

Mock Test – Nebosh IG – OBE

Mock Assessment 1

Total marks: 30

Total time: 45 minutes

You are the health and safety manager for a recently constructed large office complex. The building is being used primarily as an international call center with workers occupying the building 24 hours per day.

Your company are the owner and primary tenant of the building. Several floors of the building have been leased to other organisation's.

In addition to the main office areas, the building also has a large underground car park, a fitness and recreation block and a large communal canteen/dining area.

You have just completed a site safety tour, twelve months since the building was handed over. This was undertaken as part of the contract and handover agreement with the principal contractor.

The findings of the tour indicated no significant health and safety problems with structural aspects of the building. However, a number of examples of poor practices were identified, including those that are listed below:

- Blocked fire escapes
- Trailing cables across many accessway
- Boxes stored above head height
- No evidence of electrical equipment testing
- Evidence of smoking in unauthorised parts of the building
- Reports of near misses involving cars exceeding speed limits in the car park

Additionally, several employees have raised concerns that the air conditioning is ineffective. This appears to be confirmed in that temperatures up to 33 degrees Celsius are being recorded at several locations throughout the building.

You have also received a report from the site occupational health provider. They have received several complaints from the call center staff. The issues raised in these complaints include possible hearing damage and ear infections through contact with shared headsets and also cases of work- related stress.

Questions

1. Explain the benefits of implementing a health and safety management system. (10 Marks)
2. Comment on the main health and safety responsibilities which are ignored by the employer in this organisation. (10 Marks)
3. What are the primary responsibilities of the employer in a joint occupier premises? (10 Marks)

Note: where ever possible link your answers with the scenario.