# ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE WORK

#### **PREAMBLE**

This examination syllabus emanates from the senior secondary school trade curriculum on electrical installation and maintenance work. It does not replace the curriculum. It is designed to assess candidates' skills in electrical installation and maintenance work in terms of basic knowledge and application of electricity, faults finding in electrical installations as well as maintenance and repair of electrical machines. It is also designed to test candidates' knowledge of setting up and managing small scale business in electrical installation and maintenance work.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the syllabus are to test candidates' knowledge and understanding of

- 1. safety rules and regulation in electrical installation and maintenance work.
- 2. electrical installation tools, materials and accessories.
- 3. wiring of buildings.
- 4. installation of electrical machines and repairs.
- 5. rewinding of electrical machines.
- 6. entrepreneurship skill in electrical installation and maintenance.

## **EXAMINATION SCHEME**

There will be two papers, Papers 1 and 2; both of which will be a composite paper to be taken at one sitting.

- PAPER 1: Will consist of forty multiple choice objective questions to be answered in 45 minutes for 40 marks.
- PAPER 2: Will be essay and test of practical work paper, covering the entire syllabus. It will be in two sections; Sections A and B as follows:
  - Section A: Will consist of three essay questions out of which candidates will be required to answer two questions in 1 hour for 50 marks.

Section B: Will be a test of practical work and will contain two compulsory questions drawn from Sections B and C of the syllabus. Candidates will be required to answer the questions in 1 hour 15 minutes for 50 marks.

The paper will therefore take 2 hours 15 minutes and carry 100 marks.

## **DETAILED SYLLABUS**

CONTENT	NOTES
<ul> <li>A. WORKSHOP SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS</li> <li>1. Hazards in electrical workshop.</li> <li>2. Dangers in electrical workshop.</li> </ul>	Causes of accidents, prevention of accidents and precautions to be taken. Dangers arising as a result of faulty equipment and tools, chemicals, water, poor joint and insulation strains and moving machines.
<ol> <li>Precautions in handling electrical tools and materials.</li> </ol>	Care and maintenance of electrical tools.
4. First-aid for electrical accidents.	Contents of first-aid box, treatment for cuts, burns and electrical shock. Procedures for first aid (e.g. removing casualty from contact with live wire and administering artificial respiration).
5. Statutory regulations.	Various statutory regulations (electricity supply regulations, factory acts and IEE regulations). Importance, aims and objectives of statutory regulations and applications of statutory regulations.

B. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	
TOOLS, MATERIALS AND	

ACCESSORIES	
1. Measuring, marking and striking tools.	Types and uses of measuring instruments. Types
	and uses of marking and striking tools.
	Types, sizes and preparation of cables. Types of
2. Types and preparation of cables.	armoured cables, reasons for armouring, parts of
	armoured cables, joints and terminations of
	armoured cables.
	Types of data cables (e.g. computer cable, fibre
	optics and co-axial cable) and their uses. Other
	types of cables (sheathed, screaned or Htype, gas
	pressured impregnated and MICC cables)
	Types of electrical accessories (switches, sockets,
3. Electrical accessories.	lamp holders, ceiling roses, joint boxes, plugs etc.)
	and their uses. Regulations guiding their uses.
	Types of cells (primary and secondary), working
4. Cells	Principles of cells and construction of a simple cell.
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C. WORKSHOP PRACTICE	Draw and identify electrical BS symbols (switches,
1. Working drawing.	lamp holders, sockets, cooker control units etc.).
	Drawing and interpretation of circuit diagrams of generation, transmission and distribution systems.
2. Generation, transmission and	Wiring drawing and scale drawing of a living room
distribution systems.	
	Materials for surface wiring (cables-1mm <sup>2</sup> ,
	1.5mm <sup>2</sup> , clips, nails etc.). Tools for surface wiring

3. Surface wiring.	(hammers, screw drivers, pliers etc.). Factors

	affecting current rating of cables (e.g. types of
	conductors, ambient temperature and types of
	excess current protection). Wiring a point of light
	controlled from two independent positions.
4.	
Conduit wiring.	Explain conduit wiring, types (e.g. PVC,
	galvanized, surface and concealed), advantages and
	disadvantages. Identification and uses of conduit
	wiring. Procedures for conduit installation (piping,
	wiring and fitting). Types of conduit boxes and
	fittings (end box, angle, tee-4-way, 2-hole loop-in,
	junction box, knock-out box, couplers etc.). Tools
	for conduit wiring (bending spring, bending
	machine, hammer, chisel, hacksaw stove etc.).
	Materials for conduit wiring (union gum, conduit
	box, conduit pipes etc.)
5.	
Illumination.	Concept of illumination. Factors affecting
munimation.	illumination. Definition of illumination, luminous
	flux and luminous intensity. Types of lamps.
	Mathematical calculation on illumination.
	Measurement of illumination using the photometer.
6.	
	Types of solders and fluxes. Operations and
Soldering	maintenance of blow-lamps. The use of pot and
	ladle in soldering cable of big sizes. Soldering of
	joints.
	Types of conducting materials (e.g. copper,
	aluminum and silver) and their advantages and dis-
	advantages. Significance of heat transfer on
7	conductors.
7.	

	Tools and materials used in cable jointing; e.g.
Joints and termination of cables.	

	soldering bit, blow-lamp, solder, soldering iron,
	propane gas, pot and ladle, insulated wire and flux.
	Types of insulating materials (e.g. PVC rubber,
	paper, mica and bakelite). Types of joints (e.g. tee,
	married, twist, telescope and scarf). Preparation of
	cable for joints and terminations.
9 Installation	MICC cable, preparations of MICC cable for
8. Installation	termination. Tools and materials used in MICC
	installation. Advantages and disadvantages of
	MICC. Simple surface and industrial installation.
	Types of bus-bar trunking, fabrication of ducts and
	trunking accessories. Requirements of IEE
	regulations on MICC, trunking and ducting.
9. Underground cable installation.	Types of cable for underground electrical
	installation work; e.g. sheathed, screened or
C C	H-type and gas pressured impregnated.
	Trench preparation, laying of underground cables,
	tools and materials for underground cable
	installation. IEE regulations for underground cable
	installation.
	instantation.
	Tools, cables/wires and equipment used in
10. Overhead wire installation.	overhead distribution/transmission. Types of insulation used for overhead
	distribution/transmission.
	Types and uses of stay wires.
	Drawing of lines and cross-arms. Joints and
	terminations and electrical continuity.
	Types and sequence of test; e.g. polarity, insulation
	resistance, earthing and continuity of ring circuit.
	Importance of testing and inspection. Instruments

11. Inspection and testing of domestic	
installation.	

	for testing; e.g. Insulator resistance Tester (megger),
	bell set and ohmmeter.
12. D.C machines.	D.C motors and generators—types, identification,
12. D.e machines.	constructional features, operations and applications.
	A.C motors and generators—types, identification,
13. A.C machines.	constructional features, operations and applications.
	Differences between D.C and A.C motors; D.C and
	A.C generators.
	Types of enclosure and their applications. Selection
14. Installation of machines.	of suitable starter for different motors; (e.g.
	stardelta, direct-on-line and auto transformer) and
	their principles of operations.
	Test for correct rotation, short circuit and earth
	fault. Installation of AC and DC machines.
	Identification of tools and equipment for rewinding
15. Tools and equipment for rewinding	jobs; (hammers screwdrivers spanners, crimpings,
jobs.	winding machine, mallets etc.).
	Drawing and interpretation of simple wave and lap
16. Winding drawing.	windings. Application of simple wave and lap
	windings. Determination of coil span per pitch, per
	phase, per pole. Identification of the position of coil
	ends on commutator/slip rings for fixed brush on a
	winding diagram.
	Sizes of conductors and turnes of insulating
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	materials used in winding. Connection of winding coil using prepared data.
	Continuity and earthing test.
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17. Rewinding of single phase electric	
motor.	

18. Armature, commutator and slip rings.	Skimming of armature, slip rings and commutator- under-cutting. Effectiveness of commutators.
<ul> <li><b>D. PROTECTIVE DEVICES AND</b> MAINTENANCE</li> <li>1. Installation of protective devices.</li> <li>2. Maintenance of electrical equipment.</li> </ul>	Protective devices (fuses and circuit breakers— voltage and current operated). Working principles and application of fuses and circuit breakers. Regulation guiding installation of protective devices. Types of maintenance (preventive and corrective). Procedures for machine and equipment maintenance. Grades of lubricants and their application. Constructional features of some electrical appliances (electric heater, boiler, pressing iron etc.).
<ol> <li>Dismantling and assembling of machines.</li> </ol>	Procedures for dismantling machines. Methods of collecting data from the name plate. Assembling of machine parts.
4. Repair of electrical machines, equipment and installation.	Causes of faults and breakdown. Signs and symptoms of faults and breakdown. Interpretation of circuit diagrams. Trouble shooting techniques (e.g. detection of bad bearing and other parts). Inspection and testing of machines (e.g. performance test). Sources of fund and sourcing for fund for business takeoff. Proposal writing, budgeting and management of business outfit for small scale business. Government rules and regulations as they

E. ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN	
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.	

affect business registration.

## LIST OF FACILITIES AND MAJOR EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- (1) Multi-meter
- (2) Soldering iron
- (3) Tester
- (4) Soldering lead
- (5) Plier (different types
- (6) Set of screw drivers
- (7) Safety chart
- (8) Cable chart
- (9) Hammer
- (10)Megger (Insulation Resistant Tester)
- (11)Fishing Tape
- (12)Measuring tape 3m and 50m
- (13)Pen knife
- (14)Stripper
- (15)Hacksaw
- (16)Bending spring (20mm)
- (17)Bending machine
- (18)Workbench
- (19)Vice
- (20)Handrilling machine
- (21)Single phase electric motor