

CST – Cost Estimation

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**EXAM TITLE: Cost Estimation (COE)**

**OPTION: Construction (CST)**

**DURATION: 3hours**

*With Some Answers*

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The paper is composed of **three (3) Sections:**

Section **I:** Eleven (**11**) questions, all **Compulsory.**

**55marks**

Section **II:** Five (5) questions, **Choose Three (3) only.**

**30marks**

Section **III:** Three (3) questions, **Choose only One (1).**

**15marks**

**Every candidate is required to strictly obey the above instructions. Punishment measures will be applied to anyone who ignores these instructions.**

**Section I. Eleven (11) Compulsory questions. 55marks**

- 01.** Mention six (6) qualities of a Good Estimate. **6marks**
- 02.** Mention the six (3) resources which require a unit rate in estimation. **3marks**
- 03.** State five (5) factors which an estimator should consider in pricing construction materials. **5marks**
- 04.** Highlight clearly the four (4) stages of Preparation of estimate. **8marks**
- 05.** The visit to the site will enable the estimator to produce a report which has specific information; describe three (3) of such information in that report. **6marks**
- 06.** Explain the meaning of the following Contract Documents as used in estimation:  
a. Conditions of contract  
b. Contract Drawings **4marks**
- 07.** Differentiate the following documents which are used in estimations:  
i. Specification / Preambles  
ii. Bill of Quantities **4marks**
- 08.** What do you understand by the term "Valuation"? Explain clearly. **3marks**
- 09.** Provide a clear description of the following terms used in estimation :  
a) Appraisal  
b) Worth = amount that could be achieved or produced in a specific time  
c) Value  
d) Market Value **8marks**
- 10.** What is the difference between price and cost? Give a clear meaning of each. **4marks**
- 11.** List at least four (4) items stated in the enquiries & quotation document to the suppliers during tender preparations. **4marks**

Value: Accounting of the monetary worth of an asset, business entity, good sold  
Service rendered or liability or obligation acquired  
2) The amount of money that something is worth  
3) The price or cost of something



**Section II. Answer any three (3) questions of your choice**

**(Do not choose more than three questions). 30marks**

12. a) What are overheads? **2marks**  
b) Explain head office overheads by giving six (6) examples. **6marks**  
c) Give two (2) examples of project or site overheads. **2marks**
13. Name at least five SI basic units, their five basic quantities and the corresponding five symbols. **10marks**
14. (a). Name Five (5) items which the Cost of temporary storage of water can include. **5marks**  
(b). In costing the Pipe Bone Water in a site, mention five (5) cost items included. **5marks**
15. (a).What are Preliminary Items? **2marks**  
(b). Describe site supervision as a preliminary item. **3marks**  
(c). Highlight five (5) cost items to be considered by an estimator during the pricing of scaffolding. **5marks**
16. Highlight ten (10) Characteristics which can describe a good estimator. **10marks**

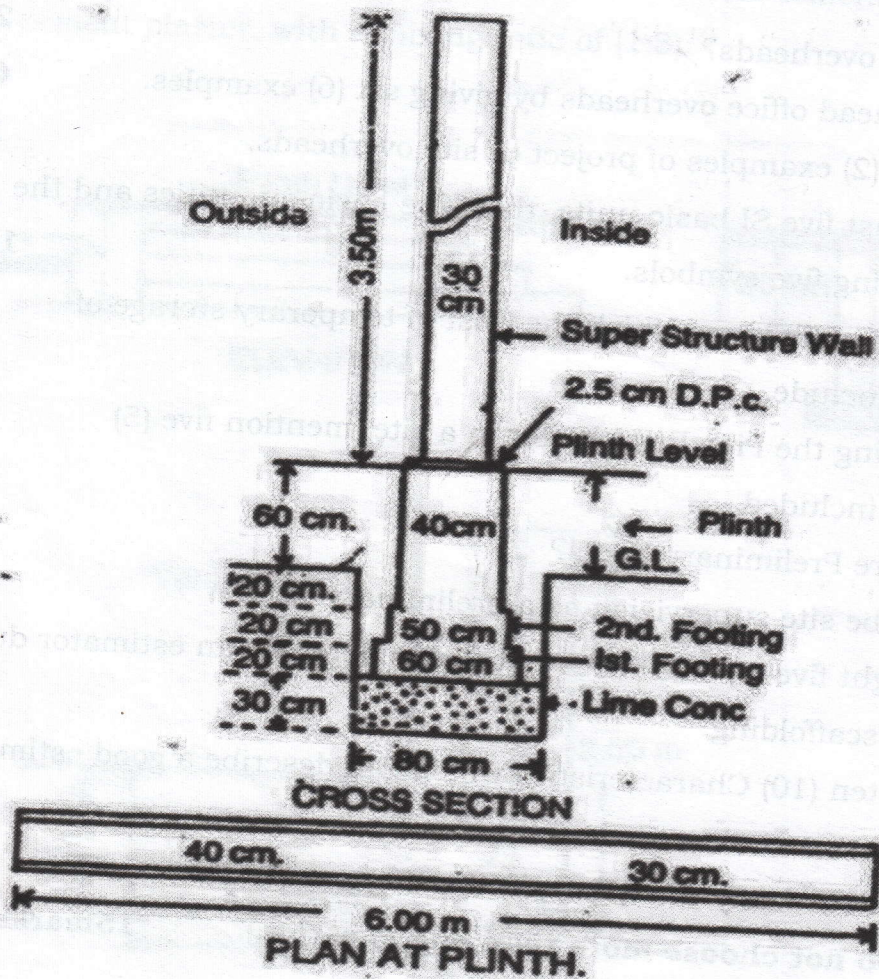
**Section III. Answer any one (1) question of your choice**

**(Do not choose more than one question). 15marks**

17. Discuss clearly ten (10) factors affecting tender price. **15marks**
18. Prepare an abstract of estimated cost of part of a building wall from the given plan and section of general specifications (Wall with Standard Modular Bricks)
- General specifications:
- i. Foundation shall be in lime concrete
  - ii. Foundation and plinth shall be of 1<sup>st</sup> class brickwork in lime mortar
  - iii. Damp proof course-2.5mm cc 1:1½:3 with water proofing compound
  - iv. Superstructure -1<sup>st</sup> class brickwork in lime mortar
  - v. Wall finishing-inside wall 12mm cement plastered 1:6 and white washed 3 coats
  - vi. Outside wall 12mm cement plastered 1:6 including 10cm below ground level and finished with two coats of colour wash over coat of white washing.



## WALL WITH STANDARD MODULAR BRICKS.



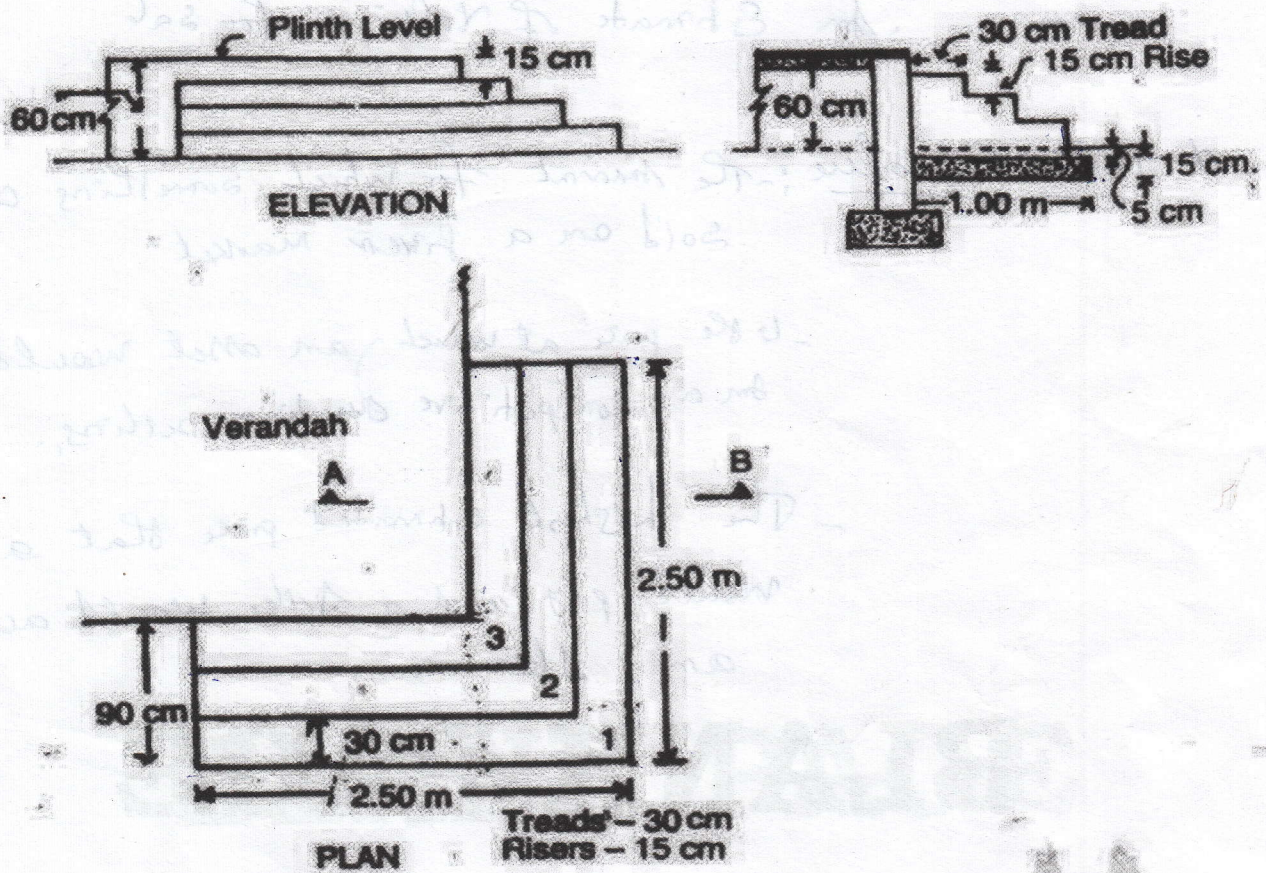
Assume the following rates (FRW)

Item No	Description	Rate (FRW)
1	Earthwork in foundation	350.00
2.	Lime concrete in foundation	220.00
3.	1 <sup>st</sup> class brick work with white lime in foundation/plinth	300.00
4.	Dpc	20.00
5.	1 <sup>st</sup> class brick work with white lime in superstructure	320.00
6.	12mm cement plaster	8.50
7	White washing 3 coats	0.75
8	Colour washing 2 coats over one coat of white washing	0.82

**15marks**



19. In the figure below, you are given an elevation, section and a plan of a corner step. The surface of the steps has a neat cement rendering of 20 mm cement plaster with a mixing ratio of (1:3).



Estimate the quantities of the total materials used in each of the following items:

- Earthwork in excavation ( Front & side); **3marks**
- Concrete in foundation ( Front & side); **3marks**
- Brickwork on the 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> steps ( Front & side) and **4marks**
- Cement plastering on the 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> steps and on the plinth. **5marks**



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