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QUESTION 1

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Before installing a wood floor over a plywood subfloor in a residential setting, which two conditions must the installer verify? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** The plywood subfloor is securely fastened and free of movement or squeaks
- ☒ **B** The subfloor moisture content is within the flooring manufacturer's recommended range
- ☐ **C** The subfloor is painted with a latex primer
- ☐ **D** The subfloor has been sealed with a polyurethane topcoat

ANSWER A • B

WHY Secure fastening eliminates movement that would telegraph through the new wood floor, and moisture testing protects against cupping, crowning, and adhesive failure. Primer and polyurethane coatings are not standard subfloor preparation steps for a wood installation.

QUESTION 2

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which two statements about acclimating solid hardwood flooring on site are correct? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Acclimation allows the flooring to adjust to the interior temperature and humidity of the home
- ☐ **B** Acclimation is required for all flooring products regardless of manufacturer guidance
- ☒ **C** Stacked boards should be cross-stacked or spaced to allow air circulation around each board
- ☐ **D** Acclimation can be skipped if the subfloor has been recently dry-mopped

ANSWER A • C

WHY Acclimation brings the wood to equilibrium with the interior environment and requires air movement around the boards, typically achieved by cross-stacking. Not every product requires acclimation — some engineered products are warrantied without it — and dry-mopping the subfloor does not substitute for proper acclimation.

QUESTION 3 SINGLE CHOICE

What is the maximum allowable variation in a wood subfloor over 10 feet for most residential hardwood and laminate installations?

- ☐ A 1/8 inch
- ☐ B 1/4 inch
- ☒ C 3/8 inch
- ☐ D 1/2 inch

ANSWER C

WHY Most flooring manufacturers specify that the subfloor must be flat to within 3/8 inch over 10 feet, or 1/4 inch over 6 feet. Greater variation requires grinding, patching, or installing a leveling underlayment before the new floor is laid.

QUESTION 4 SINGLE CHOICE

Which fastener is most commonly specified for installing 3/4-inch solid tongue-and-groove hardwood strip flooring over a plywood subfloor on 16-inch on-center joists?

- ☒ A 1-1/2 inch staples
- ☐ B 2-1/2 inch common nails driven through the face
- ☐ C 6d finish nails set and filled
- ☐ D Drywall screws countersunk below the surface

ANSWER A

WHY 1-1/2 inch (or longer) staples or cleats are the standard fastener for 3/4-inch solid strip flooring over plywood, providing adequate penetration without over-driving. Face-nailing is reserved for the first and last rows, finish nails are too short, and drywall screws are not approved for hardwood fastening.

QUESTION 5

SINGLE CHOICE

When installing a floating laminate floor over a concrete slab on grade, what is the correct sequence of layers directly under the flooring?

- ☐ A Foam underlayment only
- ☒ B 6 mil polyethylene vapor barrier directly on the slab, then foam underlayment, then the floor
- ☐ C Roofing felt directly on the slab, then the floor
- ☐ D Plywood sheathing nailed to the slab, then the floor

ANSWER B

WHY On a concrete slab, moisture protection is required: a 6 mil polyethylene sheet (or equivalent vapor barrier) goes on the slab first, followed by the foam underlayment, and then the floating floor. Roofing felt is not an approved vapor barrier for this application, and plywood cannot be nailed to a concrete slab.

QUESTION 6

SINGLE CHOICE

Which type of adhesive is generally required to install vinyl composition tile (VCT) in a residential basement area?

- ☒ A Pressure-sensitive multi-purpose floor covering adhesive
- ☐ B Solvent-based contact cement
- ☐ C Construction adhesive
- ☐ D All-purpose latex wall adhesive

ANSWER A

WHY VCT is installed with a pressure-sensitive, multi-purpose floor covering adhesive applied with a notched trowel and allowed to tack up before the tile is set. Contact cement, construction adhesive, and latex wall adhesive are not appropriate for VCT and will cause bond failure or telegraphing.

QUESTION 7

SINGLE CHOICE

During floor sanding and finishing in an occupied residence, which measure is required to protect occupants from fumes and fire risk?

- ☐ A Open all windows and doors and run a fan continuously during finishing
- ☒ B Post no-smoking signs, isolate the work area from ignition sources, and provide ventilation per the finish manufacturer's MSDS
- ☐ C Have occupants remain in the home with bedroom doors closed
- ☐ D Use only water-based finishes to eliminate the need for any ventilation

ANSWER B

WHY Solvent-based and even many water-based finishes release vapors that require controlled ventilation, and their flammability requires ignition sources to be kept away from the work area, with no-smoking signage posted. Even water-based finishes require some ventilation, and occupants should not remain in an active finishing area.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

A residential installer discovers evidence of an active wood-destroying insect infestation in the subfloor during floor covering removal. What is the appropriate next step before proceeding?

- ☐ A Cover the infestation with underlayment and continue installation
- ☐ B Treat the area with bleach and proceed
- ☒ C Stop work and notify the homeowner so the infestation can be evaluated and treated by a licensed pest control professional
- ☐ D Sand the subfloor smooth and install new flooring over the affected area

ANSWER C

WHY Active infestations of termites, carpenter ants, or powderpost beetles must be addressed before new flooring is installed, and treatment is outside the scope of a flooring contractor's license. Covering, bleaching, or sanding over the area does not eliminate the infestation and can void product warranties.

QUESTION 9

SINGLE CHOICE

When installing ceramic tile over a wood subfloor in a residential bathroom, what is the primary purpose of a cementitious backer board underlayment?

- ☒ **A** To provide a stable, moisture-resistant substrate that the thinset can bond to
- ☐ **B** To insulate the floor against heat loss
- ☐ **C** To add structural load-bearing capacity to the subfloor
- ☐ **D** To replace the need for a mortar bed

ANSWER A

WHY Cementitious backer board (such as Durock or Wonderboard) gives the tile a dimensionally stable, moisture-resistant surface that thinset mortar adheres to well. It does not insulate, does not add meaningful structural capacity, and does not substitute for a traditional mortar bed in larger installations.