

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

Specimen Questions

The specimen examination questions contained in this publication are representative of the type of questions used to assess candidates taking the Health and Safety examination.

Candidates are assessed by a 30 question, 35 minute, multiple choice examination. Candidates have to answer 20 out of 30 questions to pass.

The answers to each of these questions are shown on the last page.

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1. It is important that all staff that carry out physical activities in their day-to-day job role have:
 - A Appropriate life cover
 - B Appropriate training
 - C At least three other people supervising their work
 - D At least two days off after carrying out physical activities

2. A company that has a **minor** health and safety breach is **most** likely to:
 - A Be served with an Improvement Notice
 - B Be ordered to close down the premises indefinitely
 - C Be issued fines by the magistrates' court for up to £150,000
 - D Have employees arrested for non-compliance for a minimum of 10 years

3. Which of these **best** describes "the likelihood of an incident occurring"?
 - A Risk
 - B Hazard
 - C An event
 - D An episode

4. Which of these is the **first** step to take when conducting a risk assessment?
 - A Evaluate the risk
 - B Identify the hazards
 - C Review your findings
 - D Update risk assessments

5. Which of these is **most** likely to cause an accident in a workplace?
 - A Administration
 - B Manual handling
 - C Adequate lighting
 - D Excessive noise

6. Trailing electrical cables which trail through the middle of a busy walkway:
 - A Are very unlikely to cause any injury
 - B Are likely to injure someone if they trip over it
 - C Can be defined as high level health and safety hazards
 - D Can be defined as high level fire hazards

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7. Which of these is **most** likely to be a result of handling an overloaded electrical socket?

- A Frostbite
- B Asbestosis
- C Asphyxiation
- D Electric shock

8. Why should near misses be reported?

- A To educate employees
- B To test the first aider
- C To ensure complete recovery
- D To stop a more serious event occurring

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Answers

Q	Answer	Assessment Criteria
1	B	1.3 Outline the requirements for training and competency in the workplace
2	A	1.2 Outline the consequences for non-compliance with health and safety regulations
3	A	2.1 define the terms "risk" and "hazard"
4	B	2.3 describe how risk assessment can be used to reduce accident and ill health at work
5	B	3.1 Describe the hazards that may be found in a range of workplaces
6	B	3.2 Describe how hazards can cause harm or damage to people, work processes, the workplace and the environment
7	D	4.1 state the common causes of workplace accidents and ill health
8	D	4.4 Outline why it is important to record all incidents, accidents and ill health

Please note that the assessment criteria numbering does **not** refer to the BIIAB Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace handbook. The learning outcomes and assessment criteria can be found in the centre manual, Section 1.