

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PPE EXAM**

Each question is multiple-choice with four possible answers. Old examinations are not available, however, sample test questions are provided below:

### **For Geoscientists**

1. According to the Code of Ethics, which of the following activities by a professional member would be considered UNETHICAL?

- A. Not charging a fee for presenting a speech.
- B. Signing plans prepared by an unknown person.
- C. Reviewing the work of another member with that member's consent.
- D. Providing professional services as a consultant.

B. is correct. It is unethical for professionals to sign plans not prepared by themselves or under their direct supervision.

2. Which of the following is an example of a fraudulent, contractual misrepresentation?

- A. A party is coerced into signing a contract by means of intimidation.
- B. A party knowingly makes false statements to induce another party into a contract.
- C. A party induces his son-in-law to sign an unfair contract.
- D. A party unknowingly provides false information about a portion of a contract.

B. is correct. Knowingly providing false information to induce a contract is fraudulent misrepresentation.

3. Contractual disputes of a technical nature may be most expeditiously and effectively solved through:

- A. a lawsuit.
- B. court appeals.
- C. contract renegotiations.
- D. arbitration.

D. is correct. Arbitration provides an effective, expeditious resolution to technical disputes.

4. Which type of original work below is automatically protected by copyright upon creation?

- A. Paintings.

- B. Inventions.
- C. Clothing designs.
- D. Signatures.

A. is correct. Of the works listed, only a painting is protected by copyright law.

5. In order for compensation to be awarded to a plaintiff in a tort liability case, the defendant must have:

- A. Caused injury to the plaintiff.
- B. Been wilfully negligent.
- C. Signed a contract of performance.
- D. performed under supervision.

A. is correct. Injury is one of three criteria that must be met for compensation to be awarded in a tort liability case.

6. Which of the following is the most common job activity of top-level managers?

- A. Writing and reading corporate financial reports.
- B. Developing and testing new products.
- C. Designing and implementing production systems
- D. Directing and interacting with people.

D. is correct. Most top managers spend most of their time interacting with other people.

7. The professional's standard of care and skill establishes the point at which a professional:

- A. may or may not charge a fee for services
- B. has the duty to apply "reasonable care".
- C. may be judged negligent in the performance of services.
- D. has met the minimum requirements for registration.

C. is correct. The standard of care is used to judge whether or not a professional has been negligent in the performance of services.

8. To effectively reduce liability exposure the professional engineer, geologist or geophysicist should:

- A. pursue continuing educational opportunities.
- B. work under the supervision of a senior engineer, geologist or geophysicist.

C. maintain professional standards in practice.

D. provide clients with frequent progress reports.

C. is correct. Maintaining professional standards of practice is the most effective way of reducing liability exposure.