



**Reference Material – to be provided to the candidate by the assessment venue.**

- AS/NZS 3000:2018 Wiring Rules
- AS/NZS 3001.1:2022 Electrical Installations – Connectable electrical installations and supply arrangement Part 1: Site supplies for connectable electrical installations
- AS/NZS 3002:2021 Electrical Installations – Shows, Carnivals and Events
- AS/NZS 3004.1:2014 Electrical Installations – Marinas and boats Part 1:Marinas
- AS/NZS 3008.1.1:2017 Electrical installations – Selection of cables
- AS/NZS 3012:2019 Electrical installations – Demolition and Construction sites
- AS/NZS 3013:2005 Fire and mechanical performance of wiring system elements
- AS/NZS 4836:2023 Safe working on or near low voltage electrical installations and equipment
- Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019
- Electricity Safety Act 1998

**In questions 1-14 you are required to:**

- Answer the question based on the relevant section, regulation or rule/clause.
- Write the reference document e.g. Electricity Safety Act, General Regulations, Wiring Rules and or Australian Standard number.
- Write the Section, Regulation, Clause and/or Table number in the space provided.
- The correct Section and Subsection, Regulation and Subregulation, or Clause and Subclause must be given (e.g. 3.5.2(b)(i)).
- For AS/NZS standards only, you may omit the 'AS/NZS', the year of publication and the title. You are only required to supply the number of the standard.

**The correct answer to all parts must be given to obtain full marks.**

**Question 1.**

Can an Earth Sheath Return (ESR) wiring system be installed in an area classified as hazardous?

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 2.**

What are the location marking requirements for a pool equipotential bonding conductor connection point?

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 3.**

A circuit breaker is providing over current protection on a circuit supplying a single fire pump motor. What shall the circuit breaker be set to carry and when shall it operate?

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 4.**

Consumer's mains are to be installed in a commercial building; the design engineer has specified a WS53W system be used. Identify the length of time the consumer mains must be able to maintain circuit integrity under the specified fire conditions?

Note: Your answer may be obtained from an informative part of a standard.

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause and Table Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 5.**

A switchboard is installed on a construction site. What is the minimum degree of ingress protection required for the switchboard enclosure?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 6.**

How shall socket outlets installed on a caravan park service pillar be identified?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 7.**

When conducting work on energised electrical equipment, who must this work be carried out by, using what, and in accordance with?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 8.**

Where shall an overcurrent protective device or devices ensuring protection against both overload and short-circuit current be placed?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 9.**

Is it permissible to protect against electric shock by the means of placing electrical equipment out of reach when installed in a marina?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 10.**

For fire testing of cables and busways what test specimens must be included?

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 11.**

In the case of an underground service line, one of the options for the installation of the protective equipment is that protective equipment must be installed at, or within \_\_\_\_\_ mm of the point at which the electricity supplier's supply cable crosses the property boundary of the property that it supplies.

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 12.**

What is the maximum span length a 35mm<sup>2</sup> aluminium aerial bundled cable shall be when installed at a show?

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 13.**

In reference to a new electrical installation, a person who is responsible for the carrying out of prescribed electrical installation work must ensure that that work is inspected by a licensed electrical inspector in accordance with the regulations before the electrical installation is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Reference Document: .....

Clause Number: .....

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

**Question 14.**

When working on or near low-voltage electrical equipment and performing energised fault finding or testing on electrical equipment that plugs into a 3-pin flat-pin socket outlet rated at 15A, what must be used?

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Reference Document: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

[2 + 1 + 2 = 5 marks]

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**Question 15. Voltage Drop**

An electrical installation is supplied from a kiosk sub-station on site, the consumer's mains are two sets of four single core 95 mm<sup>2</sup> XLPE X-90 insulated and sheathed copper cables, connected in parallel to supply a three-phase main switchboard.

The consumer mains are short circuit protected by a circuit breaker within the sub-station and installed laid flat touching directly in the ground at a depth of 500mm. Overload protection is provided by a circuit breaker located on the main switchboard. The length of the conductors is 15m. The out of balance load on each phase is intermittent and values are as follows: red phase 550A, white phase 520A, blue phase 500A.

The sub-mains are four single core 16mm<sup>2</sup> V90 PVC/PVC copper conductors installed in heavy duty conduit in the ground, and are protected at their origin by a circuit breaker. Cable length is 45m. The out of balance load on each phase is intermittent and values are as follows: red phase 56A, white phase 60A, blue phase 63A.

The final sub-circuit cable is a 2 core and earth 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> V75 TPS with copper conductors protected by a C20 Amp circuit breaker, connected to the white phase. It supplies a circuit of 230V socket outlets which are distributed along the length of the cable. The TPS cable is installed in conduit, mounted to a wall. Cable length is 35m.

**Calculate the voltage at the terminals of the final socket outlet using the conservative solution. Determine if the installation complies.**

**Table numbers and calculations must be shown to obtain full marks.**

**Work all calculations to 2 decimal places.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the installation comply? \_\_\_\_\_

[8 marks]



**Question 16. Cable Operating Temperature**

(i) Calculate the operating temperature of a XLPE X-90 copper cable carrying 120 Amps with a current carrying capacity of 280 Amps. The cable is installed underground in a single conduit, in a 400/230 Volt electrical installation with an ambient soil temp is 25°C.

(ii) What effect will the cable operating temperature have on the voltage drop  $V_c$  value?

Answer (i): \_\_\_\_\_

Answer (ii): \_\_\_\_\_

[3 marks]

**Question 17. Prospective Fault Current**

The main switchboard of a 400/230V industrial installation is directly supplied from a 750kVA distribution company owned transformer which has a rated impedance of 6% on the transformer nameplate. The supply to the main switchboard includes a protective earth neutral (PEN) conductor.

Sub-mains supply a distribution board from the main switchboard.

The following information is known: -

Consumers mains are 70mm<sup>2</sup> XLPE X-90 single core with circular copper conductors buried direct in the ground at a depth of 0.5m with a soil resistivity of 1.2°C.m/W for a distance of 15m. The MEN and Earth Electrode are installed at the Main switchboard.

Sub-mains are 25mm<sup>2</sup> PVC/PVC V-90 single core copper conductors buried in conduit at a depth of 0.5m with a soil resistivity of 1.2°C.m/W for a distance of 37m. It is a carried Earth to the distribution board.

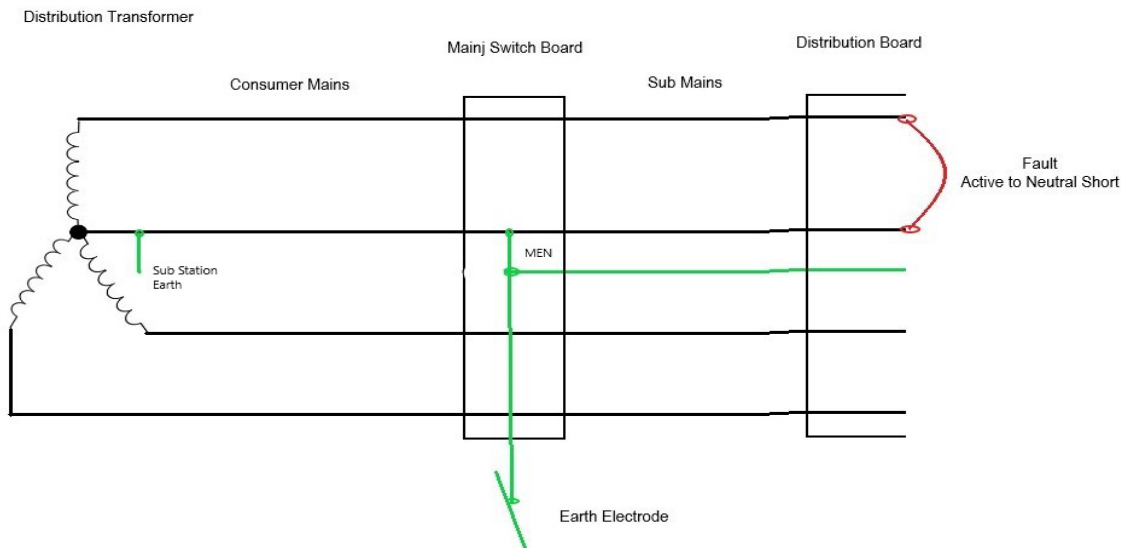
The total current path must be included in your calculations.

With an Active to Neutral short at the Distribution Board as shown in the diagram below, determine the prospective fault current at:

- a) the transformer terminals; and
- b) the main switchboard; and
- c) the distribution board.

Work all impedances to 5 decimal places with correct rounding.

**Note:** For this calculation it is acceptable to use the value of  $R_c$  as the  $Z$  value and ignore the effect of  $X_c$ .



Answer (a):

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Answer (b):

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Answer (c):

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[11 marks]

**Question 18. Circuit Breaker Selection**

A V-75 copper TPS cable, 2 core and earth, is installed in heavy duty underground conduit at 0.5m deep. Soil resistivity is  $1.2^0 \text{ Cm/W}$  at an ambient temperature of  $25^0\text{C}$ . The cable size (active & neutral) is  $50\text{mm}^2$  with a  $16\text{mm}^2$  copper earthing conductor. The cable runs for a distance of 160m.

If a 100amp miniature circuit breaker is selected as the protection device for both overload short-circuit, what type/s of circuit breaker may be used (Type “B”, “C” and/or “D”)? Current calculations for all three types of circuit breaker must be completed to obtain full marks.

Type B = \_\_\_\_\_ A

Type C = \_\_\_\_\_ A

Type D = \_\_\_\_\_ A

Suitable Type(s) of circuit breakers \_\_\_\_\_

[7 marks]

**Question 19. Clearing Time**

A protective device (circuit breaker) is to be used to obtain automatic disconnection to limit, as far as practicable, the harmful effects of a switchboard internal arcing fault.

The switchboard is supplied from a 1 MVA transformer. A prospective fault current of 27kA is present at the incoming terminals of the switchboard. The switchboard has been designed with busbars rated at 1800amps. The switchboard has not been designed using internal separation to reduce the possibility of an arcing fault.

Calculate the maximum permissible clearing time of the circuit breaker main switch for this switchboard.

Answer: .....

[4 marks]

**Question 20. Earth Size**

An installation has 95mm<sup>2</sup> active and neutral copper conductors with XLPE X-90 insulation, protected by a circuit breaker that has a fault let through current of 7kA with a clearing time of 400ms at 7kA. The cables are installed buried direct at a depth of 500mm. Soil resistivity and ambient soil temperature is normal.

Using the calculation method, determine the size of the copper XLPE X-90 insulated earth cable required for compliance.

**All relevant Table numbers and calculations must be shown to obtain full marks.**

Answer: .....

[5 marks]

**Question 21. Circuit Breaker and Fuse Ratings**

A cable has a maximum current carry capacity of 133 amps in its 'as installed' condition. The maximum demand of the circuit is 125 amps.

To protect the electrical installation from overload current,

- a) What size circuit breakers can be installed, and
- b) What size HRC fuses can be installed.

**Note:** Available sizes in circuit breakers and HRC fuses are 100A, 110A, 120A, 125A, 130A and 140A.

Answer (a): .....

Answer (b): .....

[4 marks]

**Question 22. Cable Selection**

Two 70 mm<sup>2</sup> three core X90 insulated, sheathed and armoured copper cables, including earthing conductors, are connected in parallel to supply a three phase load.

The cables are protected by a circuit breaker and installed buried directly in the ground and spaced 0.15m from each other at a depth of 0.5m. The thermal resistivity of the soil is 1.2°C.m/W, and ambient soil temperature is 25°C.

a) Neglecting voltage drop, what is the TOTAL maximum current carrying capacity of the cables which form the circuit?

b) What would be the current carrying capacity if the soil resistivity was 0.9°C.m/W?

Table numbers, calculations and units must be shown to obtain full marks.

Answer (a): .....

Answer (b): .....

[7 marks]



**Question 23. Discrimination**

A main switch circuit breaker installed on a switchboard has an overload current rating of 600A. This supplies multiple circuits; one of the supplied circuits is protected by an adjustable setting circuit breaker with a range of overload protection between 350A and 450A.

What is the maximum permissible setting for this circuit breaker to ensure discrimination is achieved?

Answer: .....

[2 marks]