

SG6:22 Manual Handling for Scaffolders – NASC Test

Test Paper B

Question 1

Does your ability to safely carry out manual handling tasks change depending on your age?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Question 2

When carrying short boards, what is the maximum number of boards you should lift to avoid injury?

- a) 4
- b) 6
- c) 3
- d) 5

Question 3

When does the NASC recommend that safety harnesses are worn by a scaffold operative?

- a) Only when working on a lift that isn't fully boarded.
- b) When an operative is over 5m above the ground.
- c) Only when it is windy or if the work platform is slippery.
- d) At all times when working at height.

Question 4

When lifting a load, the arms should be kept as close to the body as possible.

- a) False
- b) True

Question 5

What must you not do when lifting a load?

- a) Bend your back.
- b) Bend your knees.
- c) Lift in a smooth motion.
- d) Lift with the legs.

Question 6

The key to proper lifting is to keep the back straight to preserve the spine's natural position.

- a) False
- b) True



Question 7

Does your employer have to inform you of the weight of each load to be manually handled?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Question 8

When is it acceptable to have materials stored upright?

- a) Any time that you are present on site.
- b) When the materials are shorter than 3m.
- c) If the materials are stored against a solid structure.
- d) Only when they are about to be lifted up the scaffold and are temporarily secured.

Question 9

Which 3 techniques are most likely to cause strains / injuries when lifting, circle those that apply?

- a) Bending of the back
- b) Bending the knees
- c) Carrying materials through narrow or restricted areas.
- d) Lifting with arms extended.

Question 10

What should be the first step when confronted with a situation that requires manual handling?

- a) Begin manually handling the items as quick as you can.
- b) Consider if manual handling can be avoided, e.g. through the use of mechanical methods.
- c) Attempt to lift as many items as possible to save on time.
- d) Start erecting the scaffolding, a labourer will have to worry about the manual handling.