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**Level 2**

# Hire Controller (Plant, tools and equipment) EPA Mock Multiple-choice Test

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Under no circumstances should you, the candidate, use an unsealed examination paper.

This examination consists of **30 multiple-choice** questions.

The exam is worth **30 marks**, with a Pass being **21 marks**, and Distinction **26 marks**.

The duration of this examination is **45 minutes**.

You are **NOT** allowed any assistance to complete the answers.

You must use a pencil to complete the answer sheet - pens must **NOT** be used.

When completed, please leave the **examination answer sheet (EAS)** on the desk.

### EXAMINATION ANSWER SHEET (EAS) INSTRUCTIONS:

For each question, fill in **ONE** answer **ONLY**.

If you make a mistake, ensure you erase it thoroughly.

You must mark your choice of answer by shading in **ONE** answer circle only.

Please mark each choice like this:

01 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ **ANSWER COMPLETED CORRECTLY**

Examples of how **NOT** to mark your examination answer sheet (EAS). These will not be recorded.

01 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ **DO NOT** partially shade the answer circle  
**ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY**

01 ☐ A ☐ B ☒ ☒ **DO NOT** use ticks or crosses  
**ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY**

01 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ **DO NOT** use circles  
**ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY**

01 ☐ A ☐ B ☒ ☒ **DO NOT** shade over more than one answer circle  
**ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY**

All candidates **MUST** sign the Examination Answer Sheet (EAS) in the bottom right-hand corner of the page before leaving the examination room.

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Which of the following is a **key** technical specification to consider when selecting a cement mixer?

- A. Drum capacity
- B. Handle material
- C. Leg height
- D. Wheel durability

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What type of environmental pollution does a hydraulic breaker cause?

- A. Chemical
- B. Light
- C. Noise
- D. Radioactive

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What is a rotary laser level used for?

- A. Compacting sub-base material
- B. Cutting through steel pipes on-site
- C. Establishing even points across a large area
- D. Pumping water from underground foundations

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Which of the following do **employers** have a legal responsibility to ensure?

- A. That employees are qualified in health and safety
- B. That written instructions are provided for every task
- C. The electrical equipment is new, clean and leased
- D. The health, safety and welfare of all employees

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What card does an operator need to use elevated platform machines?

- A. Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS)
- B. International Powered Access Federation (IPAF)
- C. Materials Products Qualification Council (MPQC)
- D. National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS)

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How **must** an item be positioned to manually handle it safely?

- A. Close to the waist
- B. Directly above the shoulders
- C. Far away from the body
- D. Level with the feet

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What is the **main** benefit of using a skid-steer loader?

- A. It is able to generate light for the site
- B. It is an automated piece of equipment
- C. It is easy to manoeuvre in tight spaces
- D. It is suitable for wet, dirty conditions

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What industry requires plant, tools and equipment (PTE) for support with concerts, festivals and sport matches?

- A. Events
- B. Healthcare
- C. Retail
- D. Utilities

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Which of the following is a requirement of the current Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)?

- A. Employees must be trained to use every piece of equipment at work
- B. Employees who are untrained to use equipment can use it if necessary
- C. Equipment must be inspected every day by an external officer
- D. Equipment provided at work must be suitable and safe to use

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What type of insurance **must** anyone hiring PTE hold?

- A. Hire car insurance
- B. Hired in plant insurance
- C. Public health insurance
- D. Travel insurance

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What is welding equipment commonly powered by?

- A. Batteries
- B. Electricity
- C. Hydraulics
- D. Petrol

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Which of the following is an appropriate way to dispose of waste materials from plant equipment?

- A. Putting it in general waste skips
- B. Recycling it in specialist bins
- C. Sending it to landfill sites
- D. Tipping it into drains

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The **main** role of the energy and utilities sector is supplying:

- A. lighting, fuel and tools
- B. sand, concrete and bricks
- C. signage, roads and cabling
- D. water, electricity and gas

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Which of the following is **not** covered by the current Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations?

- A. Asbestos
- B. Chemicals
- C. Fumes
- D. Oils

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What colour Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card does a manager need to access a site?

- A. Black
- B. Blue
- C. Green
- D. Yellow

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If a hired machine is found to be leaking hydraulic fluid, the individual **must**:

- A. cover the floor with a rag to catch the leak
- B. leave the leak and continue using it for the task
- C. only use it for light tasks until the leak is resolved
- D. stop using it and report the leak immediately

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What is hired equipment in the construction industry used to support?

- A. Building and maintaining infrastructure
- B. Creating and hosting large public events
- C. Operating and sustaining local transport
- D. Providing and distributing internet access

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What is the aim of the current Health and Safety at Work etc. Act?

- A. Monitoring fraudulent activities in the workplace
- B. Protecting people from injury in the workplace
- C. Reducing the cost of personal protective equipment
- D. Setting the industry standard for certification

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Why is it **key** to monitor the expiry date on a red Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) Trained Operator Card?

- A. It can only be used for 1 year
- B. It expires within 3 months of gaining
- C. It is a 2 week temporary card
- D. It is only valid for 2 years after issue

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Why is a compactor used before laying tarmac?

- A. To calculate the materials required
- B. To compress the surface evenly
- C. To mark out the area edges neatly
- D. To reduce the ground's temperature

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Which of the following is a method to reduce the environmental impact when using plant vehicles?

- A. Choosing hybrid vehicles
- B. Fitting a larger fuel tank
- C. Idling the vehicle's engine
- D. Operating at high speeds

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Which of the following **must** employees do to comply with RIDDOR?

- A. Complete maintenance checks on tools
- B. Implement eco-friendly practices
- C. Record customer service complaints
- D. Report incidents to their supervisor

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Which of the following **must** an individual have to move a crane on-site?

- A. A blue Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) card
- B. A green Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card
- C. A health and safety training certificate
- D. A recognised manual handling qualification

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When might a contractor use a hire company?

- A. When they are unable to service their own equipment
- B. When they have nowhere to store equipment
- C. When they need the same equipment for each project
- D. When they only need the equipment short-term

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Which of the following is an example of air pollution?

- A. Boiling water
- B. Chemical spills
- C. Machinery emissions
- D. Packaging waste

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When is it appropriate to use a generic fire extinguisher?

- A. When an electrical appliance is on fire
- B. When the fire is in its early stages
- C. When the fire is spreading rapidly
- D. When thick smoke comes from the fire

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Which of the following is a hand tool?

- A. Chisel
- B. Excavator
- C. Generator
- D. Roller

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Why do infrastructure projects typically require hired equipment for extended periods?

- A. The daily safety checks are not required
- B. The equipment is easier to use
- C. The equipment is only used on weekends
- D. The tasks are large-scale projects

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When using vibrating tools, how can the risk of hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS) be reduced?

- A. Increasing the grip
- B. Taking regular breaks
- C. Wearing a hard hat
- D. Working longer shifts

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A chemical spill kit is **mainly** designed for handling:

- A. cleaning substances
- B. decorating fluids
- C. general purpose oils
- D. hazardous liquids







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