

No.	Question
1	Using the Operator's Manual, state the figure for tyres' operating pressure. Note: The Operator's Manual for the machine being used for the test MUST be available for reference by the candidate.
2	What problems and hazards can soft ground cause to a loaded skip handler?
3	What are the possible outcomes of facing prosecution for not complying with legislation and regulations?
4	What is the purpose of a risk assessment?
5	State TWO requirements of using a stop block or earth bank (berm) at a trench discharging point.
6	What THREE main duties of the Health and Safety at Work Act must employees follow?
7	What do the letters SWL, as stamped on lifting accessories (chains), signify?
8	Prior to planning a route using the public highway, what FOUR items should be taken into account?
9	a) Why should a skip be raised slowly/carefully when discharging materials, especially with wet or sticky material and b) what would be a consequence if this was not done?
10	Name THREE ways in which an operator can minimise their impact upon the environment whilst using the machine.
11	Before accepting a loaded container for transport, give TWO pieces of information that a skip driver should know.
12	Where should the skip handler's Operator's Manual be kept and why?

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13	Name THREE conditions that mirrors on the machine must be in.
14	a) What is the purpose of a Method Statement and b) what is required of the operator?
15	What is meant by Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM)?
16	A skip is to be placed in a pedestrian area. What precautions must be undertaken after depositing the skip?
17	When tipping a load, the centre of gravity of the machine changes. a) How does this affect the skip handler and b) state TWO actions to avoid accidents?
18	a) Give ONE advantage and b) TWO disadvantages of rear-mounted cameras.
19	When working in a confined area or space, what danger can be present with an articulated skip handler with regards to steering?
20	a) What is the minimum distance allowed near open trenches when travelling with a skip handler and b) explain why?
21	If using more than one sheet for load security, how should the sheets be placed?
22	What does the (new) driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) require a driver to undertake every five years?
23	Name THREE ways that a skip handler operator can contribute in ensuring repeat business with the client or principal contractor.
24	Whenever possible, who should decide the positioning of the skip handler if being loaded by a machine?

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25	If a load has to be tipped on a slope, what may happen if the load is tipped downhill and why?
26	The operator has to use a new type of skip handler that they are unfamiliar with. What do Regulations (i.e. PUWER 98) and other guidance require the operator to have?
27	What may occur if short bodies are being loaded on to a demountable chassis unit?
28	After tipping a skip at a landfill site, state THREE precautions to be taken before re-joining the public highway.
29	Using the Operator's Manual, state the cold-starting procedure for the machine. Note: The Operator's Manual for the machine being used for the test MUST be available for reference by the candidate.
30	What is the definition of, or how can a hazard be described?
31	When is the only time that an overloaded vehicle is allowed to be driven on the public highway?
32	Name FOUR different types or levels of disciplinary actions or sanctions that can be applied (by employers and judicial bodies) to operators of plant/vehicles who do not comply with, or follow legislation and regulations.
33	Who should determine the maximum load that should be placed onto the vehicle bed?
34	Apart from the operator, who else may need to use the Driver's Manual?
35	If checking the oil level using a dipstick, why must gloves be worn?
36	The operator is asked to tip material into a new trench. State FIVE different requirements that must be considered or implemented before tipping commences.

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37	During work, the engine starts to overheat. Explain the danger if someone tries to remove the radiator or expansion tank cap.
38	Before leaving the cab for a rest break, after parking and switching off the machine, what final action must be carried out?
39	On a construction site with a hard hat requirement, in what situation does a hard hat NOT normally need to be worn on site when using a skip handler?
40	When travelling on wet soil on site, what effect does this have on the skip handler?
41	If the machine is being travelled or working on the public highway, the Road Traffic Act applies. a) What type of licence and which class should the operator hold and b) what is the minimum age allowed?
42	a) What determines the minimum distances that any part of plant and machinery has to be kept from over head electricity lines and b) explain why a distance should be kept.
43	What makes up the total (or gross) weight of a load that is to be lifted?
44	What does the Health and Safety at Work Act require employers to do with regards specifically to plant?
45	If the operator has to top-up the hydraulic oil, state TWO precautions to ensure cleanliness of the system.
46	If setting up to load or deposit skips in a pedestrianised area, state THREE factors that need to be taken into account.
47	When parking the machine at the end of the shift, name THREE places where the skip handler should NOT be parked.
48	Give THREE possible reasons why skip handlers should not stray off the designated haul routes.

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49	What is a possible consequence of using a tyre with a deep cut in the sidewall?
50	When would the tip hooks be used?
51	Give TWO examples of where The Work at Height Regulations may apply to skip handlers.
52	What effect can a swinging skip have on the vehicle?
53	Name FOUR checks that should be made to any netting before use.
54	What is the meaning of this hand signal (being demonstrated by the Tester)?
55	Give TWO reasons why the skip handler operator should have an understanding of the type of material being transported.
56	a) When is a trial lift carried out and b) name THREE checks to be made?
57	What checks should be made to the lifting accessories (chains)?
58	On start up, the air pressure on the machine is low. What actions must the operator carry out before work and during work?
59	List SIX typical subject areas that should be covered in a site induction.
60	How can a qualification or card benefit a plant operator?

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61	When should the stabilisers or bogie-blocking systems be used?
62	What is regarded as the most productive position for the skip handler to be in when the skip is being loaded by a wheeled loading shovel working from a stockpile?
63	Why must the seat belt be worn at all times, even on site?
64	Why should a skip handler be re-fuelled at the end of the day?
65	Why are those who operate skip handlers generally regarded as 'safety-critical' workers?
66	Only two legs of an 8 tonne four-legged chain sling are being used. What is the maximum load that can be lifted?
67	How are axle loadings calculated?
68	When working in a confined area or space, name THREE hazards that can occur.