

Painter and Decorator IP Red Seal Practice Exam

1. What must be done to water-resistant drywall panels to seal it when installing in a bathroom?
 - a. back blocking is required on walls 24" O.C.
 - b. shellac all open edges
 - c. leave ¼" space above the rim of the tub for caulking
 - d. add second layer of sheetrock
2. Where would you most likely to find veneer paneling?
 - a. firewall
 - b. outside wall
 - c. kitchen
 - d. between office partitions
3. How do you glue gypsum board to a masonry block wall?
 - a. seal wall with latex paint
 - b. glue foil backed gypsum board directly to block
 - c. cut joints flush and fill large pockets or holes with mortar to make the masonry surface flush
4. When installing a 2' x 8' tongue-and-groove edge board to a wall, which of the following is NOT correct?
 - a. edge board does not come in 2x8
 - b. doesn't matter which way the edge is installed
 - c. tongue edge should be installed facing up
 - d. grooves should be installed facing up
5. When using powder-actuated tools the operator must?
 - a. be at least 18 yrs old
 - b. pass a written exam on the tool
 - c. be in the last 6 months of an apprenticeship if not 18 yrs of age
 - d. all of the above
6. Who is responsible for checking all inspections to confirm that the job is ready for painting?
 - a. the owner
 - b. the general contractor
 - c. the painting contractor
 - d. the building inspector
7. How many sheets of metal, each 1/32" thick, are there in a pile 12 7/8" high?

8. What is a small air pocket under the tape commonly referred to as?
- a. dry hole
 - b. blister
 - c. bead
 - d. ripple
9. Over large uneven areas, which simple device has been used for centuries to establish highly accurate elevations?
- a. The spirit level.
 - b. The laser level.
 - c. The line level.
 - d. The water level.
10. What do you use to clean adhesives from tools?
- a. kerosene
 - b. varsol
 - c. gasoline
 - d. any of the above
11. What is a main advantage of using contact cement adhesive?
- a. one half hour drying time
 - b. can be tapped right away
 - c. 3-4 hr drying time
 - d. overnight drying time
12. What is the main reason that joint cement shrinks?
- a. it's made of gypsum
 - b. evaporation of moisture
 - c. dries too fast
13. How would you prepare a partition wall in an office building for wallpapering?
- a. paint the wall
 - b. sand the wall
 - c. moisten the wall
 - d. apply a special wall paper compound to the wall
14. What is a hawk used for?
- a. the taper can stand on the hawk to get to higher locations
 - b. to hold joint compound
 - c. when using a small amount of compound
 - d. when using a large amount of compound
15. Which sandpaper grit is most common to use to smooth a wall?

- a. 120 grit
- b. 140 grit
- c. 80 grit
- d. 400 grit

16. What should you do when using ready-mixed joint compound?

- a. add enough water for the application
- b. never add water
- c. add one gallon of water

17. What grit sandpaper is used on the first 2 coats?

- a. 200 grit
- b. 150 grit
- c. 60 grit
- d. 100 grit

18. All of the following are correct practices when preparing interior wood surfaces for re-painting except for which of the following?

- a. If the previous coating is gloss or semi gloss paint or varnish, clean it well with strong washing solution, allow it to dry completely, then sand it with abrasive paper to ensure the new paint will adhere well
- b. If chipping or scaling occurs, sand down to the bare wood, and apply a primer that is less oily or has less binder than a primer you would apply to brand new wood
- c. If the wood is stained or varnished and the new coat is enamel that cannot cover the stain, use fine abrasive paper (120 - 180 grit) to remove the gloss
- d. Apply paint directly over varnish

19. Which of the following technique(s) are for removing wall coverings?

- a. Dissolving the adhesive and scraping away the paper
- b. Mechanically stripping with a wall paper stripping tool
- c. Both A & B

20. All of the following are problems that may occur when a coating is painted over a wall covering except for which of the following?

- a. Primer / sealer seals the surface of the paper
- b. Air pockets may form in areas that are not well bonded
- c. painted wall covering is hard to remove in the future

21. Which of the following problems is most likely to occur when solventbased products are applied?

- a. Color bleeding
- b. Orange peel effect
- c. Cracking and losing adhesion

d. None of the above

22. Which of the following are effective methods of removing interior loose coatings?

- a. Scraping with a putty knife or wood scraper
- b. Sanding
- c. Using paint and varnish remover
- d. All of above

23. Which of the following is true when using water stains?

- a. do not wet the wood
- b. wet the wood first
- c. first dry the wood

24. What is the area of 6 cylinders, 20 feet in height with a circumference of 3 inches?

- a. 30 sq. ft
- b. 45 sq. ft
- c. 90 sq. ft
- d. 75 sq. ft

25. Which of the following layer of stucco usually has the finished color?

- a. top layer
- b. first layer
- c. middle layer

Answer

1)	C
2)	D
3)	C
4)	D
5)	D
6)	C
7)	412
8)	B
9)	D
10)	D
11)	A
12)	C
13)	A
14)	B
15)	A
16)	A
17)	D
18)	D
19)	C
20)	A
21)	B
22)	D
23)	B
24)	A
25)	A