



## Pre-Employment Exam

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please use an X to indicate your answer

### True/False

1. One Mil equals .001 of an inch. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
2. Oak is a common softwood. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
3. The most common reason for paint failure is moisture. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
4. Green is a primary color. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
5. The MSDS is the start-of-the-art surface preparation tool. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
6. “Cutting in” is generally done with a roller. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_
7. The device used to adapt ladders for use as a scaffold is called a ladder jack. True\_\_\_ False\_\_\_

### Multiple Choice

8. Nylon brushes are best used to apply  
a. \_\_\_oil paint b. \_\_\_latex paint c. \_\_\_epoxy paint d. \_\_\_polyurethane paint
9. Acrylic paint  
a. \_\_\_has good color retention b. \_\_\_adheres better than epoxy  
c. \_\_\_has superior abrasive resistance d. \_\_\_all of the above
10. A “lanyard” is generally used  
a. \_\_\_for deep sea fishing b. \_\_\_to apply fiberglass linings  
c. \_\_\_to attach a “safety harness” to a rope grab d. \_\_\_to secure scaffold anchor

11. What is a natural bristle brush used for?  
a. \_\_cleaning off wood before painting b. \_\_latex paints c. \_\_oil-based paints  
d. \_\_for cleaning tools and equipment
12. What is “Painter’s Holiday”?  
a. \_\_a day missed b. \_\_1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
c. \_\_something not completely painted d. \_\_a job well done
13. What is 220 grit sandpaper normally used for?  
a. \_\_for cleaning equipment b. \_\_for sanding fine finishes  
c. \_\_for sanding drywall surfaces d. \_\_for automotive finishes only
14. The technical term for a surface to which paint is applied is  
a. \_\_house b. \_\_substrate c. \_\_wood d. \_\_plaster
15. The thickness of a coat is measured in  
a. \_\_mils b. \_\_liters c. \_\_centimeters d. \_\_grams
16. How many quarts are in one U.S. gallon?  
a. \_\_eight b. \_\_sixteen c. \_\_two d. \_\_four
17. One gallon of latex paint will cover approximately how many square feet?  
a. \_\_1,000 sq. ft. b. \_\_800 sq. ft. c. \_\_500 sq. ft. d. \_\_250 sq. ft.
18. The most common solvent used today for thinning alkyd paint is  
a. \_\_water b. \_\_mineral spirits c. \_\_MEK d. \_\_lacquer thinner
19. A white deposit on a masonry surface is know as  
a. \_\_lead b. \_\_bleed c. \_\_efflorescence d. \_\_chipping
20. Etching a concrete surface does what?  
a. \_\_adds water b. \_\_provides “tooth” c. \_\_nothing d. \_\_chalking

21. Flash points refers to the temperature at which a material becomes  
a. \_\_volatile b. \_\_flammable c. \_\_poisonous d. \_\_liquid
22. An extension ladder's distance from the base of the building should be what proportion of its total extension?  
a. \_\_1/8 b. \_\_1/3 c. \_\_1/2 d. \_\_1/4
23. Shellac is thinned with  
a. \_\_mineral spirits b. \_\_zylol c. \_\_water d. \_\_alcohol
24. The government agency that establishes national construction safety standards is  
a. \_\_ASA b. \_\_OSHA c. \_\_PDCA d. \_\_SSPC
25. If a room is 14 ft. by 10 ft. how many square feet will the ceiling have?  
a. \_\_24 sq. ft. b. \_\_1400 sq. ft. c. \_\_140 sq. ft. d. \_\_80 sq. ft.



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