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General Comments

The question paper was again ramped with the latter half of the paper having an increased number of answers and some evaluative questions and a comparison question. The latter part of the paper is designed to challenge the A* candidate.

Candidates found identifying the plant item photographs difficult, especially with hoists, and masonry saw. Centres could develop understanding with a visit to a plant supplier.

The identification of the basic types of structures was answered well by many candidates. Again prefabrication formed a large part of some questions and candidates averaged well on this aspect.

Candidates found the identification of the component parts of a purlin supported roof difficult to identify. The quantity surveyor question 11 did not fare well with candidates obviously not taught the knowledge of typical contract documentation, and many gained marks by a random guess.

On the whole candidates performed well with the external assessment gaining marks from a variety of questions. There were no grade A* candidates in this series. The difficult nature of the paper was reflected in the lowering of the pass mark this year to give a range of candidates an acceptable pass mark.

Question 12

This question covers the items that would be included within the joinery first fix stage of a project. Candidates did not appear to have any knowledge of what first fix items contained.

Question 13

Candidates had to evaluate two methods of external cladding, brickwork and tile hanging and state one advantage and one disadvantage of tile hanging over brick cladding

Reasonable attempts were made at this question with candidates managing to name at least one advantage

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