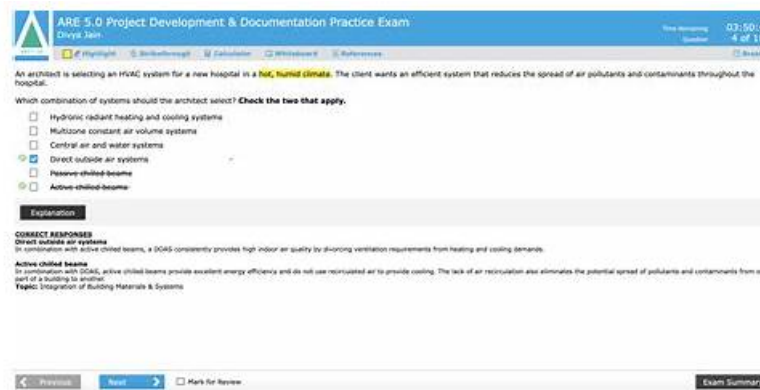


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## NCARB ARE 5.0 Project Development and Documentation Exam Sample Questions (Q60-Q65):

### NEW QUESTION # 60

Where is the proper place to put a vapor barrier in a cold climate?

- A. In the cavity of the framing space
- B. On the exterior between the framing and the sheathing
- C. On the exterior between the metal siding and the sheathing
- D. On the interior between the gypsum wallboard and the framing

Answer: D

Explanation:

In cold climates, the vapor drive is from the warm interior to the cold exterior during winter. The vapor retarder/barrier belongs on the warm-in-winter side of the assembly-i.e., behind the interior gypsum, before the framing/insulation-to prevent interior moisture from reaching cold layers where it could condense.

PDD references: Psychrometrics & vapor drive; vapor retarder placement (ASHRAE; IBC/IECC guidance; ARE 5.0 PDD-Thermal & Moisture Protection).

### NEW QUESTION # 61

Owners of a busy two-story theater complex want to renovate. The new renovations include increasing the second floor lobby and doubling the number of second floor movie screens. The owner favors the use of escalators. Movies are scheduled to start simultaneously every three hours. The theater currently has a pair of 24-inch-wide parallel escalators, one of which goes up and the other down.

Which of the following should be proposed to accommodate the increased traffic to the second floor?

- A. Increase the existing escalator speeds to 130 fpm
- **B. Install a new escalator that reverses direction**
- C. Extend balustrades at escalator landings
- D. Install a new elevator in the lobby

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Given:

The theater doubles its second-floor movie screens, increasing patron traffic.

Existing escalators are two 24-inch wide units, one up and one down, with simultaneous movie start times every 3 hours.

To handle increased traffic:

Increasing existing escalator speed to 130 fpm (option A) is limited by safety and code limits (typically max around 100 fpm); also increases wear.

Installing a new elevator (option B) is helpful for accessibility but does not efficiently handle high flow of large crowds during peak.

Installing a new escalator that reverses direction (option C) (also called a "dance" or "two-way" escalator) allows flexibility to accommodate peak traffic flow-e.g., two escalators up during rush times and one down, or vice versa.

Extending balustrades (option D) improves safety but does not increase capacity.

Therefore, option C is the best solution to manage increased passenger flow.

References:

NCARB ARE 5.0 Review Manual, Environmental Systems and Building Services chapter Vertical transportation design principles in public assembly spaces ASME A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

### NEW QUESTION # 62

□ Refer to the exhibit.

The construction method shown in the detail should be used to prevent cracking in which of the following situations?

- **A. Concrete frame buildings with drywall suspended ceilings**
- B. Concrete flat slab buildings with exposed slab ceilings
- C. Structural steel frame buildings with plaster ceilings
- D. Exposed structural steel frame with no partitions to the structure

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

The detail shows a steel runner with sheetrock and screws, typical for drywall suspended ceiling assemblies.

This construction method is commonly used in concrete frame buildings with drywall ceilings suspended below the structural slab.

It helps prevent cracking by accommodating building movement and separating finish materials from structural movement.

Structural steel frame buildings with plaster ceilings typically have different finish and framing details.

Concrete flat slabs with exposed ceilings have no finish requiring such assemblies.

Exposed steel frames without partitions don't need drywall framing.

Reference:

NCARB ARE 5.0 Review Manual, Materials and Assemblies chapter Interior finishes and drywall system installation guides (Gypsum Association)

### NEW QUESTION # 63

Which of the following best explains the function of Division 01 in the specifications?

- A. Details bidding and contract forms
- B. Identifies drawing scales and symbols
- C. Describes specific materials and installation
- **D. Establishes general administrative requirements**

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

Division 01 governs administrative procedures across all trades-submittals, project meetings, temporary utilities, etc. It sets the framework for other divisions. Objective 2.1 addresses the structure and function of specifications.

### NEW QUESTION # 64

Refer to the exhibit.

What set of conductors should the building fluorescent Lighting be connected to?

- A. A, B
- B. C, A, B
- C. C,A,N
- **D. C,N**

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

Understanding the Diagram

The diagram shows a 480Y/277V three-phase, four-wire wye-connected system with a neutral (N) and system ground.

\* 480 V = Voltage between any two phase conductors (line-to-line)

\* 277 V = Voltage between any one phase conductor and neutral (line-to-neutral) Fluorescent Lighting Voltage Requirements

\* Standard commercial fluorescent lighting systems are typically designed for 277 V operation in the U.S.

(in buildings with a 480Y/277V system).

\* To achieve 277 V, you connect one phase conductor (A, B, or C) to Neutral (N).

\* This is a single-phase line-to-neutral connection.

Which Conductors to Use?

\* In the given options, the correct pair must give 277 V.

\* C, N # 277 V line-to-neutral # Correct for fluorescent lighting.

\* Other options produce different results:

\* A, B = 480 V (line-to-line) - too high for fluorescent ballasts.

\* C, A, B = all three phases - used for three-phase loads, not lighting.

\* C, A, N - would give two circuits, but includes extra phase unnecessarily for single-phase lighting.

NCARB ARE 5.0 PDD Study Guide References:

\* Content Area: Electrical Systems - Power Distribution and Circuiting for Lighting

\* Source References:

\* Electrical Systems for Architects - Fluorescent lighting voltage selection

\* MEEB (Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings) - Chapter on Electrical Service and Lighting Systems

\* NEC (National Electrical Code) - Voltage to ground for wye-connected systems Key Point:

For a 480Y/277V wye system, fluorescent lighting should be connected from any phase to neutral for 277 V operation.

### NEW QUESTION # 65

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