

STUDY GUIDE BACKHOE PERFORMANCE TEST

TEST #4817

INTRODUCTION

The **Backhoe Performance Test** is designed to assess a primary job function within the Right of Way Equipment Operator job series. This Guide contains strategies to use for taking tests and provides information regarding the major job activities covered in the test. It also provides references to help prepare for the test.

TEST SESSION

It is important that you follow the directions of the Test Administrator exactly. If you have any questions about the testing session, be sure to ask the Test Administrator before the testing begins. During testing, you may **NOT** leave the area, smoke, eat, or drink. Since some tests take several hours, you should consider these factors before the test begins.

All cellular/mobile phones, pagers or other electronic equipment will NOT be allowed in the testing area.

The test has a 1.5 hour time limit.

Personal Protective Equipment

For safety purposes, personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times during the performance test. This includes gloves, ear plugs, safety glasses, and hardhat. If you do not possess the required PPE, please inform Corporate Testing prior to your scheduled test date. You are responsible for wearing closed toe work shoes or boots, preferably leather (no athletic shoes).

Other dress code requirements: Attire appropriate for a heavy equipment operation work environment.

You will receive a Test Comment form so that you can make comments about test questions. Write any comments you have and turn it in with your test when you are done.

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TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

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The Backhoe Performance Test will measure your ability to perform specific job related tasks. The purpose of this section is to suggest techniques for you to use when taking the tests.

Your emotional and physical state during the test may determine whether you are prepared to do your best. The following list provides common sense techniques you can use before the test begins.

CONFIDENCE

If you feel confident about passing the test, you may lose some of your anxiety. Think of the test as a way of demonstrating how much you know, the skills you can apply.

PUNCTUALITY

Arrive early enough to feel relaxed and comfortable before the test begins.

CONCENTRATION

Try to block out all distractions and concentrate only on the test. You will not only finish faster but you will reduce your chances of making careless mistakes. If there are distractions or irregularities in the testing environment, mention them to the Test Administrator immediately.

BUDGET YOUR TIME

Pace yourself carefully to ensure that you will have enough time to complete all of the tasks.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Read all directions carefully.

Remember the techniques described in this section are only suggestions. You should follow the test taking methods that work best for you.

JOB KNOWLEDGE CATEGORIES AND STUDY REFERENCES

The 4817 Backhoe performance test requires you to perform tasks similar to those performed within the Right of Way Equipment Operator job series. You will be required to demonstrate your ability to safely and smoothly operate a backhoe to perform right-of-way procedures, including digging and refilling a trench at a specified location. The test has a 1.5-hour time allotment. The description for the heavy equipment models used for this performance test can be found below.

Heavy Equipment Models (wheel-type tractor):

Backhoe - John Deere 410 or 710

The following references may be used to guide your preparation.

Heavy Equipment Operations Level 3, Trainee Guide, Pearson - Prentice Hall; Second Edition (2006). ISBN: 0132272547.



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