debris when not in use?**

- A) To provide a place to store tools and materials
- B) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- C) To increase efficiency
- D) To prevent tripping hazards and maintain a safe work area

**Answer: D) To prevent tripping hazards and maintain a safe work area**

**Explanation: Keeping scaffolding clear of tools, materials, and debris when not in use is important to prevent tripping hazards and maintain a safe work area.**



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**Question 39: What is the primary hazard associated with using scaffolding that is not properly braced or secured?**

- A) Increased worker comfort
- B) Reduced noise levels
- C) Risk of scaffold collapse and accidents
- D) Improved stability

**Answer: C) Risk of scaffold collapse and accidents**

**Explanation: Using scaffolding that is not properly braced or secured can pose the primary hazard of scaffold collapse and accidents.**

**Question 40: Why is it essential to use "scaffold ties" or "braces" at appropriate intervals when erecting scaffolding?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To maintain the scaffolding's structural stability and prevent swaying

**Answer: D) To maintain the scaffolding's structural stability and prevent swaying**

**Explanation: Scaffold ties or braces are used at appropriate intervals when erecting scaffolding to maintain the scaffolding's structural stability and prevent swaying, ensuring safety.**





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**Question 41: What should you do if you encounter any scaffolding components that appear to be damaged or compromised during your work shift?**

- A) Ignore them and continue working
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or replace them
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or replace them**

**Explanation: If you encounter damaged or compromised scaffolding components during your work shift, it's essential to report them to your supervisor and take immediate action to secure or replace them for safety.**

**Question 42: Why is it important to use "scaffold base plates" on soft or unstable ground?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To distribute the load and prevent the scaffolding from sinking

**Answer: D) To distribute the load and prevent the scaffolding from sinking**

**Explanation: Scaffold base plates are used on soft or unstable ground to distribute the load and prevent the scaffolding from sinking, ensuring stability.**



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**Question 43: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold access gates" or "entry points"?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To provide controlled and safe access to the scaffold platform

**Answer: D) To provide controlled and safe access to the scaffold platform**

**Explanation: Scaffold access gates or entry points are used to provide controlled and safe access to the scaffold platform.**

**Question 44: Why is it important to use "scaffold planking" that is free from defects and damage?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials
- D) To reduce noise levels

**Answer: C) To provide a stable working surface for workers and materials**

**Explanation: Using scaffold planking that is free from defects and damage is important to provide a stable working surface for workers and materials on scaffolding.**



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**Question 45: What should you do if you encounter any unauthorized personnel accessing the scaffolding platform without proper training?**

- A) Ignore it and continue working
- B) Document the issue for future reference
- C) Inform your coworkers about it
- D) Immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority

**Answer: D) Immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority**

**Explanation: If you encounter unauthorized personnel accessing the scaffolding platform without proper training, it's crucial to immediately report it to your supervisor or site authority to maintain safety.**

**Question 46: Why is it important to use "scaffold base plates" on hard or paved surfaces?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase the scaffolding's height
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To distribute the load and prevent damage to the surface

**Answer: D) To distribute the load and prevent damage to the surface**

**Explanation: Scaffold base plates are used on hard or paved surfaces to distribute the load and prevent damage to the surface, ensuring stability and protecting the surface.**



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**Question 47: What is the primary hazard associated with using scaffolding that exceeds its intended load capacity?**

- A) Increased efficiency
- B) Reduced noise levels
- C) Risk of scaffold collapse and accidents
- D) Improved stability

**Answer: C) Risk of scaffold collapse and accidents**

**Explanation: Using scaffolding that exceeds its intended load capacity can pose the primary hazard of scaffold collapse and accidents.**

**Question 48: Why is it important to follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when assembling scaffolding?**

- A) To make the scaffolding look more attractive
- B) To increase worker comfort
- C) To ensure that the scaffolding is properly assembled and safe for use
- D) To calculate the scaffolding's fuel consumption

**Answer: C) To ensure that the scaffolding is properly assembled and safe for use**

**Explanation: Following the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when assembling scaffolding is important to ensure that the scaffolding is properly assembled and safe for use.**



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**Question 49: What is the primary purpose of "scaffold diagonal braces" or "cross-bracing"?**

- A) To increase worker comfort
- B) To decorate the scaffolding
- C) To provide additional lighting
- D) To enhance the scaffold's overall stability and prevent swaying

**Answer: D) To enhance the scaffold's overall stability and prevent swaying**

**Explanation: Scaffold diagonal braces or cross-bracing are used to enhance the scaffold's overall stability and prevent swaying, ensuring safety.**

**Question 50: What should you do if you encounter any unauthorized modifications or alterations to scaffolding components?**

- A) Ignore them as long as they do not affect safety
- B) Document them for future reference
- C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that they are corrected
- D) Continue working and inform your coworkers

**Answer: C) Report them to your supervisor and ensure that they are corrected**

**Explanation: Unauthorized modifications or alterations to scaffolding components should be reported to your supervisor to ensure that they are corrected and do not compromise safety.**



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