



# **COURSE 18180**

## **Deck Code Changes Pt 2**

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This course is Part 2 of the Deck Code changes and is designed to familiarize Contractors and Inspectors with the amendments to the deck codes required for building and remodeling decks, according to the Uniform Dwelling Code. Topics covered in this course include General Requirements, Footings and Post Connections, Posts and Post-to-Beam Connections, Beams, Joists, and Joist-to-Beam Connections.

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### **Course Outline**

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### **Chapters SPS 325 APPENDIX B**

Joist Hangers

Ledger Attachments

Ledger-Board Fasteners

Free Standing Decks

Lateral Support

Decking

Guard and Posts

Stairs

Framing Plan

### **Appendix C and**

Attachment of Residential Deck Ledger to Metal Plate Connected Wood Truss Floor System

### **Exam**

180 questions related to the reference materials are used to test the attendee on their comprehension of the materials. A 70% score will need to be attained in order to pass this course.

### **Answer Sheet(s)**

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## Deck Code Changes - Part 2

### Chapters SPS 320 to 325 - Appendix B

#### Section 7: Joist Hangers

**1. The joist-hanger depth (d, as shown in Figure 9) must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ of the joist depth.**

- a. 20 percent
- b. 35 percent
- c. 50 percent
- d. 60 percent

**2. For joist hangers that are fastened to a ledger board, \_\_\_\_\_ by the manufacturer must be used.**

- a. screws which are recommended
- b. nails which are recommended
- c. clamps which are recommended
- d. screws or nails which are recommended

**3. The manufactured width of the joist hanger \_\_\_\_\_ the number of plies being carried.**

- a. can accommodate
- b. may accommodate
- c. must accommodate
- d. is recommended to accommodate

**4. Each joist hanger must have the minimum capacity listed in Table 5.**

- a. True
- b. False

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ hanger flanges to accommodate field conditions.**

- a. Do not bend
- b. You may bend
- c. Alter
- d. None of the above

**6. Joists \_\_\_\_\_ from both sides of the same beam.**

- a. can frame in
- b. may frame in
- c. could frame in
- d. must not frame in

**7. The number of fasteners and the manner in which they are used must be as specified by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. building inspector
- b. manufacturer
- c. homeowner
- d. both a. and b.

**8. For joist hangers that are fastened to a ledger board, screws which are recommended by the lumber yard must be used. All other fasteners are required to be nails.**

- a. True
- b. False

**9. Clip-angles or brackets used to support framing members in lieu of joist hangers \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. are required
- b. are strongly recommended
- c. are prohibited
- d. both a. and b.

**10. Use joist hangers with \_\_\_\_\_ if clearances to the edge of the beam or ledger board dictate.**

- a. inside flanges
- b. outside flanges
- c. floor flanges
- d. both a. and b.

**11. Using Figure 9 – Joist Hangers, which flange is represented in graph A?**

- a. inside flange
- b. outside flange
- c. floor flange
- d. pool flange

**12. Using Table 5 – Joist Hanger Download, what is the minimum download capacity for a 2"x8" joist?**

- a. 500 lbs.
- b. 600 lbs.
- c. 700 lbs.
- d. All of the above

**13. Using Table 5 – Joist Hanger Download, what is the minimum download capacity for a 2"x12" joist?**

- a. 500 lbs.
- b. 600 lbs.
- c. 700 lbs.
- d. All of the above

**14. Using Table 5 – Joist Hanger Download, what is the minimum download capacity for a 2"x10" joist?**

- a. 500 lbs.
- b. 600 lbs.
- c. 700 lbs.
- d. All of the above

**15. Using Figure 9 – Joist Hangers, which flange is represented in graph B?**

- a. inside flange
- b. outside flange
- c. floor flange
- d. pool flange

**Section 8: Ledger Attachments**

**16. The ledger–board depth must be greater than or equal to the depth of the deck joists, but \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. not less than 2"x4"
- b. not less than 2"x6"
- c. not less than 2"x8"
- d. none of the above

**17. Continuous flashing with a drip edge, as shown in \_\_\_\_\_, is required at a ledger board that is attached to wood–framed construction.**

- a. Figure 11
- b. Figure 12
- c. Figure 13
- d. Figure 14

**18. The existing band board on the house must be capable of supporting the deck.**

- a. True
- b. False

**19. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ must be at the same elevation.**

- a. top of the ledger board / bottom of the deck joists
- b. top of the ledger board / top of the deck joists
- c. bottom of the ledger board / bottom of the deck joist
- d. bottom of the ledger board / top of the deck joist

**20. The exterior finish, such as house siding, can be removed in the area for the ledger board after the installation of the ledger board.**

- a. True
- b. False

**21. The ledger board must be attached in accordance with one of the conditions shown in \_\_\_\_\_ - except if metal-plate-connected wood floor trusses were used in the house, see the text for manufactured wood trusses.**

- a. Figures 11 and 12
- b. Figures 12 and 13
- c. Figures 11 through 14
- d. Figures 11 through 13

**22. MPCWT systems that are used in residential floors are often installed with a \_\_\_\_\_ lumber "ribbon" board at the ends of the trusses to tie the ends of the trusses together (see Detail 1 in Appendix C.).**

- a. 2"x4"
- b. 2"x6"
- c. 4"x4"
- d. 2"x8"

**23. Installing a residential deck where the floor for the house uses a MPCWT system must be in accordance with a standard detail provided by the truss designer, a corresponding detail in section 7 of Appendix C, or a full plan submission - unless the deck is free-standing as addressed in section 10.**

- a. True
- b. False

**24. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an engineered, prefabricated structural component that is designed for each specific application.**

- a. manufactured-plate-connected wood truss (MPCWT)
- b. metal-plate-connected wood trim (MPCWT)
- c. metal-plate-connected wood truss (MPCWT)
- d. manufactured-plate-centered wood truss (MPCWT)

**25. Many homes are constructed with wood I-joists, as shown in Figure 10. Rather than utilize a 2x band board, these systems are often constructed with a minimum 1-inch-thick engineered wood product (EWP) band board capable of supporting a deck. If a minimum 1-inch EWP or 2x band board is not present, then a free-standing deck is required, as addressed in section 10.**

- a. True
- b. False

**26. Flashing must be a corrosion-resistant metal having a minimum nominal 0.019-inch thickness - such as galvanized steel coated with \_\_\_\_\_, copper (attached using copper nails only), or stainless steel - or must be a UV-resistant plastic recommended by its manufacturer for this use.**

- a. 1.65 ounces of zinc per square foot (G-165 coating)
- b. 1.85 ounces of zinc per square foot (G-185 coating)
- c. 1.75 ounces of zinc per square foot (G-175 coating)
- d. All of the above

**27. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'C' represents**

- a. deck joist
- b. floor joist
- c. joist hanger
- d. 2x ledger board

**28. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'H' represents**

- a. exterior sheathing
- b. foundation wall
- c. joist hanger
- d. 2x ledger board

**29. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'J' represents**

- a. existing stud wall
- b. remove siding at ledger prior to installation
- c. existing 2x or 1" minimum EWP band board
- d. 1/2 "diameter lag screws or through-bolts

**30. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'E' represents**

- a. deck joist
- b. floor joist
- c. joist hanger
- d. 2x ledger board

**31. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'B' represents**

- a. exterior sheathing
- b. foundation wall
- c. joist hanger
- d. 2x ledger board

**32. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'G' represents**

- a. existing stud wall
- b. remove siding at ledger prior to installation
- c. existing 2x or 1" minimum EWP band board
- d. 1/2 "diameter lag screws or through-bolts

**33. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'K' represents**

- a. deck joist
- b. floor joist
- c. joist hanger
- d. 2x ledger board

**34. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'I' represents**

- a. existing stud wall
- b. remove siding at ledger prior to installation
- c. existing 2x or 1" minimum EWP band board
- d. 1/2 "diameter lag screws or through-bolts

**35. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'D' represents**

- a. existing stud wall
- b. remove siding at ledger prior to installation
- c. existing 2x or 1" minimum EWP band board
- d. 1/2 "diameter lag screws or through-bolts

**36. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'A' represents**

- a. existing stud wall
- b. foundation wall
- c. 2x ledger board
- d. exterior sheathing

**37. Using Figure 11 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Band Board or Band Joist, the letter 'F' represents**

- a. 1/2 "diameter lag screws or through-bolts
- b. remove siding at ledger prior to installation
- c. existing 2x or 1" minimum EWP band board
- d. continuous flashing with drip edge

**38. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'joist hanger' is represented by the letter**

- a. B
- b. C
- c. D
- d. E

**39. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'concrete or solid masonry wall' is represented by the letter**

- a. H
- b. G
- c. F
- d. E

**40. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'to resist corrosion and decay, this area should be caulked' is represented by the letter**

- a. D
- b. C
- c. B
- d. A

**41. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'deck joist' is represented by the letter**

- a. B
- b. C
- c. D
- d. E

**42. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'embedment distance per manufacturer' is represented by the letter**

- a. H
- b. G
- c. F
- d. E

**43. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the '1/2 "diameter expansion anchors with washers' is represented by the letter**

- a. B
- b. C
- c. D
- d. E

**44. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the 'edge distance per manufacturer' is represented by the letter**

- a. H
- b. G
- c. F
- d. E

**45. Using Figure 12 - Attachment of Ledger Board Solid Foundation, the '2x ledger board' is represented by the letter**

- a. B
- b. C
- c. D
- d. E

**46. Attaching a ledger board to or through an exterior veneer such as \_\_\_\_\_, or to or through a \_\_\_\_\_, or to a \_\_\_\_\_ - as shown in Figure 14 - are prohibited. In such cases, the deck must be free-standing, as addressed in section 10. Attaching a ledger board to a house overhang is allowed if supported by engineering.**

- a. brick or stone
- b. masonry chimney
- c. house overhang
- d. All of the above

**47. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the 'hollow masonry wall' is represented by the letter**

- a. I
- b. H
- c. G
- d. F

**48. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the '8" block wall - minimum' is represented by the letter**

- a. D
- b. E
- c. F
- d. G

**49. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the 'edge distance per manufacturer' is represented by the letter**

- a. I
- b. H
- c. G
- d. F

**50. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the '1/2" diameter approved adhesive anchors with washers' is represented by the letter**

- a. D
- b. C
- c. B
- d. A

**51. Attaching a ledger board to a house overhang is allowed if supported by engineering.**

- a. True
- b. False

**52. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the 'embedment distance per manufacturer' is represented by the letter**

- a. G
- b. C
- c. E
- d. A

**53. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the 'to resist corrosion and decay, this area should be caulked' is represented by the letter**

- a. G
- b. C
- c. E
- d. A

**54. Using Figure 13 - Attachment of Ledger Board to Hollow Foundation, the '2x ledger board' is represented by the letter**

- a. D
- b. E
- c. F
- d. G

## **Section 9: Ledger-Board Fasteners**

**55. Lead anchors are prohibited.**

- a. True
- b. False

**56. Adequacy of connections must be verified with an engineer.**

- a. True
- b. False

**57. Using Figure 15 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing and Clearances, the letter 'D' represents**

- a. lag screw
- b. thru-bolt
- c. anchor with washer
- d. All of the above

**58. Using Figure 15 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing and Clearances, the letter 'A' represents**

- a. 2" max
- b. 2" min
- c. 5" max
- d. 5" min

**59. Using Figure 15 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing and Clearances, the letter 'G' represents**

- a. staggered fasteners in 2 rows
- b. 2" min
- c. 5" max
- d. 3/4" min

**60. Using Figure 15 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing and Clearances, the letter 'F' represents**

- a. 5.5" min for 2x8\*
- b. 6.5" min. for 2x10
- c. 7.5" min. for 2x12
- d. All of the above

**61. Using Table 6 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing, on Center 1 2 3 and the notes: The thickness of the sheathing over the band board \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. must not exceed 10/26"
- b. must not exceed 12/28"
- c. must not exceed 15/32"
- d. may exceed 16/34"

**62. Pilot holes for through-bolts must be 17/32 to 9/16 inches in diameter.**

- a. True
- b. False

**63. Expansion or adhesive anchors must be used for attaching a ledger board to a concrete or solid masonry wall, as shown in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Figure 11
- b. Figure 12
- c. Figure 13
- d. Figure 14

**64. Bolts should be tightened \_\_\_\_\_ after construction due to drying and wood shrinkage.**

- a. 6 to 12 months
- b. 4 to 10 months
- b. 2 to 6 months
- d. within 1 month

**65. Using Table 6 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing, on Center 1 2 3 and the notes: Where solid-sawn pressure-preserved-treated deck ledgers are attached to engineered wood products (\_\_\_\_\_ or structural composite lumber including laminated veneer lumber), the ledger attachment must be designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice. These tabulated values are in accordance with that practice and are based on 300 lbs and 350 lbs for 1" and 1 1/8" EWP rim board, respectively.**

- a. maximum 1" thick wood structural panel band joist
- b. minimum 1" thick wood structural panel band joist
- c. recommended 1" thick wood structural panel band joist
- d. Any of the above

**66. Approved adhesive anchors with a 1/2 inch-diameter threaded rod must be used for attaching a ledger board to hollow masonry, as shown in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Figure 11
- b. Figure 12
- c. Figure 13
- d. Figure 14

**67. Using Table 6 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing, on Center 1 2 3 and the notes: The minimum gap between the face of the ledger board and face of the wall sheathing is 1.**

- a. True
- b. False

**68. The values in Table 6 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing, on Center 1 2 3 and the notes: These Values are valid for deck ledgers consisting of \_\_\_\_\_, hem/fir, or southern pine; and for band boards consisting of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, spruce-pine-fir, southern pine, or \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. douglas fir/larch
- b. hem-fir
- c. engineered wood product (EWP)
- d. All of the above

**69. Using Table 6 - Ledger Board Fastener Spacing, on Center 1 2 3 and the notes: Wood \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ is permitted between the ledger board and the band board.**

- a. foam sheeting
- b. gypsum board sheathing
- c. structural panel sheathing
- d. All of the above

**70. Adhesive anchors must be installed in accordance with the \_\_\_\_\_ and must be equipped with washers. Adhesive cartridges should remain on the jobsite for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. inspector's approval/ proper verification
- b. manufacturer's instructions/ inspector verification
- c. homeowner's instructions/ inspector verification
- d. manufacturer's instructions / DNR hazardous waste disposal verification.

**71. The \_\_\_\_\_ of lag screws must comply with Figure 16.**

- a. shank
- b. diameter
- c. length
- d. All of the above

**72. Tighten each lag screw snugly, but do not over-tighten so as to cause wood damage.**

- a. True
- b. False

**73. Insert the lag screw through the ledger board and into the pilot hole by turning. \_\_\_\_\_ with a hammer.**

- a. You may drive
- b. You can drive
- c. Do not drive
- d. Both a. and b.

**74. Do not use soap or a wood-compatible lubricant if needed to facilitate tightening.**

- a. True
- b. False

## Section 10: Free-Standing Decks

**75. If the edge of a deck footing is closer than 5 feet to an existing exterior house wall, the footing \_\_\_\_\_ as the existing wall footing as shown in Figure 17.**

- a. must bear at the same elevation
- b. can bear at the same elevation
- c. may bear at the same elevation
- d. is recommended to bear at the same elevation

**76. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'A' represents:**

- a. diagonal bracing
- b. joist overhang
- c. 2x blocking or rim joist
- d. rim joist

**77. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'C' represents:**

- a. existing house foundation wall
- b. beam, post
- c. when less than 5', footings must be at same elevation as existing house footing
- d. 2x blocking or rim joist

**78. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'E' represents:**

- a. rim joist
- b. joist
- c. beam, post
- d. joist overhang

**79. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'G' represents:**

- a. diagonal bracing
- b. joist overhang
- c. 2x blocking or rim joist
- d. rim joist

**80. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. existing house foundation wall
- b. beam, post
- c. when less than 5', footings must be at same elevation as existing house footing
- d. 2x blocking or rim joist

**81. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'H' represents:**

- a. rim joist
- b. joist
- c. beam, post
- d. joist overhang

**82. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'B' represents:**

- a. diagonal bracing
- b. joist overhang
- c. 2x blocking or rim joist
- d. rim joist

**83. Using Figure 17 - Free-Standing Deck, the letter 'F' represents:**

- a. diagonal bracing
- b. joist overhang
- c. joist
- d. rim joist

## Section 11: Lateral Support

**84. A deck that is more than 24 inches above grade must resist lateral loads in accordance with the following: Diagonal Bracing. Provide diagonal bracing both parallel and perpendicular to the beam at each post as shown in \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- a. Figure 18
- b. Figure 19
- c. Figure 20
- d. Figure 21

**85. A deck that is more than 24 inches above grade must resist lateral loads in accordance with the following: Where perpendicular to the beam, the bracing \_\_\_\_\_ to the post at one end and to a joist or blocking between joists at the other.**

- a. can be bolted
- b. must be bolted
- c. should be bolted
- d. is recommended to be bolted

**86. A deck that is more than 24 inches above grade must resist lateral loads in accordance with the following: Bracing is required perpendicular to the house for a deck that is not attached to the house with a ledger board under either section 8 or 9 and the connection specified in either Figure 19 or 20.**

- a. True
- b. False

**87. A deck that is more than 24 inches above grade must resist lateral loads in accordance with the following: All bracing may be omitted for a deck which is attached to the house in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_ and which has all of its decking installed at a 45 degree angle to the deck joists.**

- a. section 8
- b. section 9
- c. Figure 21
- d. All of the above

**88. A deck that is more than 24 inches above grade must resist lateral loads in accordance with the following: Where a joist does not align with the bracing location, provide blocking between the adjacent joists.**

- a. True
- b. False

**89. Using Figure 18 - Diagonal Bracing Requirements, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. joist and post locations
- b. provide blocking when joists do not align with posts
- c. beam
- d. (1) 3/8" diameter thru-bolt with washers, typical

**90. Using Figure 18 - Diagonal Bracing Requirements, the letter 'E' represents:**

- a. joist and post locations
- b. provide blocking when joists do not align with posts
- c. 14'-0" maximum
- d. (1) 3/8" diameter thru-bolt with washers, typical

**91. Using Figure 18 - Diagonal Bracing Requirements, the letter 'G' represents:**

- a. joist at post locations
- b. provide blocking when joists do not align with posts
- c. beam
- d. (1) 3/8" diameter thru-bolt with washers, typical

**92. Using Figure 18 - Diagonal Bracing Requirements, the letter 'A' represents:**

- a. joist and post locations
- b. provide blocking when joists do not align with posts
- c. beam
- d. (1) 3/8" diameter thru-bolt with washers, typical

**93. Using Figure 19 - Tension-Tie Connection, with Ledger Board, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. tension-tie fastened per manufacturer
- b. install tension-tie to underside of outside and first inside joists on each side of deck
- c. end joist or first inside joist
- d. floor joists parallel to deck joists

**94. Using Figure 19 - Tension-Tie Connection, with Ledger Board, the letter 'A' represents:**

- a. tension-tie fastened per manufacturer
- b. install tension-tie to underside of outside and first inside joists on each side of deck
- c. end joist or first inside joist
- d. floor joists parallel to deck joists

**95. Using Figure 19 - Tension-Tie Connection, with Ledger Board, the letter 'E' represents:**

- a. 1/2" lag screw
- b. install tension-tie to underside of outside and first inside joists on each side of deck
- c. end joist or first inside joist
- d. floor joists parallel to deck joists

**96. Using Figure 19 - Tension-Tie Connection, with Ledger Board, the letter 'C' represents:**

- a. tension-tie fastened per manufacturer
- b. end joist or first inside joist
- c. 1/2" lag screw
- d. floor joists parallel to deck joists

**97. Tension ties, if used instead of perpendicular bracing as described above, must comply with all of the following, but are not permitted for free-standing decks: The maximum capacity of each tension-tie is 650 pounds.**

- a. True
- b. False

**98. Tension ties, if used instead of perpendicular bracing as described above, must comply with all of the following, but are not permitted for free-standing decks: Lag screws must penetrate a \_\_\_\_\_ into the sill plate or top plate of a wood-framed wall.**

- a. minimum of 3 inches
- b. minimum of 4 inches
- c. maximum of 3 inches
- d. maximum of 4 inches

**99. Hold-down tension devices. Hold-down tension devices, if used instead of perpendicular bracing as described in Figure 20, must be provided in \_\_\_\_\_, and each device must have an allowable-stress-design capacity of at least \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. at least 2 locations per deck/ 1,200 pounds
- b. at least 2 locations per deck/ 1,500 pounds
- c. no more than 2 locations per deck/ 1,700 pounds
- d. no more than 4 locations per deck/ 1,000 pounds

**100. Free-standing deck - attachment to house. Do not attach to brick veneers. Verify this condition in the field prior to utilizing this method. Fasteners must be 16 inches on center and staggered in 2 rows. Flashing over the rim joist is required and must be installed in accordance with the flashing provisions in section 8.**

- a. True
- b. False

**101. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'A' stands for:**

- a. exterior sheathing min. thickness =3/8"
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. fasteners @ 16" o.c. staggered
- d. continuous flashing extending past rim joist fasteners

**102. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'G' stands for:**

- a. rim joist
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. remove siding at rim joist location prior to installation
- d. beam & post

**103. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'C' stands for:**

- a. fasteners @ 16" o.c. staggered
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. beam & post
- d. continuous flashing extending past rim joist fasteners

**104. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'F' stands for:**

- a. exterior sheathing min. thickness =3/8"
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. fasteners @ 16" o.c. staggered
- d. continuous flashing extending past rim joist fasteners

**105. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'B' stands for:**

- a. exterior sheathing min. thickness =3/8"
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. fasteners @ 16" o.c. staggered
- d. continuous flashing extending past rim joist fasteners

**106. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'D' stands for:**

- a. fasteners @ 16" o.c. staggered
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. beam & post
- d. continuous flashing extending past rim joist fasteners

**107. Using Figure 21 - Attachment of Free-Standing Deck to House for Lateral Support, the letter 'E' stands for:**

- a. rim joist
- b. existing wall stud, band joist or concrete or masonry foundation wall
- c. remove siding at rim joist location prior to installation
- d. beam & post

**Section 12: Decking**

**108. Decking may overhang a joist by \_\_\_\_\_ unless disallowed in the manufacturer's instructions.**

- a. up to 1 inches
- b. up to 2 inches
- c. up to 3 inches
- d. up to 4 inches

**109. Each wood decking member must bear on a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ or intermediate blocking between joists.**

- a. 2 joists
- b. 3 joists
- c. 4 joists
- d. None of the above

**110. Wood decking must be \_\_\_\_\_ decking boards.**

- a. 2x4s
- b. 2x6s
- c. five-quarter span-rated
- d. All of the above

**111. Plastic decking may be used if it is approved by a professional testing organization for supporting a live load of \_\_\_\_\_ and is installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.**

- a. 40 psf
- b. 30 psf
- c. 20 psf
- d. Any of the above

**112. Using Figure 22 - Typical Decking, the '1/8" typical gap after drying' is represented by the letter:**

- a. D
- b. C
- c. B
- d. A

**113. The center-to-center joist spacing may \_\_\_\_\_ for wood decking, \_\_\_\_\_ for wood-plastic-composite decking unless specified otherwise by the manufacturer.**

- a. may be up to 24 inches/ may not exceed 20 inches
- b. may be up to 20 inches/ may not exceed 24 inches
- c. may be up to 20 inches/ may not exceed 16 inches
- d. may be up to 24 inches/ may not exceed 16 inches

**114. Using Figure 22 - Typical Decking, the '(2) 8d nails or (2) #8 screws at each post' is represented by the letter:**

- a. D
- b. C
- c. B
- d. A

**115. Using Figure 23 - Rim Joist Connection, the 'attach rim joist to end of each joist with (3) 10d threaded nails or (3) #10x3" minimum wood screw' is represented by the letter:**

- a. C
- b. D
- c. E
- d. F

### **Section 13: Guard and Posts**

**116. The guard and posts must withstand a \_\_\_\_\_ applied in any direction.**

- a. 100 - pound load
- b. 150 - pound load
- c. 175 - pound load
- d. 200 - pound load

**117. Required horizontal guards shall not have openings from the walking surface to the required guard height which allow passage of \_\_\_\_\_, when applying a force of 4 pounds.**

- a. a sphere 4 inches in diameter
- b. a sphere 4.5 inches in diameter
- c. a sphere 5 inches in diameter
- d. a sphere 5.5 inches in diameter

**118. Wet lumber must be spaced such that when shrinkage due to drying occurs, a compliant opening is maintained.**

- a. True
- b. False

**119. Guard-infill components, such as balusters and panel fillers, must withstand a horizontally applied, perpendicular load of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. 25 pounds on any one-foot-square area
- b. 30 pounds on any one-foot-square area
- c. 40 pounds on any one-foot-square area
- d. 50 pounds on any one-foot-square area

**120. Rope, cable, or a similar non-rigid material must be used instead of balusters if it is strung with minimum openings of 3 1/2 inches and with vertical supports no more than 5 feet apart.**

- a. True
- b. False

**121. Wood-plastic composites of equivalent dimensions may be substituted for the guard cap and infill elements shown in Figure 24 if the manufacturer's instructions permit this use.**

- a. True
- b. False

**122. Using figure 24 - Guards, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. 36" minimum
- b. 2" min. top and bottom
- c. 6' maximum
- d. (2) 1/2" diameter through bolts and washers

**123. Using figure 24 - Guards, the letter 'B' represents:**

- a. 36" minimum
- b. 2" min. top and bottom
- c. 6' maximum
- d. (2) 1/2" diameter through bolts and washers

**124. Using figure 24 - Guards, the letter 'F' represents:**

- a. 2x4 rail runners fastened to guard post with (2) 8d nails or (2) #8 wood screws
- b. 2" min. top and bottom
- c. attach baluster to rail runners with (1) #8 wood screws or (2) 8d nails
- d. (2) 1/2" diameter through bolts and washers

**125. Using figure 24 - Guards, the letter 'I' represents:**

- a. 36" minimum
- b. 2" min. top and bottom
- c. 6' maximum
- d. 2x2 baluster

**126. Notching guard posts, as shown in Figure 25, is prohibited.**

- a. True
- b. False

**127. Bolt holes for a post must be at least 2 inches from the wood edge, at least 2 1/2 inches apart, and no more than 5 inches apart.**

- a. True
- b. False

**128. Using Figure 26 - Guard Post to End Joist, the letter 'E' represents:**

- a. hold-down anchors
- b. fasteners and attachment per hold-down manufacturer
- c. at first interior bay, provide full-depth 2x blocking at guardpost; toenail with 10d nails top and bottom, each side
- d. end joist

**129. Using Figure 26 - Guard Post to Rim Joist, the letter 'B' represents:**

- a. hold-down anchors
- b. guard post
- c. post aligned at joist
- d. end joist

**130. Using Figure 26 - Guard Post to End Joist, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. hold-down anchors
- b. fasteners and attachment per hold-down manufacturer
- c. at first interior bay, provide full-depth 2x blocking at guardpost; toenail with 10d nails top and bottom, each side
- d. end joist

**131. Using Figure 26 - Guard Post to End Joist, the letter 'A' represents:**

- a. hold-down anchors
- b. fasteners and attachment per hold-down manufacturer
- c. at first interior bay, provide full-depth 2x blocking at guardpost; toenail with 10d nails top and bottom, each side
- d. end joist

**132. Using Figure 26 - Guard Post to Rim Joist, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. hold-down anchors, fastener per manufacturer
- b. guard post
- c. post aligned at joist
- d. end joist

## **Section 14: Stairs**

**133. Stair Dimensions: The minimum width of a stairway is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. 35 inches
- b. 36 inches
- c. 38 inches
- d. 40 inches

**134. Stair Dimensions: Any landing width should equal, but not exceed the total width of the stairway it serves.**

- a. True
- b. False

**135. Stair Dimensions: The minimum clear width at and below the handrail, including at treads and landings, \_\_\_\_\_ where a handrail is installed on one side, and 27 inches where handrails are provided on both sides.**

- a. cannot be more than 28 1/2 inches
- b. cannot be less than 30 inches
- c. cannot be less than 31 1/2 inches
- d. cannot be more than 32 inches

**136. Stair Dimensions: If the total vertical height of a stairway exceeds \_\_\_\_\_, an intermediate landing is required and must be constructed as a free-standing deck with flush beams and with posts.**

- a. 9 feet
- b. 10 feet
- c. 11 feet
- d. 12 feet

**137. Stair Dimensions: Within a stairway flight, the largest tread depth may not exceed the smallest tread depth by more than \_\_\_\_\_, and the largest riser height may not exceed the smallest riser height by more than \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. 3/8 inch / 3/8 inch
- b. 1/2 inch / 3/8 inch
- c. 3/8 inch / 1/2 inch
- d. 1/2 inch / 1/2 inch

**138. Stair Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ may project a maximum of 4 1/2 inches into the required width at each side of the stairway.**

- a. handrails
- b. associated trim
- c. both a. and b.
- d. none of the above

**139. Stair Dimensions:** The minimum clear width at and below the handrail, including at treads and landings, cannot be less than 31 1/2 inches where a handrail is installed on one side, and \_\_\_\_\_ where handrails are provided on both sides.

- a. 24 inches
- b. 25 inches
- c. 26 inches
- d. 27 inches

**140. Using Figure 27 - Treads and Risers, the letter 'A' is represents:**

- a. 4" diameter sphere shall not pass
- b. 9" min. tread
- c. 8" max. riser
- d. riser

**141. Using Figure 27 - Treads and Risers, the letter 'B' is represents:**

- a. tread
- b. 9" min. tread
- c. 8" min. riser
- d. riser

**142. Using Figure 27 - Treads and Risers, the letter 'D' is represents:**

- a. tread
- b. 9" min. tread
- c. 8" min. riser
- d. 4" diameter sphere shall not pass

**143. Solid-stringer exception:** Stringers for a stairway that has a width of 40 inches may have a horizontally projected span of up to 14 feet if the stairway is framed solely with 2 solid stringers.

- a. True
- b. False

**144. Stair Stringers:** Cut stringers must be spaced no more than \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. 16 inches on center
- b. 17 inches on center
- c. 18 inches on center
- d. None of the above

**145. Stair Stringers:** Stringer-span length is measured using the horizontally projected distance between the centerlines of bearing at each end.

- a. True
- b. False

**146. The span length of a cut stringer must not exceed \_\_\_\_\_, and the throat size of cut stringers must not be less than \_\_\_\_\_, as shown in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. 6' 0" / 5 inches / Figure 29
- b. 5'12" / 5 inches / Figure 28
- c. 6'0" / 3 inches / Figure 29
- d. 5'10" / 3 inches / Figure 28

**147. Intermediate-supported stringers:** If the total stringer length exceeds the above dimensions, a \_\_\_\_\_ may be provided to support the stringer and shorten its span length.

- a. 2"x2" post
- b. 4"x4" post
- c. 6"x6" post
- d. 8"x8" post

**148. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'J' represents:**

- a. sloped joist hanger
- b. beam or outside joist
- c. landing
- d. deck or landing structure

**149. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'E' represents:**

- a. 2x ledger; attach to beam or joist with (3) 16d nails at each stringer location
- b. beam or outside joist
- c. toe nail to ledger with (3) 8d nails
- d. deck or landing structure

**150. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'G' represents:**

- a. sloped joist hanger
- b. beam or outside joist
- c. lower bearing at landing
- d. upper bearing at deck or landing

**151. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'C' represents:**

- a. 2x ledger; attach to beam or joist with (3) 16d nails at each stringer location
- b. beam or outside joist
- c. toe nail to ledger with (3) 8d nails
- d. deck or landing structure

**152. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. 2" min.
- b. 3" min.
- c. landing structure
- d. deck or landing structure

**153. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'Q' represents:**

- a. Lower Bearing at Footing
- b. Lower Bearing at Landing
- c. Lower Bearing at Footing - Frost Protected
- d. Upper Bearing at Deck or Landing

**154. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'L' represents:**

- a. 8" square or 10" round x 48" deep footing required
- b. 12" x 3 3/8" octagonal or 10" x 3 1/2" round precast concrete pad
- c. landing structure
- d. deck or landing structure

**155. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing (Upper Bearing at Deck or Landing), the letter 'K' represents:**

- a. beam or outside joist
- b. deck or landing structure
- c. landing structure
- d. sloped joist hanger

**156. Using Figure 28 - Stringer Bearing (Lower Bearing at Footing), the letter 'H' represents:**

- a. 8" square or 10" round x 48" deep footing required
- b. 12" x 3 3/8" octagonal or 10" x 3 1/2" round precast concrete pad
- c. 2x ledger; attach to beam or joist with (3) 16d nails at each stringer location
- d. toe nail to ledger with (3) 8d nails

**157. Using Figure 29 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'F' represents:**

- a. 6" minimum
- b. frost depth
- c. 10"x10" square or 12" dia. Footing
- d. 4x4 post

**158. Using Figure 29 - Stringer Bearing, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. 6" minimum
- b. frost depth
- c. 10"x10" square or 12" dia. Footing
- d. 4x4 post

**159. Stairs constructed using the solid-stringer exception noted above must have treads constructed of 2x wood material only and be attached in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Figure 29
- b. Figure 30
- c. Figure 31
- d. Figure 32

**160. Using Figure 30 - Stringer Span Length , the letter 'I' represents:**

- a. 6" minimum
- b. 6" maximum
- c. 13'-3" maximum
- d. 5" minimum throat

**161. Using Figure 31 - Stairway Treads, the letter "E" represents:**

- a. stringer
- b. treads: 2x \_ or 5/4 board
- c. 2x4 ledger, each side, full depth of tread; attach with (4)10d threaded nails or (4)#8 wood screws  $\geq$  3" long
- d. 36" max

**162. Using Table 7 - Minimum Tread Sizes1 and Notes, Douglas Fir/Larch, Hem/Fir, SPF2 need a \_\_\_\_\_ Solid Stringer.**

- a.2x4
- b. 2x8
- c. 3x4
- d. both b. and c.

**163. Using Figure 31 - Stairway Treads, the letter "B" represents:**

- a. stringer
- b. treads: 2x \_ or 5/4 board
- c. 18" max
- d. 36" max

**164. Stair handrails: The handrail must be located at least \_\_\_\_\_, but no more than \_\_\_\_\_ above the nosing of the treads - except that a volute, turnout, starting easing, or transition fitting may depart from these dimensions. Measurement must be taken from the nosing to the top of the rail.**

- a. 30 inches / 38 inches
- b. 28 inches/ 40 inches
- c. 30 inches/ 40 inches
- d. 28 inches / 38 inches

**165. Using Figure 32 - Stair Guards, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. 30" (measured from nosing of step to top of stair guard)
- b. provide blocking between stair stringers at guard post locations; toe nail with (2)10d nails each side
- c. triangular opening shall not permit the passage of a 6" diameter sphere
- d. 6' maximum

**166. The handrail and connecting hardware must be decay- and corrosion-resistant.**

- a. True
- b. False

**167. The handrail can be attached to an interior wall acting as a barrier as shown in Figure 33.**

- a. True
- b. False

**168. Using Figure 32 - Stair Guards, the letter 'A' represents:**

- a. 30" (measured from nosing of step to top of stair guard)
- b. provide blocking between stair stringers at guard post locations; toe nail with (2)10d nails each side
- c. triangular opening shall not permit the passage of a 6" diameter sphere
- d. 6' maximum

**169. Using Figure 33 - Stair Handrails, the letter 'H' represents:**

- a. 34"-38" to nosing of stairs
- b. guard post or wall
- c. 2x blocking
- d. corrosion-resistant handrail hardware

**170. Spiral stairs are allowed at decks when designed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter SPS 321.04.**

- a. True
- b. False

**171. Using Figure 33 - Stair Handrails, the letter 'D' represents:**

- a. 34"-38" to nosing of stairs
- b. guard post or wall
- c. 2x blocking
- d. corrosion-resistant handrail hardware

**172. The handrail must have a smooth surface with no sharp corners and must be graspable, as shown in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Figure 32
- b. Figure 33
- c. Figure 34
- d. Figure 35

**173. Using Figure 33 - Stair Handrails, the letter 'G' represents:**

- a. 34"-38" to nosing of stairs
- b. guard post or wall
- c. 2x blocking
- d. corrosion-resistant handrail hardware

## **Section 15: Framing Plan**

**174. A typical framing plan shows a bird's-eye or plan view of the joist and beam layout; the location of the ledger board, diagonal bracing or hold-down devices, posts, and footings; and the type, size, and spacing of the ledger board fasteners.**

- a. True
- b. False

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**175. Using Table C-2 - Maximum Joist-Span Length1 for Redwood, Western Cedars, Ponderosa Pine2, and Red Pine2, a 16" joist spacing on center with a 2x8 joist size requires a maximum \_\_\_\_\_ joist span length (without overhang).**

- a. 7'-8"
- b. 10'-7"
- c. 13'-0"
- d. 15'-1"

**176. Framing around a chimney or bay window: All members at a chimney or bay window must be framed in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Figure C-1
- b. Figure C-2
- c. Figure C-3
- d. Figure C-4

**177. Framing around a chimney or bay window: Plan \_\_\_\_\_ is required for headers with a span length greater than 6'-0".**

- a. submittal
- b. approval
- c. both a. and b.
- d. None of the above

**178. Framing around a chimney or bay window: Joist hangers must each have a minimum download capacity in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Table C-1
- b. Table C-2
- c. Table C-3
- d. Table C-4

**179. Framing Around a Chimney or Bay Window:**  
**Triple trimmer joists are \_\_\_\_\_ on each side of the header if joist spacing is 12" or 16" on center or if the trimmer joist span exceeds 8'-6"; otherwise, double trimmer joists are \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. permitted/ permitted
- b. required/ permitted
- c. required/ required
- d. permitted/ required

**180. Using Table C-3 - Trimmer Joist Hanger Download Capacity, the minimum capacity, lbs. for a 2x8 joist size is:**

- a. 1500
- b. 1380
- c. 1225
- d. 1050



