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Level **2**

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

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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
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ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY

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What piece of equipment is used for compacting asphalt?

- A. Bulldozer
- B. Crane
- C. Excavator
- D. Roller

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What colour Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) card demonstrates that an individual has completed a Level 2 NVQ?

- A. Black
- B. Blue
- C. Orange
- D. Purple

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What 2 pieces of equipment is a backhoe loader a combination of?

- A. Dozer and roller
- B. Forklift and loader
- C. Loader and excavator
- D. Tractor and crane

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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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How can the environmental impact of hire controller operations be minimised?

- A. By choosing to work near open watercourses
- B. By disposing of waste materials appropriately
- C. By prioritising paper-based methods for record-keeping
- D. By wearing the correct personal protective equipment

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Employees have a legal duty to:

- A. complete and update risk assessments
- B. conduct regular health and safety meetings
- C. provide their own personal protective equipment (PPE)
- D. take reasonable care of themselves and others

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What is the **main** purpose of the current Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)?

- A. To ensure equipment is safe to use
- B. To monitor the fuel usage of hired machinery
- C. To raise the standard of tool manufacturing
- D. To regulate the disposal of equipment

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Which of the following is a benefit of a construction company using hired equipment?

- A. A decrease in fuel usage by machinery
- B. A decrease in mandatory safety training
- C. A reduction in administrative documents
- D. A reduction in upfront machinery costs

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What task is a theodolite used for?

- A. Cutting
- B. Mixing
- C. Surveying
- D. Transporting

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Which of the following is a benefit of changing from a diesel to an electric forklift truck?

- A. It can work in larger spaces
- B. It has zero carbon emissions
- C. It is able to lift greater weights
- D. It requires less maintenance

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An individual will need a Mineral Products Qualification Council (MPQC) card when operating equipment in a:

- A. forest
- B. quarry
- C. railway station
- D. residential area

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Under the current Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations, employees **must** ensure that such substances are:

- A. disposed of in the general waste
- B. left out in open areas for easy access
- C. returned to their correct place of storage
- D. stored in unmarked containers

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When is scaffolding used during a project?

- A. When digging for foundations
- B. When disposing of unused materials
- C. When storing tools overnight
- D. When working above ground level

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When using an excavator in a building, which of the following reduces fumes?

- A. Choosing an electric excavator
- B. Keeping windows or doors closed
- C. Running a hose from the exhaust
- D. Using an excavator with a cab

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Under the current Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER), if a piece of equipment is faulty, the individual **must**:

- A. continue using it and report it later in the day
- B. fix it themselves and leave it in place
- C. stop using it immediately and report it
- D. use it quickly and ask a colleague about the issue

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Which of the following is a type of infrastructure related to the energy and utilities sector?

- A. Car park
- B. Concert stage
- C. Power plant
- D. Shopping centre

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Which of the following tools can cause hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS)?

- A. Chainsaw
- B. Chisel
- C. Hammer
- D. Screwdriver

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What is the **main** purpose of requiring certification for handling on-site equipment?

- A. To ensure safety and compliance
- B. To increase productivity and efficiency
- C. To make the organisation appealing
- D. To reduce hire costs for customers

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Which of the following is a method for reducing the risk of water pollution?

- A. Avoiding working near open watercourses
- B. Disposing of waste chemicals into drains
- C. Rinsing tools in staff kitchens when dirty
- D. Storing materials close to open water pipes

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Which of the following is typically powered by hydraulics?

- A. Generator
- B. Grinder
- C. Laser level
- D. Loader

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Which of the following is **not** a common type of environmental pollution?

- A. Air
- B. Land
- C. Noise
- D. Wind

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Which of the following does respiratory protective equipment (RPE) protect individuals from?

- A. Fumes
- B. Heavy objects
- C. Noise
- D. Wet surfaces

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What is the **main** focus of the infrastructure industry?

- A. Creating outdoor exhibitions
- B. Developing essential facilities
- C. Installing temporary roadworks
- D. Transporting materials to sites

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Which of the following does a red environmental warning sign indicate?

- A. A hazardous substance
- B. An emergency assembly point
- C. General information
- D. Mandatory instructions

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Who is responsible for ensuring equipment operators have current training and suitable cards?

- A. The delivery driver
- B. The employer
- C. The Health and Safety Executive
- D. The manufacturer

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Which of the following is a **key** requirement of the current Health and Safety at Work etc. Act?

- A. Customer surveys
- B. Job rotation
- C. Personalised procedures
- D. Staff training

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What is the purpose of a concrete mixer?

- A. To combine materials
- B. To flatten surfaces
- C. To move loads
- D. To store fuel

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Which of the following details **must** be confirmed before dispatching a large plant item to a contractor?

- A. The payment has been received
- B. The planned weather conditions
- C. The site access information
- D. The site manager's name

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What does a yellow triangular sign indicate?

- A. A direction
- B. A warning
- C. An emergency exit
- D. An important rule

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Which of the following certifications is commonly required for operating plant machinery on construction sites in the UK?

- A. CPCS (Construction Plant Competence Scheme)
- B. CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)
- C. IPAF (International Powered Access Federation)
- D. PASMA (Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association)





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