



ZIMBABWE

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**HIGHER EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
(HEXCO)**

NATIONAL DIPLOMA

IN

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: Building Practice

PAPER NO: 605/21/S19

DURATION: 3 Hours

MARCH/APRIL 2023 EXAMINATION

REQUIREMENTS

Blank papers, pencil, ruler and rubber.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Answer ANY FIVE (5) questions.

This paper consists of 3 printed pages.

QUESTION 1

- (a) List the seven (7) classes in which building tools may fall and under class give 2 examples. (14 marks)
- (b) Explain how cement should be stocked at a building site. (4 marks)
- (c) Explain why sand used in building should be clean. (2 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Draw a king post truss and label it fully. (10 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between first angle projection and third angle projection. (4 marks)
- (c) List and explain the methods that can be used in rodent proofing. (6 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) With the aid of a diagram differentiate between a stretcher bond and a Flemish bond. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the three (3) methods which can be used in the transfer of heat in a building. (6 marks)
- (c) How can a sloping site be improved. (4 marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) List the steps to be followed in laying a solid ground floor. (12 marks)
- (b) Draw and label fully a spirit level. (8 marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Using diagrams show how the following symbols are represented on working drawings:
 - (i) Screed (1 mark)
 - (ii) North point (1 mark)
 - (iii) Hard core (1 mark)
 - (iv) Door (1 mark)
 - (v) Water closet (1 mark)
- (b) Explain how a Local Exhaust Ventilator operates. (5 marks)
- (c) Explain the manufacture of a Zimbabwean standard brick. (10 marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) What are the environmental health factors to consider in siting a building. (8 marks)
- (b) What are the responsibilities of the following people in building practice:
 - (i) Architect (1 mark)
 - (ii) Surveyor (1 mark)
 - (iii) Structural engineer (1 mark)
- (c) Diagrammatically show how profiles can be presented on a foundation. (6 marks)
- (d) Explain the term 'Dry bonding' and why it is practised in building Practices. (3 marks)

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