

PRACTICE EXAM 24: PLUMBER RED SEAL SIMULATION

(125 QUESTIONS)

This simulation contains 125 questions with one correct answer among four choices. The official Red Seal Plumber exam uses a 70% pass mark and a four-hour writing period. Use the formula sheet and acronym list supplied with the official exam when applicable. Read each question carefully, select the best answer, and review your work before submitting.

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- B. Remove only the visible insulation
- C. Increase system pressure to locate the release point
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- A. Review the layout, mark reference points, and verify alignment before joining
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- D. Tighten every connection beyond the manufacturer's limit

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11. [Simulation 24] A 5.9 m metal run changes temperature by 30°C. If expansion is 0.05 mm per metre per °C, what is the calculated expansion?

A. 10.85 mm

B. 4.42 mm

C. 13.85 mm

D. 8.85 mm

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- A. It increases the outside diameter for a tighter fit
- B. It replaces cleaning and solvent preparation
- C. It hardens the pipe so joining heat is unnecessary

D. It restores a smooth bore and reduces damage to seals or flow disturbance

16. [Simulation 24] When making a threaded joint, which approach best limits the chance of a leak?

- A. Cross-thread the fitting and compensate with extra tape
- B. Use sealant that is incompatible with the service fluid
- C. Use compatible sealant, start the threads square, and tighten without over-torquing
- D. Tighten until the fitting cracks slightly

17. [Simulation 24] Why are pipe supports installed before a long run is pressure tested?

- A. Supports control movement and prevent temporary test loads from distorting the run
- B. Supports make the test pressure higher
- C. Supports replace isolation valves
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18. [Simulation 24] What is the purpose of cleaning a copper tube and fitting before soldering?

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21. [Simulation 24] What should be checked before using a solvent-cement system on plastic pipe?

- A. Material compatibility, surface preparation, and the cement's working time
- B. Only the color of the pipe
- C. Whether the joint can be assembled dry
- D. Whether the pipe can be heated until it softens

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23. [Simulation 24] A pipe assembly requires 3.60 m between reference points. One fitting has a 0.06 m takeoff. What cut length is required before joining?

- A. 3.60 m
- B. 3.66 m
- C. 3.54 m
- D. 3.48 m

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- A. It gives maintenance equipment a controlled entry point for clearing the line
- B. It increases the fixture's water temperature
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48. [Simulation 24] Approximately how much water is held in a 5.4 m pipe with a 0.05 m internal diameter? Use $\pi = 3.1416$ and express the result in litres.

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- C. 5.30 L
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- D. It replaces a pressure-reducing valve in all systems

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74. [Simulation 24] A fixture discharges 36 L in 30 seconds. What is the average flow rate?

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85. [Simulation 24] What does an ion-exchange softener primarily remove from hard water?

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- C. Dissolved oxygen by heating alone
- D. Calcium and magnesium ions that contribute to scale formation

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- C. It sets the boiler firing rate
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102. [Simulation 24] What does a circulator do in a hydronic heating system?

- A. It removes all dissolved air by itself
- B. It creates the pressure difference that moves water through the circuit
- C. It stores the system's expansion volume
- D. It measures the boiler's flue temperature

103. [Simulation 24] What is the role of a boiler temperature and pressure relief valve?

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110. [Simulation 24] Using $Q = 4.19 \times \text{flow} \times \text{temperature difference}$, what heat transfer corresponds to 0.64 L/s and a 20°C temperature difference?

- A. 26.82 kW
- B. 63.63 kW

- C. 53.63 kW
- D. 83.80 kW

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- B. That the pipe is the longest available size
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- D. The material, pressure rating, connection type, and service-fluid compatibility

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122. [Simulation 24] A process solution is prepared from 34 L of stock material at 20% of the final volume. What stock volume is needed?

- A. 27.20 L
- B. 170.00 L
- C. 34.20 L
- D. 6.80 L

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Practice Exam 24: Answer Key and Explanations

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2. A — The correct answer is Review the layout, mark reference points, and verify alignment before joining. Reference marks and a layout check correct the process before a permanent joint is made. The other choices fail because they conceal the defect or risk damaging the joint. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

3. D — The correct answer is Pause the affected work and obtain clarification before changing the design. Clarification protects design intent, coordination, and the record of the work. The other choices fail because they allow an undocumented or potentially unsafe design change. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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- 11. D** — The correct answer is 8.85 mm. Expansion is calculated by multiplying length, temperature change, and the material expansion rate. The other choices fail because they use an incorrect factor or omit one of the three required quantities. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.
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16. C — The correct answer is Use compatible sealant, start the threads square, and tighten without over-torquing. Square engagement and compatible sealant protect the threads while preserving fitting integrity. The other choices fail because they create damaged threads, chemical incompatibility, or structural damage. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

17. A — The correct answer is Supports control movement and prevent temporary test loads from distorting the run. A supported run maintains alignment and transfers loads safely during testing and service. The other choices fail because they assign supports a pressure or inspection function they do not have. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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21. A — The correct answer is Material compatibility, surface preparation, and the cement's working time. A compatible system and prepared surfaces are necessary for a reliable solvent-welded joint. The other choices fail because they ignore compatibility or substitute an unsafe joining method. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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23. C — The correct answer is 3.54 m. The cut length is the reference distance minus the fitting takeoff that will occupy part of the assembly. The other choices fail because they fail to subtract the takeoff or subtract it the wrong number of times. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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74. D — The correct answer is 1.20 L/s. Average flow rate equals discharged volume divided by elapsed time, with the units kept as litres per second. The other choices fail because they divide in the wrong direction, double the time, or multiply quantities that should be divided. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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84. C — The correct answer is It allows the fixture to be serviced without shutting down the whole building. Local isolation limits disruption and makes routine service safer and faster. The other choices fail because they assign the valve a treatment, pressure-control, or drainage function. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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86. D — The correct answer is Ultraviolet energy damages microorganisms so they cannot reproduce effectively. UV acts on microorganisms and depends on adequate dose, lamp condition, and water clarity. The other choices fail because they describe sediment separation, softening, or chemical adjustment. Confirm the drawings and code before work. This supports safe, reliable, serviceable installation.

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