

IRPM Part I Exam

100 Multiple Choice Questions – more time than it sounds – very rare for anybody to run out of time.

Check the time as you go though – after 15 mins 25 questions etc.

Pass Mark 70% - sounds high but there is a high percentage pass rate (c 75-80%)

Every question has 4 possible answers: a,b,c or d

ONLY 1 right answer per question

So ensure you answer EVERY question.

Technique:

Read Question carefully

Read ALL FOUR answers (even if you think you know the right answer reading all 4 can throw up a 'more correct' answer or refresh your knowledge)

If you know the answer circle and move on

If not try and eliminate wrong answers

Worst case scenario – educated guess

Questions

The answer to EVERY question is in the Open Learning Course (OLC) in Block and Estate Management.

Make sure you have a copy. Either online version at www.leaseholdlearning.co.uk or if you have a printed copy ensure it is 2nd Edition – check the footer says 2007. First edition was much much thinner – so no good to you!

Every question has been written by somebody reading a sentence in the OLC, turning it on its head to form the answer then trying to come up with three wrong answers.

Finding 3 credible wrong answers is not easy!

Hence some questions appear easy / obvious – that does not mean the obvious is not right.

And if an answer seems implausible or silly then it probably is. So if you need to guess do so in a educated manner.

If you do not know the answer to a particular question leave and come back at the end – but flag which ones you have left – you don't want to be searching the whole paper at the end AND you do not want to leave ANY questions unanswered.

There is NO intention to trick or to make questions overly sophisticated. If you believe the questions is AMBIGUOUS or there is potentially more than ONE RIGHT answer – mark the answer you consider to be 'MOST RIGHT'.

Learning

Every question comes directly from the OLC.

There are 3 major sections to the OLC: Legal, Financial & Land and Buildings – there will be 20 questions taken from each of these three major sections

BUT there will be 4 questions from the Introduction – very few facts within the Introduction, therefore, read it, remember it and you have 4 free marks

AND there will be 6 questions from the Glossary of Terms – hence if you know the meaning of all the terms in the glossary you should get 6 free marks PLUS a number of the terms are likely to crop up in the other sections – especially the Legal Section

Hence, my view is: know the facts within the Introduction and know all the terms in the Glossary THEN concentrate on the Major Sections.

Concentrate on the FACTUAL bits of the major sections – it is MUCH easier to write multiple choice questions and credible wrong answers from factual statements than it is from SUBJECTIVE statements.

Try writing your own multiple choice questions (and wrong answers) as you go through the OLC and you will gain reassurance of this

Within each of the major sections there are page after page of SUBJECTIVE areas.

Lots of the factual areas are legally based – even within the Financial and Land & Buildings Sections.

Conclusion:

Know the FACTS within the Introduction

Know all the terms within the Glossary

Read / go through the whole OLC

For later revision mark up the FACTUAL areas and look out for potential multiple choice questions. Concentrate on these areas for last minute revision.

Answer EVERY question

Manage your time BUT

Don't panic!!

Good Luck!!