

NRC COMMENTS ON THE OPERATING TEST

AND THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION, INCLUDING ES-401-9

FOR THE QUAD CITIES EXAMINATION - DEC 2002

NRC COMMENTS FOLLOWING MATERIAL
VALIDATION & VERIFICATION

Admin JPMS

General: Changes noted in submitted copy during validation week.

RO JPM A.1.a, was replaced due to identical JPM selected and conducted during re-evaluation on licensee's audit exam failure. New JPM developed, agreed upon, and verified during validation week. New JPM, based on Review Printout of Thermal Limits Condition, with modifications. Comments noted on JPMS.

Systems JPMS

General: Changes noted in submitted copy during validation week.

Simulator Scenarios

General: Changes noted in submitted copy during validation week.

Written Examination:

General: Review comments noted in ES 401-9.

NOTE: Licensee's written examination development program randomly re-arranges the four distractors, therefore, the correct answer choice from initial written exam submittal to the as administered exam will be different. Correct answers were verified.

Q#	1. LOK (F/H)	2. LOD (1-5)	3. Psychometric Flaws					4. Job Content Flaws				5. Other		6. U/E/S	7. Explanation	
			Stem Focus	Cues	T/F	Cred. Dist.	Partial	Job-Link	Minutia	#/units	Backward	Q=K/A	SRO Only			
N 1	H	2		x		x									U	Low higher level question. First part of question requires thought to know that CRD pressure must be increased as power increases, i.e., affect pressure. Therefore, 2nd part of question is answered by the first part of the stem, pressure is affected. So to affect CRD, must open valve. Appears to simplistic. Required changing all distractors and part of stem to focus on how differential pressure will be affected. Typo "presssure".
N 2	F	2													E	This is a memory question of color coding. H-6 is not moved so same color the entire time.
N 3	H	2													S	
N 4	H	2													S	
5	H	2										X			U	No effect on power supplies, so how does this meet K/A on power supplies? Added Bus 13-1 fault. Typo "ocurred" should be "occurred"
N 6	F	2													S	
7	H	3													E	If given the procedure as a handout, it appears to be a simple look up. Proposed to blank out the auto action section.
8	H	3													E	Two question 8 sheets in tab, corrected. Not bank question, but modified.
N 9	F	2													S	
10	F	2													S	

Instructions

[Refer to Section D of ES-401 and Appendix B for additional information regarding each of the following concepts.]

- Enter the level of knowledge (LOK) of each question as either (F)undamental or (H)igher cognitive level.
- Enter the level of difficulty (LOD) of each question using a 1 - 5 (easy - difficult) rating scale (questions in the 2 - 4 range are acceptable).
- Check the appropriate box if a psychometric flaw is identified:
 - The stem lacks sufficient focus to elicit the correct answer (e.g., unclear intent, more information is needed, or too much needless information).
 - The stem or distractors contain cues (i.e., clues, specific determiners, phrasing, length, etc).
 - The answer choices are a collection of unrelated true/false statements.
 - More than one distractor is not credible.
 - One or more distractors is (are) partially correct (e.g., if the applicant can make unstated assumptions that are not contradicted by stem).
- Check the appropriate box if a job content error is identified:
 - The question is not linked to the job requirements (i.e., the question has a valid K/A but, as written, is not operational in content).
 - The question requires the recall of knowledge that is too specific for the closed reference test mode (i.e., it is not required to be known from memory).
 - The question contains data with an unrealistic level of accuracy or inconsistent units (e.g., panel meter in percent with question in gallons).
 - The question requires reverse logic or application compared to the job requirements.
- Check questions that are sampled for conformance with the approved K/A and those that are designated SRO-only (K/A and license level mismatches are unacceptable).
- Based on the reviewer's judgment, is the question as written (U)nacceptable (requiring repair or replacement), in need of (E)ditorial enhancement, or (S)atisfactory?
- At a minimum, explain any "U" ratings (e.g., how the Appendix B psychometric attributes are not being met).

NOTE: Margin noted as "N" are new questions and includes the thirty questions reviewed.

Questions marked "O" indicate reference verification and K/A verification.

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11	H	2												E	Incorrect reference, lesson plan was updated. Correct ref for final submittal.
12	H	2												S	
13	F	2												S	
14	F	2					X							E	Added clarification to one distractor and answer to include ref to SRM 21.
15	F	2												S	
16	H	3												E	Grammar was not clear. Add wording "Rx wtr M inst" in stem. May want to remove 450 psig ref on title of procedure. Appears similar to SRO #108?
17	H	2												S	
18	H	2												U	Two distractors not credible, B and C. Recommend adding RCIC low pressure trip for B, and add "except overspeed" for C, or similar.
19	F	2												E	Second part of question contains common "a keylock switch on the.." Move this phrase into question stem.
20	H	3												E	May need procedure #, and remove "only" from stem.
21	H	2												E	Typo on 4th line, "palces" should read "places". Remove "Target Rock" in item 3.
22	H	2												E	Remove identifiers of "first two" and "Target Rock" in each distractor. OK, as higher level, due to understanding power supplies.
23	H	2												E	Simplify distractors, by removing common verbiage and focus on actions.
24	H	2												S	
25	F	2												S	
26	F	1												U	Simple, not sufficiently discriminatory. Simple answer from memory - patterned response. Changed question, changes direction of sych scope.
27	F	2												S	
28	H	2												E	Place "Halon" in stem of question. This will better fit the selected K/A.
29	F	3												S	
30	H	2												E	Clarify distractors, use "less or more Neg" rather than increase decrease.

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N 31	H	2	X	X		X								U	Distractor A is missing reference to torus area water level. Distractors B & D appear correct. CUE: torus leaks, torus area water level can do nothing but increase! Rewrote question to better enlist the distractors.
32	F	2												S	
N 33	H	1		X		X	X		X					U	Too simple, not high level. New question written to focus on more operationally significant K/A and type of question. New question written at a higher level knowledge and K/A, G. 2.1.11. Changed to H.
N 34	F	2												S	
35	H	2												S	
N 36	F	2												S	
37	F	2												E	Term "purging/deinerting" used in stem and all distractors but C. Removed wording in distractors to better focus on question.
38	F	2												S	
39	F	2												S	
40	F	2												S	
N 41	H	2										X		U	Does not meet K/A. Question needs focus on K/A, i.e., use of response instruction. Also, ref given does not justify answer. Need new question written to higher level knowledge. Changed to H.
N 42	F	2												S	
N 43	F	2												S	
44	F	2												S	
N 45	H	2												S	Two distractors with words restore and maintaining, appeared similar. But, in general context they are different, question accepted as written.
N 46	F	2												S	
47	F	2												S	
48	H	2												S	No supporting information on function of Disch. Vol. Hi Wtr Byp keylock. Info received from licensee. Question more of higher level, reclassified.

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89	F	2												E	Appeared not too discriminating, but after discussion, question noted as acceptable with some changes. Changed one distractor from "five" to "four", and changed stem condition to Mode 3 instead of Mode 1.
90	F	2												E	Meets A4.02 K/A but not A4.04! Typo- Wrong K/A was noted, updated.
91	F	2												E	Enhanced stem and distractor, better wording.
92	H	2												S	
93	F	2												S	
94	F	2												S	
95	F	3												E	Changed from high to low, a memory of just the emergency dose limits.
96	H	2												S	
97	H	2												S	
98	F	2												E	Changed one distractor to be more credible of ATWS level ind location.
99	H	2												S	
100	H	2						X						U	Ref given was incomplete. Need new question, not appropriate for RO, changed K/A to be more operationally important, to K/A AA2.17.
101	H	3												E	Fixed one distractor to be more credible. Other minor wording changes.
102	F	3												S	
103	H	3	X											U	Changed two distractors A and C to be credible.
104	F	2												S	
105	H	2			X									U	Each distractor is a stand alone question for Tech Spec, an apparent True/False statements without need for any info in stem. Require rewrite to have stem conditions and why it meet Tech Specs.
106	F	2												E	Add clarifying wording in stem, for better focus.
107	H	2												S	Why is this marked as a higher cognitive question?
108	H	2												E	Better focus, added RPV press of 100 psig and upper instrumnt to -30".
109	H	2												S	
110	H	2												E	Changed to high level. Requires T/S and operability understanding. Changed wording in distractors for better focus.

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111	H	2												E	Changed stem from Auxiliary to Reactor Building.
~ 112	F	2												S	
~ 113	H	2												E	Grammatical change to two distractors.
~ 114	H	2												S	
~ 115	H	2												E	Consider reword stem, to give condition to determine battery is inop.
~ 116	H	2												S	Ensure QGA given have entry conditions blacked out.
~ 117	H	2												E	Change 250 deg F to 300, closer to limit.
~ 118	H	3												S	
~ 119	H	3												E	Change items in stem to clarify better. Instead of torus level "normal" give torus level value. Change one distractor better wording, more credible.
~ 120	H	3												E	Change one distractor to state Initiate SBLC instead of start cond pump.
~ 121	H	2												S	
~ 122	F	2												S	
~ 123	H	2												E	Enhance one distractor more credible.
~ 124	F	2												S	
~ 125	F	3												S	
126															
127															
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