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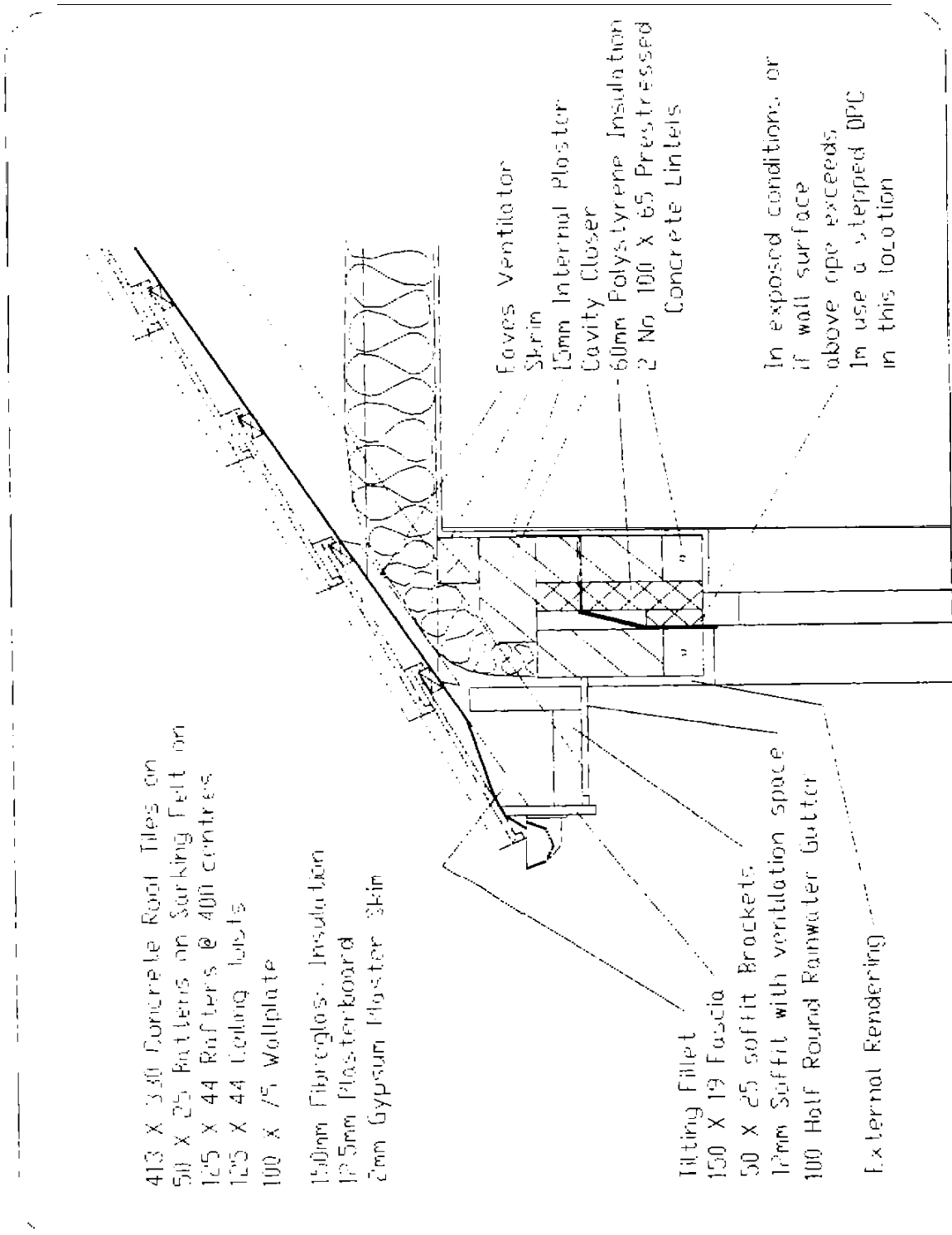
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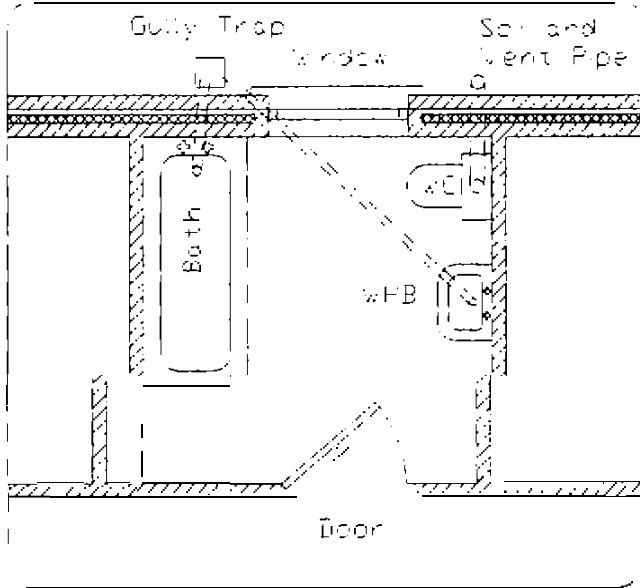
**CEIST 1**



**CEIST 1**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>Roof tiles on tile battens</b> correctly shown	<b>14</b>
<b>Sarking felt</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Rafters and joists</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Wallplate</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Plasterboard</b> and <b>skim</b> to ceiling correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Tilting fillet</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Fascia</b> and <b>soffit brackets</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Soffit</b> with <b>ventilation space</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Rainwater gutter</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>External rendering</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Eaves ventilator</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Internal plastering</b> to wall correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Cavity closer</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Insulation to cavity</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Insolation to ceiling</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Lintel(s)</b> correctly shown	<b>4</b>
<b>Tray DPC</b> shown correctly	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> (maximum of 15x4, 3 marks for drawing + 1 for annotation in each case)	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 2**  
**CEIST 2(A)**



**CEIST 2(B)**

Reasons:

**Window**

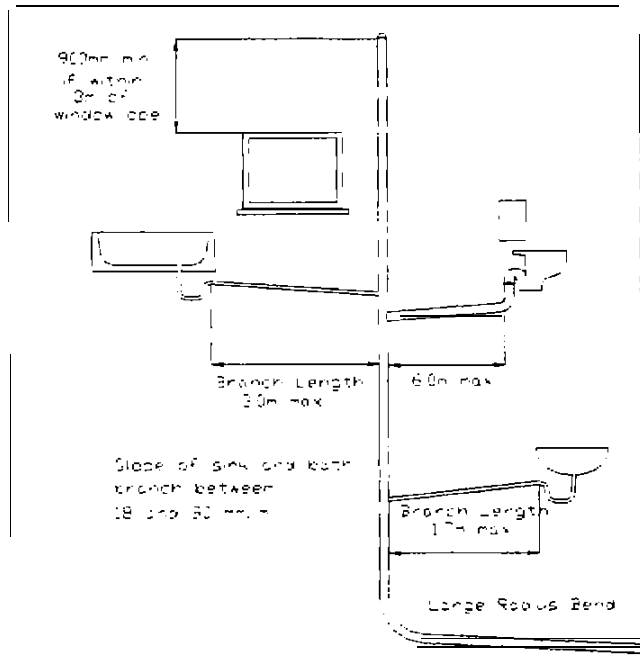
- On outer **wall** for ventilation
- On outer **wall** for light
- For accessibility for opening and closing
- Other valid reasons

**Door**

- Preferably on **the opposite wall to the window** so that through ventilation is achieved.
- Opens as shown for ease of access.
- Opens **as** shown to maintain privacy
- Other valid reasons

- A discharge pipe on the ground floor may be connected directly to a drain **if the drop is less than 1.5m**.
- Where the drop is more than **1.5m** the pipe must discharge into a ventilated stack.
- Bath waste to be **40mm** diameter with a **40mm** seal **if on** the ground floor discharging into an open **gully**. Otherwise it should have a 75mm seal.
- Wash hand basin waste pipes to be 32mm diameter with a 75 mm seal and branch length not more than **1.7m**, can have a branch **length** up to **3.0m** if using a 40mm diameter waste pipe
- Other applicable requirements in accordance with the Building Regulations

**CEIST 2(c)**



- AU WC discharge pipes to be **100mm** diameter.

**CEIST 2**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
Plan of <b>layout</b> on outside wall shown	5
Bath and associated <b>pipework</b> shown in well-proportioned sketch (3 marks for bath + 7 marks for pipework )	5
<b>WC</b> and associated <b>pipework</b> shown in well-proportioned sketch (3 marks for WC + 2 marks for pipework )	5
<b>WHB</b> and associated <b>pipework</b> shown in well-proportioned sketch (3 marks for WHB + 2 marks for pipework )	5
<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Window</b> shown in suitable location	5
Minimum of 2 valid <b>reasons</b> given for window positioning	5
<b>Door</b> shown in suitable location	5
Minimum of 2 valid <b>reasons</b> given for door positioning	5
<b>(C)</b>	
<b>Bath</b> branch shown and annotated (3 marks for sketch + 2 for note)	5
<b>WHB</b> branch shown and annotated (3 marks for sketch + 2 for note)	5
WC branch shown and annotated (3 marks for sketch + 2 for note)	5
<b>SVP</b> sketched and height noted (3 marks max if window not referred to)	5
TOTAL	60

**CEIST 3*****Aggregates***

- Gravels crushed stone and sand
- Fine Aggregates - will pass through a 5mm sieve - mostly the larger particles being used
- Coarse Aggregates - will not Pass through a 5mm sieve - seldom greater than 20mm.
- Strength
- Durability
- Cleanliness - free from organic impurities
- Other similarly relevant points

***Batching***

- Process of measuring the quantities of various sizes of aggregates to achieve the required concrete strength
- Generally done by weight
- Large concrete misers have the facilities to weigh aggregates before putting them in the drum for mixing.
- Other similarly relevant points

***Water/Cement Ratio***

- Usually from 0.4 to 0.6
- Too little water may not wet all of the cement and aggregates sufficiently.
- Too much water may result in liquid run off and air cavities when hydration occurs.
- Allowances have to be made for surface wetness of the aggregates.
- A slump test is used to test the water/cement ratio.
- Other similarly relevant points

***Placing***

- Concrete should not be dropped more than 1 metre
- Avoid segregation of the large aggregates from the mix
- Mix must be homogeneous
- Avoid air pockets and uneven distribution.
- Formwork used to contain wet mix
- Formwork should be clean before placing.
- Other similarly relevant points

***Compacting***

- Dense mass to gain maximum finished strength
- Assure structural quality
- Assure visual quality
- Vibrate to eliminate air voids using mechanical vibrators
- Poker Vibrator for columns, beams and trenches
- Beam vibrators attached to a large wooden or steel screed for floors, slabs, roads etc.
- Vibrators attached to formwork for precast work and some in-situ jobs
- Other similarly relevant points

***Curing***

- Allow to dry/cure slowly.
- Cover **exposed** concrete.
- Keep damp for some days.
- Protect from **extremes** of temperature.
- Formwork kept in position as long as possible
- When formwork is removed protect fresh concrete from drying out too fast.
- Other similarly relevant points

**CEIST 3**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
Maximum of 2 <b>relevant points</b> under each of 6 headings (5 marks each for each of the 12 points)	10
	10
	10
	10
	10
	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>



**CEIST 4**  
**CEIST 4(A)**

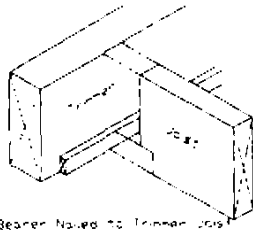
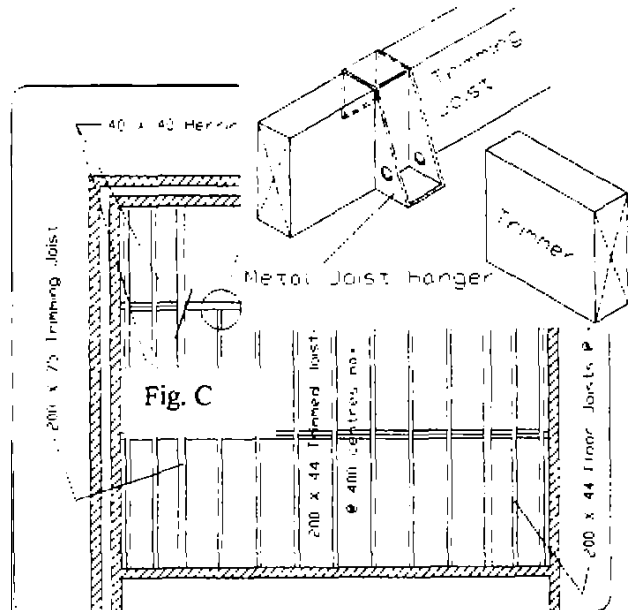


Fig. B



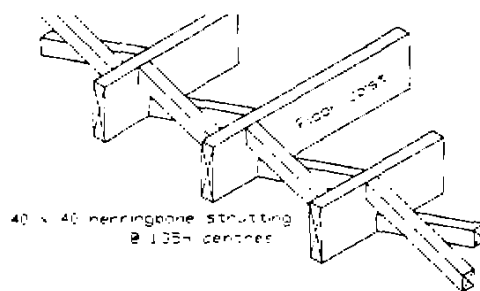
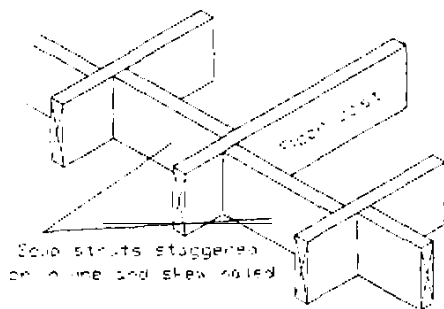
Formula to determine depth of joists,  $D = (\text{span in mm}/24) + 50$   
 $= (3600/24) + 50$   
 $= 150 + 50 = 200$

- The size of the joist should be 200 X 44 @ 400 centre to centre
- Structural grade Sitka spruce, 200 X 44 @ 400 c/c would permit a span of 3.87m

A method of joining the trimmer to the trimming joist is shown at Fig. B.  
 A method of joining the trimmed joists to the trimmer is shown at Fig. C.

**CEIST 4(B)**

- Solid or herringbone bridging/strutting is placed not more than 1.35m apart
- Solid strutting is normally the same thickness as the joist and not less than ¼ the depth.
- Herringbone strutting is usually 40 X 40 but is not less than 30 X 30.



**Bridging**

- Essential in floors with a span greater than 2.7m.
- Overcomes the possibility of lateral deflection of the joists by stiffening and making them rigid.
- Does not allow the joists TO move or twist and binds the structure together.

## CEIST 4(c)

- (i) By building them into the walls as shown in Fig. D ensuring that they have at least 90mm bearing on the wall. do not project into the cavity and that the ends of the joists are treated with preservative.
- (ii) **Galvanised** steel joist hangers, Fig. E, are now widely used to support the ends of joists where they abut the wall. When the blockwork reaches the required level the joist hangers and joists are placed in position ensuring that all are level. The hangers are nailed to the joists using **galvanised** twist nails.

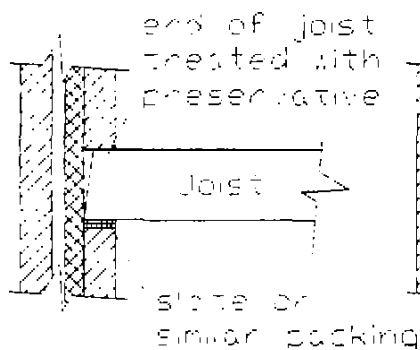


Fig. D

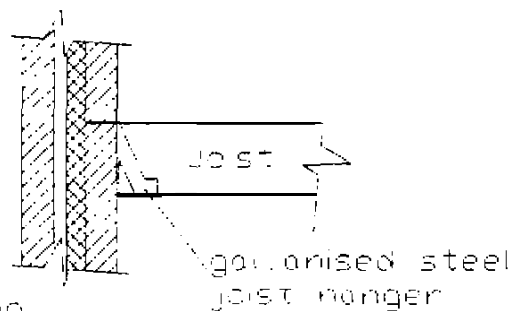


Fig. E

**CEIST 4**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
Well proportioned sketched <b>plan of layout</b> of joists	10
Joists correctly <b>named</b> and sizes correctly given (5 marks + 5 marks)	10
<b>Jointing</b> shown in well proportioned sketches (5 marks + 5 marks)	10
<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Well</b> proportioned sketch of 1 method <b>of bridging</b>	5
Note stating <b>reasons</b> for bridging	
<b>(C)</b>	
Sketches and notes describing of <b>2 methods of support</b>	5
(5 marks each for sketches + 5 marks each for notes)	5
	5
	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 5****CEIST 5(A)**

- Location – Its distance from towns, cities, amenities, schools.
- Planning – Will planning permission be granted’?
- Services – The availability of water, sewerage, electricity.
- Site – The size. shape. low-lying or elevated. sheltered.
- Surroundings – Is it in a housing estate, beside factories. farms etc.‘!
- Access -The road access. width. condition, dangers.
- Cost -The price relative to similar sites, development costs.
- Future Development – What are the plans for the area. nearby’?
- Other *important* and relevant considerations

**CEIST 5(B)**

- Location

Being close to schools, shops. recreation centres is important to families. where as others may like privacy and isolation.

- Planning Permission

Will planning permission be granted? Need to enquire from the local authority, ask neighbours. look fur live year development plan.

- Services

Water availability. council supply, group water scheme or do you have to bore a well’?  
Is there a public sewerage system or will you have to install a septic tank? Electricity and cost of connection, telephone, transportation. refuse collection. gas supply are other important considerations.

- Site

The size. shape. topography. contours. altitude: being overlooked. views: exposed, sheltered: liable to flooding; rights of ways, title deeds, past history; geographical features: microclimate.

- Surroundings

Cognisance has to be taken of adjacent and nearby buildings, sites. industry, activities such as factories, farms - pig or poultry farms. mushrooms houses - pollution smells; busy processing units with hazardous traffic – near to airports or motorway.

- Access

The condition and width of roads; its upkeep if shared and not owned by the local authority; entry to site. visibility and safety, bus); roadway.

- cost

Is it value for **money** at current prices or would it be devalued in the future? Availability of workers skilled contractors, building material.

- Future Development

What future development could take place in the area over the next years to affect **your** planned development. Major road development: factories. new or expanding, new housing development

- Other Considerations

These must be of importance, be relevant and be discussed by the candidate.

### CEIST 5(C)

- Siting
- ♦◻●■
- Choice of materials
- Colour
- Planting

#### Siting

- sited a distance from the road
- hill or mountain as a background
- not obtrusive
- not upsetting the skyline
- ◆ Located as though buildings are comfortable or naturally sited in landscape
- grouped together having coherence, pattern form and harmony
- not in isolation or individuality
- single storey dwelling in low lying countryside
- two-storey house in mountainous landscape

#### Style

- harmonise with other nearby buildings
- traditional to the area or landscape
- complement the landscape
- External finishes and colours blend in with the surroundings
- native materials

## CEIST 5

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
<b>Outline 5 important relevant considerations</b> (4 marks each)	4 4 4 4 4
<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Discuss each of the five considerations</b> outlined at (a) 4 marks each)	4 4 4 4 4
<b>(C)</b>	
<b>Detailed discussion of 2 ways</b> (10 marks each)	10 10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 6**



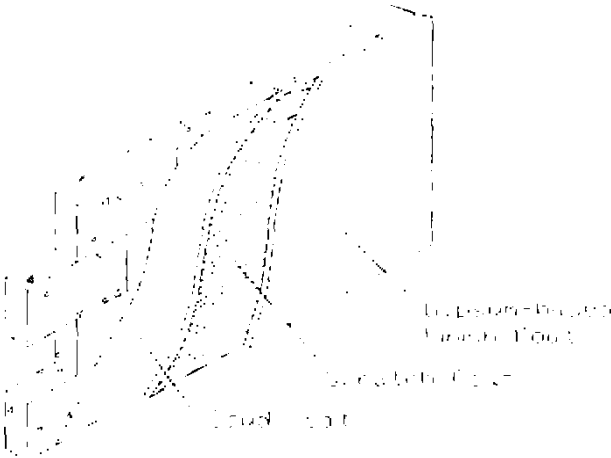
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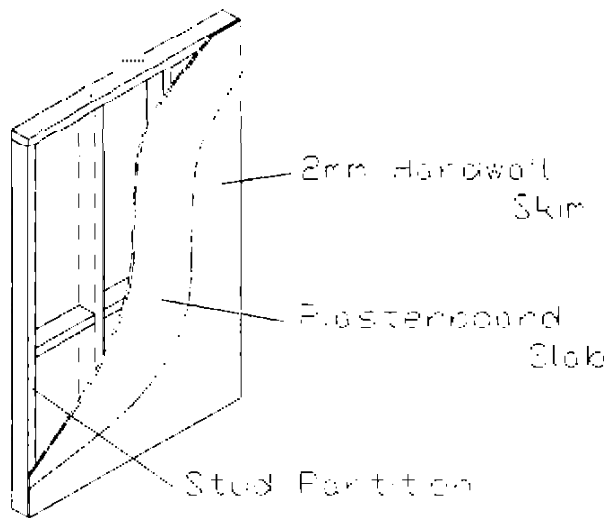
(SCUD COAT APPLIED AND ALLOWED TO SET.)

- Undercoat applied -- pushed well into the background, levelled and straightened. Undercoat scratched to form key.
- Finish coat applied, levelled and brought to a smooth or fine nap finish,
- Scud Mix -- 1 cement:2 sand; (or 1:1 j
- Undercoat -- 1 cement:¼ lime : 3 sand -- 12 - 15mm thick
- Finish coat -- 1: ¼ : 4 -- 8 - 10mm thick

**CEIST 6(II)**

- Scud coat applied
- Undercoat applied, straightened. levelled and smoothed with wooden float
- Undercoat scratched to form a key
- Finish coat of gypsum wall finish (gypweld) mixed in bucket with clean water and applied to wall with steel float
- Finish coat levelled with straight edge and wooden float and finished smooth with steel float
- Hardwall sets in 2 - 3 hours.
- Scud treatment -- 1 : 2, cement, sand
- Scratch/Undercoat -- 1 : 3 + Plasticiser -- 10 - 12mm thick
- Hardwall (Gypweld) Plaster -- 2/3mm thick





CEIST 6(m)

- Plaster slabs nailed to studs
- Joints, junctions at corners and between wall and ceiling jointed with **hardwall and scrim**
- Nail holes filled
- Board finish **hardwall (gyplath)** applied to slabs using steel float
- **Hardwall levelled** with wooden float **and** straight edge and finished to smooth **finish** with steel float.
- Plaster slabs 1 O/1 **2mm** thick
- Joint filler **&** scrim
- **Hardwall/Gyplath Plaster &** water **2/3mm**



**CEIST 6**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
(A) External block wall	
Well proportioned <b>sketch</b>	4
<b>Materials</b> correctly described	4
<b>Process</b> correctly described and sequenced	4
<b>Thicknesses</b> of materials correctly stated	4
<b>Proportions</b> of mixes correctly stated	4
(B) Internal Block Wall	
Well proportioned <b>sketch</b>	4
<b>Materials</b> correctly described	4
<b>Process</b> correctly described and sequenced	4
<b>Thicknesses of</b> materials correctly stated	4
<b>Proportions</b> of mixes correctly stated	4
(C) Internal stud partition wall	
Well proportioned <b>sketch</b>	4
<b>Materials</b> correctly described	4
Process correctly described and sequenced	4
<b>Thicknesses</b> of materials correctly stated	4
Content of mis correctly stated	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

## CEIST 7

### CEIST 7(A)

Formulae:  $E = EB = EA \times N \times F \times (FE / FB)$   
 Room Area = 4.8m long x 3.6m wide = 17.28 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Standard Overcast Sky = 5000 lux

- . Average Daylight Illumination = (vertical illumination at window) x (efficient co. efficient)  
 = WA / RA  
 = 150(5000 / 2) x (40%) x (WA: 17.28)  
 = 150 x 17.28 x 2500 x 0.4 x (WA)
- Window Area Required = (150 x 17.28) / (2500 x 0.4)  
 = 2592 / 1000  
 = **2.592 m<sup>2</sup>**

### CEIST 7(B)

#### Softwood

##### Advantages:

- . Timber traditionally used for window construction
- . Best for traditional type windows such as cased window
- . Environmentally friendly -- from renewable sources
- . Traditional skills and processes are used in the manufacturing process
- . Good thermal insulation properties
- . Other acknowledged advantages

##### Disadvantages:

- . Needs regular maintenance
- . Affected by seasonal climatic variation
- . Other acknowledged disadvantages

#### UPVC

##### Advantages:

- Maintenance free
- Good thermal insulation properties
- Employed for most types of window design
- . Not affected by dampness
- . Does not rot
- . Other acknowledged advantages

##### Disadvantages

- . Environmentally damaging in manufacturing process
- Untested for extended exposure to sunlight
- . Not in harmony with traditional buildings
- . Other acknowledged disadvantages

## CEIST 7

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
Correct <b>calculation</b>	5
(5 marks for each correct line to a maximum of 6 lines)	5
	5
	5
	5
	5
<b>(B)</b>	
Discuss in detail <b>2 advantages and 1 disadvantage</b> OR <b>1 advantage and 2 disadvantages</b> of 2 selected materials	5
(5 marks for each of 6)	5
	5
	5
	5
(No mark greater than 5)	5
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 8****CEIST 8A****(i) Conductivity**

- Transfer of heat energy through a material without the molecules of the material changing their basic position.
- Materials have different rates of conductivity
- Non-metals tend to be poor thermal conductors
- Metals have free electrons which make them good thermal conductors
- Thermal conductivity (k) is measured in  $W/m^{\circ}C$

**(ii) Transmittance**

- Heat is transferred through an element of a building by a combination of conduction, convection and radiation
- The ease with which heat passes through an element is measured as the thermal Transmittance Coefficient or U-value
- Measure of heat loss per second through one square metre for one degree Kelvin difference in temperature
- U-value is measured in  $W/m^2^{\circ}C$

**(iii) Heat Flow Rate**

- Rate at which heat is transferred through a building element;  $W/m^2$
- Conduction
- Convection
- Radiation

**CEIST 8(B)****(i)**

COMPONENT	THICKNESS (D)	CONDUCTIVITY (K)	RESISTANCE ( $\Omega$ )
Internal Surface	standard		0.12
External Surface	standard		0.08
Glass	$0.005 \times 2$	1.02	$0.01 \div 1.02 = 0.0095$
Air Space	0.01		0.15
Total Resistance			0.359s

$$\begin{aligned} \text{U-value} &= 1 / 0.3598 \\ &= 2.779 \text{ W/m}^2^{\circ}C \end{aligned}$$

**(ii)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of window} &= 1.5 \times 4 = 6\text{m}^2 \\ \text{Rate of heat loss for } 1^{\circ}C \text{ difference} &= 6 \times 2.779 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 16.674 \text{ W} \\
 \text{Rate of heat loss for } 20^{\circ}\text{C difference} &= 16.674 \times 20 \\
 &= 333.48 \text{ W}
 \end{aligned}$$

**CEIST 8**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
Correct <b>explanation</b> and <b>symbol</b> for each of 3 terms (5 marks for explanation + 2 marks for symbol)	7 7 7
<b>(B)</b>	
(i) Correct <b>calculation</b> (5 marks each for each of 6 lines)	5 5 5 5 5 5
(ii) Correct <b>calculation</b> (3 marks each for each of 3 lines)	3 3 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 9****CEIST 9(A)**

## Sources of Finance

- Building Societies
- Banks
- Local authorities
- County Councils
- Assurance companies
- Credit Unions
- Other recognised institutions

## Deposit

- Necessary before seeking a mortgage or loan
- None of the institutions give out the full cost of purchasing or building

## Criteria for Qualification for a loan or mortgage

- Ability to repay capital and interest over the period
- Secure employment
- Regular savers and investors
- House to be surveyed

## Types of insurances required

- Mortgage Protection
- Life Assurance
  - Property against flood, subsidence, storm damage etc
  - Property against fire, explosion, lightning, leakage of water etc.
  - Loss of or damage to contents of house, valuables
- Public liability
- Other applicable insurance

**CEIST 9(B)**

- First time purchasers or building a new house qualify for a grant of £3000
- No stamp duty on new house if under 125 square metres.
- Stamp Duty on second hand-house
- Building guarantee on new house
- Surroundings sometimes unfinished in new development
- Better standards of insulation etc in new house
- Convenient location in many older houses
- Better facilities often close to settled areas
- Other relevant points

**CEIST 9**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
<b>(A)</b>	
2 <b>points</b> discussed under each of 4 headings	5
(5 marks each to a maximum of 40 marks)	5
1 mark for each point listed but not discussed	5
	5
	5
	5
	5
	5
	5
<b>(B)</b>	
2 <b>merits</b> discussed in detail for each choice	5
(5 marks each to a maximum of 20 marks)	5
1 mark for each merit listed but not discussed	5
	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

## CEIST 10

### *Styles*

- Elements of limited number of styles
- . Uncontrolled incorporation leads to developments of dubious value
- Adopted styles varied or adapted to suit tradition and local conditions
- Continuity within the of architecture in a region of great importance
- Maintenance of a coherent **sense** of place and community
- Elements of the vernacular architecture of various Irish regions **have** often been abandoned
- . Outside styles have not always been adapted to suit local conditions
- . “Spanish arches”
- Unthinking adopting of styles unsuited to local conditions a problem

### *Climate*

- Take account of **the** local climate
- Vernacular tradition
- Climate must be taken into consideration when new styles of design are adapted
- . Elements of design developed to deal with high seasonal **temperatures**, for example designs must be modified to suit Ireland.

### *Location*

- Suitable in the city out of place in a small town or countryside
- . Acceptable to build tall houses in a city street to **maximise** use of space
- Maintain streetscape and atmosphere of city
- Style unsuitable in traditional village

### *Materials*

- Cheaper to use locally available materials
- Also ensures that new development fits into local **landscape**

### *Skills*

- . Builders **and** workers available in locality have skills in building industry
- Knowledge of trade practices and materials based on local style of architecture
- Best **harnessed** by designing architecture which calls on best of their abilities.

### *Economic Status*

- . Economic status of those to live in particular design of housing has impact
- Their ability to maintain and service **property**
- Large country house of earlier times depended on **a** staff of **servants**
- . Fell into disrepair when owners fell on lean times
- Similar factors must be considered when designing domestic architecture today.

### *Lifestyle*

- . Lifestyle changes at **an** unprecedented rate
- Once **normal** pattern of work division rare
- . Likely to work outside the home
- Changed **organisation** within the home reflected in design of house
- Modern houses to demand less work to function efficiently
- . Impact on room divisions. choice of floor coverings. types of windows and choice of building materials.



*Social Factors*

- Changes within society at many levels
- Social exclusion
- Provision of suitable integrated housing
- restraints. financial as well as social affects the choice of style

*Fashion*

- Fashions in domestic architecture tend to be fickle
- Legacy sometimes unfortunate

**CEIST 10**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
Any 6 of the above points or other relevant points stated clearly and supported by discussion.	10
(10 marks each for each point to a maximum of 60 marks)	10
	10
	10
	10
	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**CEIST 10** OR**CEIST 10 OR (A)**

- Badly needed office space
- Provides employment – in building and later in offices
- Progress – centre of urban area
- Use of space church unwanted
- Urban renewal – Life into the centre of the town/city/urban area/activity
- Ideal location – accessible-central
- Church as an eyesore – unkempt – looks had
- Could incorporate car parking in new development
- Other relevant arguments in favour of office development

**CEIST 10 OR(B)**

- Desecration of place of worship
- Damage to streetscape/atmosphere
- Heritage -history – link to the past
- Can be retained – retention order, can be renovated and preserved
- There may be use for a church in the future
- Can be converted to a museum or a dwelling house
- Possibilities as an art gallery or community centre
- Might be of use in tourism, FÁS etc.
- Might be used by other religious groups, as a common house of worship
- Other relevant arguments in favour of retention of church building

**CEIST10** OR

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARK
3 well discussed <b>points in favour of the office block</b> (maximum of 10 marks each based on the quality of the arguments presented)	10 10 10
3 well discussed <b>points in favour of retention of the church</b> (maximum of 10 marks each based on the quality of the arguments presented')	10 10 10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>