



2006 EXAMINATIONS

UNIT 9

LEGISLATION

Saturday 2nd September 2006

THIRD SESSION 1500 to 1700 hours

Ten Minutes are allowed to read through this paper.

Candidates are to **attempt any five questions.**

All questions carry equal marks and may be answered in any order.

Ink or ballpoint pens are to be used for all written work.

Pencil may be used for diagrams or sketches.

All working must be shown.

Marks may be deducted for untidy work.

Spare paper can be obtained from the invigilator if required

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QUESTION 1

Section 53 of the Transport Act 1962 gives an exemption to the speed limit for fire service drivers whilst responding as emergency traffic.

A. Outline how this section can be used in defence of a speeding infringement.

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B. What is the maximum legal speed a fire appliance (other than an aerial appliance) can be driven whilst responding to an emergency in

1. 50kph speed zone

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2. 100kph speed zone

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3. Zones with temporary speed limits posted

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4. Intersections controlled by traffic lights, stop or give way signs

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C. Under the Traffic Regulations 1976, fire appliances can be fitted with alternative flashing headlamps system.

Complete the following true/false statements.

1. The system cannot be used during the hours of darkness.

	True
	False

2. The system must be connected to the high beam headlamp system.

	True
	False

3. The system must incorporate an override that deactivates the flashing system immediately the standard headlamp switch is turned on.

	True
	False

4. When the system is operating the headlamps must alternately flash at a rate not less than 50 or more than 130 flashes per minute.

	True
	False

QUESTION 2

Section 30 of the Fire Services Act 1975 relates to water supplies.

The code of practice for Fire Fighting Water Supplies makes provision for the National Commander to promulgate instructions for the testing and inspection of water supplies and for recording the results.

A. When should a reticulated water supply including private hydrants provided for fire fighting water supplies be flow tested?

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B. The records of test and inspection results must show what information.

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C. What agency should be notified of any defects or faults with any hydrant and how, and what action is needed to ensure repairs have been carried out.

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D. How often are hydrants to be inspected and flushed?

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E. What considerations should be recorded when inspecting static water supplies for fire fighting?

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QUESTION 3

A. Your Brigade has decided to purchase a van to enhance the operational capabilities of the brigade. Under the provisions of the self help projects outline the advantages that such a purchase will have on your brigade.

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B. After consulting with the Fire Regional Manager and discussions indicate the project go ahead, a formal proposal should be prepared regarding the operation and management of the vehicle. List 8 points for the operation and 5 points for the management of the vehicle.

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C. What criteria for the purchase of the vehicle should be established with the Regional Manager?

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QUESTION 4

The New Zealand Fire Service Official Information Policy M2.2 describes the gathering and releasing of information held by the Fire Service of individuals, groups or organizations.

A. Release of information is available under which Acts.

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B. Where are all requests processed through.

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C. Under what conditions can a regionally response be prepared.

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D. Name at least 3 other relevant policies and guidelines the Official Information Policy should be read with.

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E. Define the following terms contained in the Official Information Policy

1) Official Information

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2) Personal Information

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3) Information

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QUESTION 5

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Fire Service Act 1975, the New Zealand Fire Service Standards of Conduct are contained in these Standards of Conduct. These Standards apply to all staff of the Fire Service, whether or not they hold rank, and reflect the minimum standards needed to ensure that appropriate conduct, integrity and concern for the Fire Service and the public interest are maintained.

A. List four major principles that staff are expected to maintain under the Standards of Conduct.

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B. Staff are expected to maintain appropriate standards of personal behavior whilst at the workplace. List six examples of behavior that is considered unacceptable.

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C. What is the purpose of the Standards of Conduct?

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D. List 3 obligations with reference to the responsibilities of staff members that supervisors have regarding staff under their responsibility.

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B. Describe the following as contained in the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.

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Firebreak

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Rural Fire Committee

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Backburn

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Burnout

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C. List at least 4 items that have to be maintained on a Fire Authority's Register as per sect 12 (4) Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.

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