

STRUCTURE OF PAPER

This paper is a 30-minute interview conducted primarily in English and each candidate is interviewed by a panel consists of three interviewers. New policy is imposed that Cantonese could be used for technical terms and for supplementary purpose with the permission of the Chairperson of the Panel of Interviewers.

This is the second time testing candidates on their Case Study reports in the Professional Interview. Interviewers reminded the candidates that their case study report is also used as a referencing material in the interview. Candidates may choose projects not handled by themselves and Interviewers are reminded to cross reference with the candidates' logbooks.

Interviewers are advised to make sure the candidates have digested the followings in doing their Case Study reports:

- a) Statutory Control
- b) Cost Control
- c) Time Control
- d) Safety
- e) Quality Control
- f) Design Quality Control
- a) Building Contracts

Candidates' professional maturity and adequacy of the practical experience as recorded in the Logbook are assessed by the interviewers. Questions may cover topics related to Buildings Ordinance, Building Regulations, other related ordinances and Codes of Practice, construction knowledge, Building Contract and Contract Administration and Professional Ethics. Candidates' confidence in answering questions is also looked for by interviewers.

ASSESSMENT OBSERVATIONS

32 out of a total of 44 candidates (72.73%) passed the paper in the September 2013 attempt (for PA2012), which had shown a slight drop in the passing rate compared with the 74.03% passing rate (114 out of a total of 154 candidates) in March 2013 attempt.

From the report of Interviewers on failed candidates, most candidates did not have confidence and were not well prepared for the Interview. They showed to the interviewers that they lack of general knowledge and they even do not have basic concept on fundamental principles. The weaknesses may be attributed to their lack of practical experience on local projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. To reinforce his/her understanding of a project selected for case study, a candidate is recommended to instead of just reporting to his/her advisor what have been done during the period of review, discuss regularly with the advisor of what he/she has observed in the case study and to consult the advisor the rationale behind certain

solutions to various problems.

2. To assimilate section 40 of the Buildings Ordinance. It's astonishing to note that some candidates consider that an AP carries all statutory responsibilities in a project, and that's what they perceive as the difference between an Architect and an AP.

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