

Sample Questions

Below are questions similar to those on the National Home Inspector Examination. Note that these questions are retired from the National Home Inspector Examination item bank.

1) Which of the following **BEST** describes the report statement shown below?

"The roof is in good condition for its age."

- A. Conclusion
- B. Recommendation
- C. Description
- D. Disclaimer

Answer: A

2) Which of the following conditions would be **LEAST** critical to your client's safety?

- A. A pin hole in the heat exchanger
- B. No handrails on an interior stairway
- C. Lack of a pressure and temperature relief valve on the water heater
- D. A non-reversing garage door opener

Answer: A

3) It is important to maintain a positive grade away from the structure of at **LEAST** _____ inch drop per foot for six feet.

- A. 1/4
- B. 1/2
- C. 3/4
- D. 1

Answer: D

4) The normal **MINIMUM** run for a residential stair tread is:

- A. 7 in.
- B. 8 in.
- C. 9 in.
- D. 11 in.

Answer: C

5) Standard three light electrical testers are **NOT** always reliable because:

- A. Some receptacles only have two prongs
- B. Three light testers sometimes have broken bulbs
- C. Three light testers will not detect multiple wiring problems
- D. Different test device manufactures have different light patterns

Answer: C

6) Bulging plaster is observed high up on several bedroom walls. The primary concern is the bulging plaster is a(n):

- A. installation defect
- B. indication the home was very cold for a period of time
- C. indication the air handler leaked
- D. potential safety issue

Answer: D