

**Denton Fire Department
Promotional Test Appeal**
Request to Withdraw Appeal

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Examination Title: **Fire Driver**

Test Question # Appealed (to be Withdrawn): 1

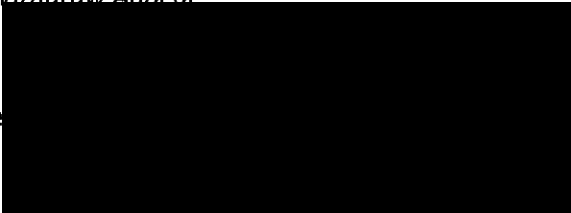
Examination Date: **March 8, 2024**

Department Administering Exam: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following):

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☒ Another answer, B , is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be allowed for credit.
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☒ *Withdraw Appeal*

Signature





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APPEAL OF EXAMINATION QUESTION

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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: #2

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 8, 2024**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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- ☒ Another answer, A is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☐ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

In the text on pages 56 and 57 the book
~~text~~ speaks of both Safety Climate and fire
service culture. The text speaks of Safety
Climate in relation to fire service culture and
shows the safety climate as part of fire
service culture.

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Department Response

Source: Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness, (4th Ed.), IFSTA

Question 2 (1 appeal)

How firefighters feel about safety and health at the local level within their organization is known as:

- a. fire service culture.
- b. retroactive behavior.
- c. safety climate.
- d. risk aversion.

Answer – C (page 57)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ACCEPT

Reasoning: Answer is verbatim from text and the best answer. The section defines organization culture and safety climate. While safety climate one behavior characteristic of fire service culture, there several other characteristics in the text. This question is specifically asking about safety and health at the local level.

The department response is to sustain the key.



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EXAMINATION TITLE: **Fire Driver**

TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 11

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 8, 2024**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Answer (A) is policies make the job more difficult. This is not anywhere in the book that it isn't counterproductive. If I was against policies being put in place that would be counterproductive and a disparity in organizational levels. If we started a new dive team program and a few guys were against policies then that would be counter-productive, or any new policy no matter how big or small.

Also, define self sacrifice. We don't get to tell a patient "no, we can't transport you, we may get sick and die." If someone is inside a ~~burning~~ burning house alive we don't get to opt out because it's too risky. How often do we say risk a lot to save mlnt.

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Continue on back of this form as needed.

Source: Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness, (4th Ed.), IFSTA

Question 11 (1 appeal)

Of the information below, which of the following IS NOT a Symptom of Counterproductive Culture?

- a. Policies make the job more difficult
- b. Safety is for wimps
- c. Self sacrifice is a job requirement
- d. You get paid to take risks

Answer – A (page 65)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ACCEPT

Reasoning: Answer is verbatim from text—answers B, C, and D are all listed as symptoms of counterproductive culture and A is not listed.

The department response is to sustain the key.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 48

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

PG 208 States that in a balloon frame building
Partition walls can be load bearing and
non-load bearing. This makes no correct answer
to the question.

Question 48 (1 appeal)

Veneer walls, panel walls, and partition walls are examples of

- a. non-load bearing walls.
- b. bearing walls.
- c. finish bearing walls.
- d. decorative or division walls.

Answer – A (page 38)

Department Response: **SUSTAIN/ACCEPT**

Reasoning: Answer is verbatim from text and in bold print. The appellant references page 208, which does mention partition walls being load bearing or non-load bearing. Veneer walls and panel walls are not load bearing; they are always non-load bearing. Therefore, A is the best answer to this question.

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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 52

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- ☒ Another answer, B is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☐ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

QUOTE FROM THE SECTION REGARDING FRIABLE CONSTRUCTION
"MODERN TRANSITE FIBERBOARD DOES NOT CONTAIN
ASBESTOS BUT DOES CONTAIN CRYSTALLINE SILICA ..."

THE KEYED QUESTION AND ANSWERS IMPLY THAT ALL
FRIABLE CONSTRUCTION WOULD CONTAIN OR USE CEMENT-ASBESTOS
BOARD. THE QUOTE FROM THE BOOK INDICATES THIS IS NOT TRUE.

Building Construction - pg 293



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 52

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

"Failable construction is used where an explosion is a possibility."
"It ~~breaks~~ will break away readily, relieve the pressure, and not provide missiles during an explosion. Although such a scene appears to have great devastation, the loss is much less than would occur in a building that was not designed to resist the blast (eg. regular construction)"

Underline quote implies it is designed to resist blast/explosion.



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General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

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The reason I am appealing this question is because how the question specifically asked for which of these is not a characteristic, while all the answer choices are correct. On page 293, it states "frangible construction is used where an explosion is a possibility." This would make it a characteristic of how "resist explosion" an answer choice C states.

Source: **Building Construction for the Fire Service (6th Ed.) Brannigan**

Question 52 (3 appeals)

Which of the following IS NOT a characteristic of Friable Construction?

- a. Components break away readily
- b. Uses cement-asbestos board
- c. Resists explosion
- d. Relieves pressure

Answer – C (page 293)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ACCEPT all answers

Reasoning: The text states that in friable construction, “the loss is much less than would occur in a building that was not designed to **resist the blast**,” indicating that friable construction resists the blast of an explosion.

The department response is all answers should be graded correct.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 62

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
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Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

PG 308 the text speaks of a feedback-assisted rescue. It states this is "makes use of an otherwise annoying phenomenon of radio behavior-feedback" This discredited in the text is not a feature of the radio specifically, but more something that can be created by two or more radios interfering with each other. Answer "A" speaks of the feedback feature of a portable radio. The feed back on a radio is not a feature of the radio or something installed by the manufacturer

Source: Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics (5th Ed.) Norman

Question 62 (1 appeal)

"Feedback-assisted rescue" is

- a. a method of locating trapped or injured firefighters using the feedback feature of their portable radio.
- b. a role-playing technique in which members learn various life-saving methods.
- c. a decision-making process used in rescuing victims under intense emotional situations.
- d. a method of life saving that depends on information provided by the victim.

Department Response: **SUSTAIN/ACCEPT**

Reasoning: Answer A is the best and only correct answer to this question. While using feedback to assist in a rescue is more of a technique rather than a feature of portable radios, this does not make A an incorrect answer.

The department response is to sustain the key.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 71

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☒ Another answer, D is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☐ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Page 259, while discussing positioning a trench cut states "Fire will spread fast from low points to high points, so position the trench to block its access to high points." The question ask "what should be done?" Not what must be done. According to the statement quoted above, you should check for high and low points prior to positioning the trench cut, and you can't start the cut until you have positioned it.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 71

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☒ Another answer, D is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☐ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Fire Officer Handbook of Tactics (5th Edition) p 258-59: The author gives his opinion (which is marked as the right answer on the answer key), but gives an exception to his opinion and several considerations. One of those considerations is my answer to this question: "Fire will spread fastest from low points to high points, so position the trench to block its access to the high points." (p259). I believe both answers should be accepted.

Question 71 (2 appeals)

Making a trench cut on a roof should not be started until

- a. the fire is extinguished.
- b. the main ventilation hole has been completed.
- c. it is determined the roof is an arched roof.
- d. the roof is examined for high and low points.

Answer – B (page 258)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ACCEPT

Reasoning: Answer B is a point of emphasis by the author; the exception mentioned has nothing to do with Answer D. D can be linked to the final consideration for choosing the right location for the trench and the text ties it to specific circumstances. Also, the first consideration for choosing the trench cut location gives a recommended distance from the “main ventilation hole”; this further validates B being the correct answer.

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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 72

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Question uses wording "quicker failure is generally caused by" this indicates a singular causation factor due to wording. In the book on pgs 335 & 336 (as well as many multiple other places throughout the book) it does not define it as a singular reason for truss failures but multiple reasons that compound to create failure.

Question 72 (1 appeal)

A truss allows large areas to be spanned with pieces of materials that are much smaller than, and may be spaced farther apart than, a standard beam. This makes it attractive to architects but creates danger to firefighters. The danger of truss exists only under fire conditions.

Quicker failure is generally caused by

- a. the lack of mass compared with a standard beam.
- b. extremely flammable finishes on lightweight trusses as when compared to standard type beams heavier mass which weight alone causes failure when comparing failure time of standard beams.
- c. fire attacking the beam members; there is no "time" difference between lightweight and standard beams.
- d. none of the above

Answer – A (page 335)

Department Response: **SUSTAIN/ACCEPT**

Reasoning Use of the word “generally” in the question does not imply it is the singular causation factor—it merely means “usually.” The answer A is verbatim from the text.

The department response is to sustain the key.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 78

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

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- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
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~~2024~~ SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS PG 29-30

THE QUESTION ASKS "WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT ONE OF THE BASIC TYPES OF INITIATING DEVICES?"

I WOULD ARGUE THAT ON PAGE 29 UNDER THE HEADING "INITIATING DEVICES", IT STATES "INITIATING DEVICES ARE THE MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC DEVICES THAT ARE ACTIVATED..." THIS APPEARS THAT MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC ARE THE "BASIC" TYPES AND THEN GOES ON TO LIST SEVERAL SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THE QUESTION TO BE MISLEADING WITH NO TRUE CORRECT ANSWER AVAILABLE.



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General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

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- ☐ Another answer, _____ is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
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Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Fire Protection & Suppression Systems (5th Edition) p 29-30

3 out of 4 choices are under ~~the~~ what initiating devices "include but not limited to." However, the question ask about the "basic types" of initiating devices. This section states that initiating devices are "manual & automatic." The question is faulty because the question asked for "type", Not "includes" all of the following EXCEPT.

Question 78 (2 appeals)

Alarm initiating devices are the nerve ending of the system. It is through them that the alarm signal is originated. Which of the following IS NOT one of the basic types of initiating devices?

- a. manual pull station
- b. automatic
- c. heat detector
- d. flame detector

Answer – B (pages 29-30)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ ACCEPT all answers

Reasoning: While answer choices A, C, and D are listed as initiating devices in the text, in the same paragraph the text also states, “Initiating devices are the manual and automatic devices that are activated...” So, while automatic is not necessarily a “type” of device, the text does indicate initiating devices can be automatic.

The department response is all answers should be graded correct.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 98

EXAMINATION DATE: **March 8, 2024**

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☒ Another answer, A is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☒ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

Wording on test is "on multilane roads generally accepted practice to" it is very vague as to which scenario they are speaking off. Are you responding to an incident? Are you onscene already? There are multiple different examples in the book that reference "on multilane roads." One such instance for example is on pg 73. It says "on a multilane & bidirectional roadway you should position your vehicle as close to the center line as possible." There are too many possible instances of the phrase "multilane road" to use it so generically, & when there are multiple correct answers in the answers linked to that phrase.



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TEST QUESTION # APPEALED: 98

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERING EXAM: **Fire**

General nature of objection: (Check one of the following and explain fully below.)

- ☐ The keyed answer _____ is not correct. Answer _____ is the correct answer and should be allowed for credit instead of the keyed answer.
- ☒ Another answer, A is correct in addition to the keyed answer. Both answers should be graded correct.
- ☐ The question is faulty because there is no correct answer among the choices. All answers should be graded correct.

Reason(s) supporting your appeal: (If appropriate, give the page number of the source that supports your claim.)

The reason I am appealing this question is due to the question not specifically stating whether we are traveling, arriving on scene, or on scene. On Page 73, it states, "when you are traveling on a multilane ^{and} ~~road~~ bidirectional (two-way) roadway, you should position your vehicle as close to the center line as possible without crossing it." This would also make answer choice A correct, completing the answer "On multilane roads, it is generally accepted practice to position as close to center as possible."

Question 98 (2 appeals)

On multilane roads, it is generally accepted practice to _____.

- a. position as close to center as possible
- b. angle emergency vehicles away from the scene
- c. block the oncoming traffic
- d. turn off all emergency lighting systems

Answer – B (page 84)

Department Response: SUSTAIN/ ACCEPT multiple answers: A & B are correct.

Reasoning: While the question is a direct quote from the book, the context needed to decide between Answers A & B was not given. Positioning on multilane roads are referenced on page 84 and 73 and both answer choices A and B are listed as correct options, depending on the circumstances (which are not provided in the question). Page 73 contains answer A while discussing position while traveling to the emergency scene; page 84 is discussing position on the emergency scene.

The department response is to accept the appeal; multiple answers (A & B) are correct.