

Licensed Electrical Inspector RE Class Theory Assessment – Sample Paper

Marking Guide April 2025

Questions 1-11: Standards and Regulations

Q.1

Answer: AS/NZS 5033 (2 marks)

Reference Document: Electricity Safety (General) Regulations (1 mark)

Clause Number: 243 (2 marks)

Q.2

Answer:

- ✓ Bedroom
- ✓ Cinema / home theatre room
- ✗ Laundry
- ✓ Kitchen
- ✗ Garage
- ✓ Childrens playroom
- ✗ Workshop
- ✓ Study

All must be correct to be awarded the marks (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 5139 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 1.3.42 (2 marks)

Q.3

Answer: all live conductors (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 4777.1 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 3.4.4 (a) (2 marks)

Q.4

Answer: No. (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 3000 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 6.3.4.7 (2 marks)

Q.5

Answer: Yes. (2 marks)

Clause Number: 1.4.29 (2 marks)

Q.6

Answer: 6mm² (2 marks)

First Reference Document: AS/NZS 5033 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 4.6.5 (2 marks)

Second Reference Document: AS/NZS3000 (1 mark)

Clause/Table Number: Table 5.1 (1 mark)

Q.7

Answer: The wiring system shall be identified by distinctive labels marked with the word 'SOLAR' on the exterior surface of the wiring system over the length of the enclosure at intervals not exceeding 2m. (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 5033 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 5.3.1.1(a) (2 marks)

Q.8

Any four of the below:

1. The electrical installation main switchboard
2. Stand alone power system switchboard
3. System shutdown procedure sign
4. The battery bank
5. Fuel tanks and storage for the generator set (petrol, diesel and/or LP Gas)
6. Other flammable or explosive substances relevant to the stand-alone system
7. The photovoltaic array and associated isolating switch(es)
8. All sources of renewable energy (2 marks)

All four must be correct to obtain the marks for this question.

Reference Document: AS/NZS 4509.1 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 2.4 (2 marks)

Q.9

Answer: True (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 1170.2 (1 mark)

Clause/Figure Number: Figure 3.1(A) (2 marks)

Q.10

Answer: MAIN ISOLATOR (GRID) (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 4777.1 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 6.3(c) (2 marks)

Q.11

Answer: In an area where an authorised person will be aware of the signal. (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 5139 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 4.3.8 (2 marks)

Q.12 Voltage Rise

Inverter current $I = P/V$ $I = 10,000/(400 \times \sqrt{3}) = 14.43A$. (1 mark)

1. Solar mains

Cable size 4mm²

Cable Type: V90 multi core

Table 42 $V_c = 9.71 \text{ mV/A.m}$ (1 mark)

$V_d = (20 \times 14.43 \times 9.71)/1000 = 2.80V$ (2 marks)

Percentage = $2.80/400 \times 100 = 0.7\%$

2. 3 phase sub mains

Cable size 10mm²

Cable Type: V90 multi core

Table 42 $V_c = 3.86 \text{ mV/A.m}$ (1 mark)

$V_d = (30 \times 14.43 \times 3.86)/1000 = 1.67V$ (2 marks)

Percentage = $1.67/400 \times 100 = 0.42\%$

3. 3 phase consumers mains

Cable size 35mm²

Cable Type: X90 SDI Table 41 $V_c = 1.18 \text{ mV/A.m}$ (1 mark)

$V_d = (35 \times 14.43 \times 1.18)/1000 = 0.60V$ (2 marks)

Percentage = 0.15%

Total voltage rise = $2.80 + 1.67 + 0.60 = 5.07V$ (2 marks*)

Total voltage rise percentage = $0.7 + 0.42 + 0.60 = 1.27\%$

The voltage rise value must be $<2\% = 8V \text{ max}$

*Note: this answer shows the voltage rise in voltages and as a percentage. Only one of these is required (candidate may choose their preferred option). Marks only allocated once in each section.

Yes, the installation complies (2 marks)

Note: Questions 13-1 and 13-2 are provided on this sample paper to show the type of questions that may be supplied. Only one of these will appear on the assessment. Marks for question 13 should only be counted for one version of this question.

Q.13-1 PV module maximum voltage calculation – Method A

AS/NZS 5033 clause 4.2.1.2 (a)

PV module V_{oc} = 45V

T_{min} = 1.5°C (value from question information)

T_{stc} = 25°C (value from question information)

- a) Calculate: Y_v = Voltage temperature co-efficient V per °C of the module.

PV module temperature coefficient of V_{oc} = -0.28%/°C

PV module V_{oc} = 45 Volts

Formula: Y_v = PV module temp coefficient x module V_{oc}

$$Y_v = -0.28\%/^{\circ}\text{C} \times 45 = -0.126$$

(2 marks)

Formula: $V_{mod\ max}$ = $V_{oc\ mod} + Y_v (T_{min} - T_{stc})$

$$V_{mod\ max} = 45 + -0.126 (1.5 - 25)$$

$$= 45 + -0.126 \times -23.5$$

$$= 45 + 2.97$$

$$V_{mod\ max} = 47.97\ \text{V\ dc}$$

(3 marks)

- b) Using your answer from part a) what is the maximum number of modules in a single string that can be connected to the inverter specified above?

Formula: modules/string = Inverter V_{max} ÷ $V_{mod\ max}$

$$\text{Therefore: modules/string} = 600 / 47.97 = 12.51$$

Answer: 12 modules

(2 marks)

Q.13-2 PV module maximum voltage calculation – Method B

AS/NZS 5033 clause 4.2.1.2 (b)

- a) Determine module V_{oc}

Determining V / °C from %

$V/^{\circ}\text{C}$ = Off load Voltage (Volts) x Temperature Coefficient (%)

$$V/^{\circ}\text{C} = 46.29 \times -0.37\% = 46.29 \times -0.37/100$$

$$V/^{\circ}\text{C} = 46.29 \times -0.0037 = -0.17\ \text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$V/^{\circ}\text{C} = -0.17\ \text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

(2 marks)

Calculate the difference from STC (25 °C)

Melbourne min. temp.= - 3.3°C

Calculate the difference from STC (25 °C)

$$\text{Diff} = T_{\text{min}} - T_{\text{stc}}$$

$$-3.3 - 25 = -28.3 \text{ °C}$$

(1 mark)

Determine the voltage of the module at -3.3 °C

$$V_{\text{oc}} + (V / \text{°C} \times \text{Temp diff})$$

$$46.29 + (-0.17 \times -28.3) =$$

$$46.29 + (4.81\text{V}) =$$

$$V_{\text{mod max}} = 51.1\text{V}$$

(2 marks)

b) Calculate the maximum number of modules that can be installed

$$\text{Modules} = 600\text{V}_{\text{max}} / 51.1 \text{ V}_{\text{mod max}} = 11.74$$

Answer: 11 modules

(2 marks)

Q.14 PV module maximum voltage calculation – Method C

AS/NZS 5033 clause 4.2.1.2 (c)

a) Calculate the PV module maximum voltage ($V_{\text{mod max}}$)

Formula: $V_{\text{oc mod corrected}} = V_{\text{oc mod}} \times \text{correction factor from table 4.1}$

From AS/NZS 5033 Table 4.1, correction factor is 1.10

(1 mark)

$$\text{Therefore: } V_{\text{mod max}} = 47 \times 1.10 = 51.70 \text{ V dc}$$

(1 mark)

b) Using your answer from part a) what is the maximum number of modules in a single string that can be connected to the inverter specified above?

Formula: $\text{modules/string} = \text{Inverter } V_{\text{max}} \div V_{\text{oc corrected}}$

$$\text{Therefore: } \text{modules/string} = 600 \text{ VDC} / 51.70 = 11.6$$

(2 marks)

Answer: 11 modules maximum

Q.15 String Current

a) $I_{\text{string max}} = 1.25 \times K_i \times I_{\text{sc mod}}$

$$= 1.25 \times 1 \times 10.31 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$= 12.89 \text{ A} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Standard Number: AS/NZS 5033 Clause: 3.3.3.1

b) If string = $(S_a - 1) \times I_{\text{string max}}$

$$= (3 - 1) \times 12.89 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$= 2 \times 12.89$$

$$= 25.78 \text{ A} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Standard Number: AS/NZS 5033 (1 mark)

Part a) Clause Number: 3.3.3.1 (1 mark)

Part b) Clause Number: 3.3.3.2 (1 mark)

Q.16

Answer: Not less than two openings or doorways, spaced well apart, shall be provided (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 3010: 2017 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 3.2.3.2 (2 marks)

Q.17

Answer: No (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 3010: 2017 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 2.7.9 (2 marks)

OR

Reference Document: AS/NZS 3000: 2018 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 2.3.3.4(b) (2 marks)

Either Standard is acceptable, marks only awarded once.

Q.18

Answer: The requirements for synchronization shall be obtained from the electricity distributor. (2 marks)

Reference Document: AS/NZS 3010 (1 mark)

Clause Number: 2.4.3 (2 marks)

Q.19 Part a)

Answer: c) (2 marks)

Reasoning: Fault occurs on Generator Active to frame that is at earth potential, fault current must flow through generator earth and then submain earth conductor to MEN connection at main Switchboard and then return via submain Neutral and the Generator Neutral to generator windings to operate protective device.

Q.19 Part b)

Part i) Calculate conductor impedances:

Table 34

$R_c = 0.668 \Omega/\text{km}$ for 35mm² cables (1 mark)

$R_c = 2.33 \Omega/\text{km}$ for 10mm² cables (1 mark)

Generator internal cabling

Active: 35mm² Table 34 1m x 0.668/1000 = 0.00067Ω (1 mark)

Neutral: 35mm² Table 34 1m x 0.668/1000 = 0.00067Ω (1 mark)

Generator Mains (Consumer mains).

Active: 35mm² Table 34 25m x (0.668/1000) = 0.01670Ω

Neutral: 35mm² Table 34 25m x (0.668/1000) = 0.01670Ω (1 mark)

Earth: 10mm² Table 34 27m x (2.33/1000) = 0.06291Ω (1 mark)

Tenancy Submains

Active: 35mm² Table 34 35m x (0.668/1000) = 0.02338Ω

Neutral: 35mm² Table 34 35m x (0.668/1000) = 0.02338Ω (1 mark)

Earth: 10mm² Table 34 35m x (2.33/1000) = 0.08155Ω (1 mark)

Fault current path impedance

Generator Active Internal + Generator Mains Earth + Submains Earth + Submains Neutral + Generator Mains Neutral + Generator Neutral Internal

$$0.00067\Omega + 0.06291\Omega + 0.08155\Omega + 0.02338\Omega + 0.01670\Omega + 0.00067\Omega =$$

Total fault current path impedance = 0.18588 Ω (1 mark)

Part ii) Calculate Generator internal impedance

$$Z_{int} = U_o / I_a = 230V/3250A = 0.07077 \Omega \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

The installation is not compliant. Fault loop impedance fails as the fault loop cable resistances are greater than the internal resistance of the Generator and will not provide enough fault current to the Generator protective device to operate in the fault condition. (1 mark)

Q.20

Is this compliant? No (2 marks)

Clause Number: 2.7.1 and Figure 2.1 note 1. (1 mark)