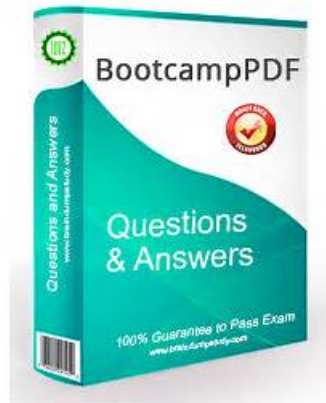


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NCARB PDD Exam Syllabus Topics:

Topic	Details
Topic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of Building Materials & Systems: This section of the exam measures the skills of Architectural Designers and focuses on the ability to resolve and integrate various building systems into cohesive project goals. It covers analyzing architectural systems and technologies, determining the size of structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, and incorporating specialty systems such as acoustics, lighting, security, and communications. It also evaluates the ability to detail how multiple building systems work together and to coordinate across disciplines to achieve a unified design.
Topic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Documentation: This section of the exam measures skills of Project Architects and addresses the creation and management of project documentation. Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge of documenting building design and site features, preparing detailed architectural drawings, and applying industry standards to produce a coordinated set of construction documents. The section also includes understanding how project changes impact documentation and how to communicate these updates effectively to both the design team and the client.
Topic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes & Regulations: This section of the exam measures skills of Building Code Specialists and examines how codes and regulations apply at a detailed level during documentation. Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge of compliance with the International Building Code (IBC) as well as other specialty regulations, as well as how to interpret and apply these standards to ensure design and documentation meet legal and safety requirements.
Topic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Manual & Specifications: This section of the exam measures the skills of Specifications Writers and emphasizes the importance of developing documentation that goes beyond drawings. Candidates must understand how to identify and prioritize elements needed to prepare, maintain, and refine both the project manual and project specifications. It also assesses the ability to align and coordinate these specifications with the construction documents to ensure consistency and accuracy.
Topic 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Cost: This section of the exam measures the skills of Construction Managers and focuses on the financial side of project execution. It evaluates the ability to analyze construction cost estimates to confirm that they align with project design intent and budgetary constraints. Although this is the smallest section, it is critical for ensuring projects remain feasible and economically viable.

NCARB ARE 5.0 Project Development and Documentation Exam Sample Questions (Q76-Q81):

NEW QUESTION # 76

In the design of a barrier-free access route, door locksets should be equipped with which one of the following?

- A. Lever handles
- B. Grip handles with thumbpieces
- C. Knurled knobs
- D. Panic devices

Answer: A

Explanation:

For barrier-free (ADA) accessible routes, operable parts such as door hardware must be usable with one hand and not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist (2010 ADA Standards §404.2.7). Lever handles meet this requirement because they can be operated by users with limited grip strength or dexterity.

A). Grip handles with thumbpieces - Often require pinching or twisting; not compliant for barrier-free.

B). Knurled knobs - Non-compliant because they require twisting and strong grip; also typically used for hazardous rooms as a tactile warning.

D). Panic devices - Allowed in certain egress conditions but not the universal ADA hardware requirement for standard accessible doors.

PDD Reference: ARE 5.0 Handbook, PDD "Codes and Regulations-Accessibility," 2010 ADA Standards §404.2.7, ICC A117.1 Accessibility Standard.

NEW QUESTION # 77

Which of the following metals is best suited for embedments in concrete or masonry?

- A. Cast iron
- B. Bronze
- C. Aluminum
- **D. Stainless steel**

Answer: D

Explanation:

When metals are embedded in concrete or masonry, corrosion resistance is a critical factor due to the alkaline environment and potential moisture exposure.

Stainless steel has excellent corrosion resistance, making it ideal for embedments in concrete or masonry where long-term durability is required.

Bronze is corrosion-resistant but typically used for decorative or hardware applications, not structural embedments.

Aluminum corrodes readily in alkaline concrete environments and is not suitable for embedments without protective coatings.

Cast iron is susceptible to rust and corrosion in moist conditions and is generally avoided for embedded components.

Thus, stainless steel is best suited for durability and corrosion resistance in concrete/masonry embedments.

References:

NCARB ARE 5.0 Review Manual, Materials and Assemblies chapter

Building construction materials standards (ACI, ASTM) on metals in concrete Corrosion resistance guides for metals embedded in concrete

NEW QUESTION # 78

During drawing review, a discrepancy is found between the drawings and room 101 on the finish schedule.

Click in the cell on the room finish schedule that does not match the drawings.

Answer:

Explanation:

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To identify the discrepancy between the drawings and the Room Finish Schedule for Room 101, compare what's shown in the restroom elevation and plan versus the listed finishes.

Step-by-step comparison:

* Room 101 (Women's Restroom) is shown with:

* Wall finish: Clearly shows tile (CT) on the lower half of the walls in the elevation.

* But in the finish schedule, Room 101 has "PT" (paint) listed under wall finish.

Therefore, the error is in the wall finish cell for Room 101, which should show CT (ceramic tile), not PT (paint).

NEW QUESTION # 79

A family-owned apple farm in the Upper Midwest is taking advantage of a change in the local zoning code that added a new Agri-Tourism class in the existing farm zone. This allows the Owner to build a new facility on their existing site. The building will be open to the public and include a brewery, distillery, tap room, and market. The architect is ready to submit the drawings to the Owner for the 50% construction documents review.

To accommodate a compressed construction schedule, the Owner will be utilizing a design-build process. The Contractor has submitted the Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) shop drawings to the Architect for review, due to the lead time on this critical path item. Once construction begins, farming operations must be able to continue uninterrupted.

Key project information includes:

* Brewing and distilling will operate year-round.

* Brewery will initially include four fermenting tanks. Owner has requested space for at least two additional tanks. Potential expansion will be based on future sales.

* Distillery will produce 16% alcohol, which is classified as a flammable liquid. Fire separations are required.

* Tap Room is designed with seating for 300 people, not including exterior patio seating. It will have views to the working orchards and the historic buildings on site.

* Tap Room is scheduled to be open from August through November. Owner would like options to extend operating dates based on popularity.

- * The Market area will feature local farm products and is not conditioned.
- * Entire building will be fully sprinklered.
- * Selected building materials are low-maintenance, as requested by the Owner, for durability and to reflect the nature of a working farm.
- * Mechanical and electrical systems will be hung from the building structure. These loads are included in PEMB shop drawings.
- * Public water and sewer is not available at the Project Site.
- * Occupancy sensors are included to reduce utility costs and achieve energy conservation requirements.

The following resources are available for your reference:

- * Architectural Drawings, including plans, elevations, sections, and schedules
- * Consultant Drawings, including structural, HVAC, power distribution, and plumbing
- * PEMB Shop Drawings
- * Design and Construction Schedule
- * Specification Excerpts, showing relevant spec sections
- * IBC and ADA Excerpts, showing relevant code and accessibility sections
- * After reviewing the documents, the architect discovers a coordination issue in the corridor.

Per the current energy code, the building envelope requirement for walls above grade in this climate zone is R13 + R10c.i. What specification section must be added to the project?

- A. Specification Section 072119: Foamed-In-Place Insulation
- **B. Specification Section 072100: Thermal Insulation**
- C. Specification Section 075419: Polyvinyl-Chloride (PVC)

Answer: B

Explanation:

The energy code requirement R-13 + R-10 c.i. (continuous insulation) for above-grade walls necessitates adding/confirming a thermal insulation section that covers both cavity insulation (R-13) and continuous exterior insulation (R-10) (e.g., rigid boards, mineral wool boards). Section 072100-Thermal Insulation is the correct overarching specification.

072119 Foamed-In-Place is a product-specific section and not required unless using SPF as the c.i.

075419 PVC is roofing.

PDD Reference: IECC/ASHRAE 90.1 envelope compliance; CSI Div. 07-Thermal Insulation (072100) including rigid continuous insulation requirements

NEW QUESTION # 80

In a brick veneer wall, what is the primary purpose of the 2-inch air space between the back of the brick and the sheathing?

- A. Allow for differential movement
- B. Provide space for roof drain piping
- C. To meet the minimum R-value
- **D. Minimize mortar bridging**

Answer: D

Explanation:

Purpose of the Air Space in Brick Veneer Walls

In a typical brick veneer cavity wall assembly, there is an air space between the back side of the brick and the sheathing (or water-resistant barrier) of the structural wall. This space is typically 1 to 2 inches wide and serves several critical functions:

- * Moisture Drainage and Ventilation
- * Rainwater can penetrate brick veneer through joints and cracks.
- * The air cavity allows water to drain down the back of the veneer to flashing and out through weep holes.
- * It also provides ventilation to help dry out the wall assembly.
- * Minimizing Mortar Bridging
- * During construction, mortar can drop down into the cavity from bricklaying.
- * If mortar bridges across to the sheathing, it can create a path for moisture to move into the structure.
- * The 2-inch cavity helps reduce the chance that mortar droppings will fully bridge the gap, ensuring the drainage plane stays functional.

Why Other Options Are Incorrect:

* A. To meet the minimum R-value - The air space in brick veneer is not designed as insulation; its thermal benefit is minimal compared to continuous insulation layers.

* B. Allow for differential movement - Brick veneer differential movement is accommodated by wall ties and control joints, not by

