

**CSLB B LICENSE GENERAL CONTRACTOR EXAM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (VERIFIED ANSWERS GRDADED A+) LATEST UPDATE 2025/2026**

If unused mortar stiffens due to hydration of cement, what must you do? -

**CORRECT ANSWER** Discard the mortar

What minimum time must you wait before caulking or grouting new tiles? -

**CORRECT ANSWER** 24-48 Hours

How long should you wait before installing tile on a shower pan? - **CORRECT**

**ANSWER** 24 Hours

Unstable dry rock, angular gravel, sandy loam, and cohesive soils having compressive strengths greater than 0.5 and less than 1.5 tons/sq ft (tsf), are typical examples of: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Type-B Soils

If 65 street lights are fed by a 2275 volt series circuit, what is the voltage across each light? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 35V

In a series circuit, the total voltage is divided equally.

For safety reasons, the maximum simple slope of an excavation, up to 20 ft deep, in Type-B soil is: - **CORRECT ANSWER** 1:1 (45°)

A Pittsburgh joint is used in: - **CORRECT ANSWER** HVAC ductwork

The drain for a pressure relief valve on a water heater should be extended to: - **CORRECT ANSWER** The outside of the building

What is the minimum slope toward the drain of a shower pan? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 1/4" per foot (2%)

What is the diameter of #3 rebar? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 3/8"

If a vendor fails to provide an MSDS, you have the right to call: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Cal/OSHA or DOSH

When installing a door jamb, you need shims at: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Both hinge and strike sides, three on each side.

Which of the following is used to adhere vinyl floors?

- A. Epoxy cement
- B. Asphalt mastic
- C. Latex primer
- D. White glue - **CORRECT ANSWER** Epoxy cement

When do you need bracing for a drywall wall? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Diagonal bracing is needed every 25' for any drywall wall.

How should you clear the roots from a construction site? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Clear roots to 12" below grade.

Dividing watts by amps gives you: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Volts

The most frequent on-the-job roofing accidents are: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Falls

Which of the following is NOT a type of wood block flooring?

A. Parquet

B. Wood Mosaic

C. Wood Tile

D. All of the above. - **CORRECT ANSWER** Wood tile

Lightweight concrete is best used for:

A. Curb and Gutter

B. Second floor decking

C. First floor slab on grade

D. Footings - **CORRECT ANSWER** Second floor decking

The tool used to carry grout needed to patch a small hole is a:

A. Hawk

B. Poling board

C. Spot board

D. Mason's scutch - **CORRECT ANSWER** Spot Board

Which pipe is NOT appropriate for industrial wastes?

- A. Cast iron
- B. Schedule 40 ABS DWV
- C. Extra strength vitrified clay
- D. Copper - **CORRECT ANSWER** Copper

Where do you need a fire wall?

- A. Between a living room and a bedroom
- B. Between a bedroom and a bathroom
- C. Between a kitchen and a bath
- D. A separation wall between a dwelling and an attachment - **CORRECT ANSWER**  
A separation wall between a dwelling and an attachment.

What is the minimum clearance between rough ground and untreated subfloor joists? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 18 inches

Who may remove asbestos? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Contractor with Asbestos Certification on license.

Which of the following is NOT likely to be found in significant proportions in granular soil?

- A. Gravel
- B. Sand

C. Silt

D. Clay - **CORRECT ANSWER** Clay

Stiles and rails are used on which of the following?

A. Furred walls

B. Roofs

C. Windows

D. Slabs - **CORRECT ANSWER** Windows.

A stile is the vertical edges of the window and the rails are the bottom and top.

What does a high slump test indicate? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Too much water.

Metal concrete forms should be?

A. Oiled

B. Watered

C. Placed against gravel

D. Discarded after each use - **CORRECT ANSWER** Oiled

What does the R mean in a description of insulation? - **CORRECT ANSWER**  
Resistance

What kind of door would you install for someone with a disability?

- A. Automatic with minimum of 3 seconds to close
- B. Automatic with maximum of 5 seconds to open
- C. Manual with maximum of 8.5 pounds to operate
- D. Either A or C - **CORRECT ANSWER** Either A or C

Triple-walled metal chimney installations are regulated by: - **CORRECT ANSWER** ICC

ICC-IBC-IRC is the international code council. IBC is international building code commercial. IRC is the international residential code.

If you are a general contractor, you should call a specialty contractor when: - **CORRECT ANSWER** You encounter an unfamiliar trade.

When a stairway serves a public building, what is the minimum number of steps for which a handrail is required? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Two

What is the minimum underlayment for asphalt shingles? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 15 pounds

How long should you wait before sealing new tile work? - **CORRECT ANSWER** 2 weeks

When do you install insulation? - **CORRECT ANSWER** After the electrical and plumbing are approved.

When do you NOT need an exhaust fan in a bathroom? - **CORRECT ANSWER** When there is a window in the bathroom.

What is a bush-hammer used for? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Roughen surface of hardened concrete.

When you say a wall is perfect it is: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Both plumb and straight.

The purpose of a batter board in concrete work is: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Support layout strings when location foundations.

What is the difference between a hip jack rafter and a common rafter? - **CORRECT ANSWER** A hip jack runs from the top plate to a hip rafter, but a common rafter runs to the ridge board.

When should you float a concrete surface? - **CORRECT ANSWER** As soon as the water sheen evaporates

When installing drywall screws you should:

- A. Countersink
- B. Drive just below the face of the board
- C. Leave slightly above the surface
- D. Use the highest torque setting - **CORRECT ANSWER** Drive just below the face of the board without breaking the paper.

Before placing tile with mastic, you should: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Seal the surface.

At an excavation, an Underground Service Alert (U.S.A) marking on the dirt that uses red paint or chalk means: - **CORRECT ANSWER** Electric power

How many diameters is the minimum lap (overlap) between sections of rebar in reinforced masonry?

- A. 7
- B. 12
- C. 24
- D. 30 - **CORRECT ANSWER** 30 diameters

What is the minimum length of a handrail extension that is required for a stairway?  
- **CORRECT ANSWER** 12"

When may a contractor work alone on a roof at a construction site? - **CORRECT ANSWER** Never

A Freon recovery system is required when:

- A. Replacing a burnt out rotor in a hermetic unit
- B. Overhauling a rooftop A/C unit
- C. Scrapping an old refrigeration unit
- D. All of the above - **CORRECT ANSWER** All of the above

Which of the following would you use to install roofing tiles?

- A. Slathers stake