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Assessment Details

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Case Study [10 marks]

A construction company is building a new office building in Bucharest. The company wants to reduce its environmental impact and is considering using sustainable finishing works practices. What are some eco-friendly materials and practices that the company could use?

Question 6 [5 marks]

What are some benefits of using sustainable finishing works practices in this project?

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Sustainable Materials

Sustainable materials are an essential aspect of sustainable finishing works. These materials are environmentally friendly, non-toxic, and can be recycled or reused. Examples of sustainable materials include bamboo, recycled glass, and low-VOC paints. The use of sustainable materials can significantly reduce the environmental impact of construction projects.

Example: Bamboo Flooring

Bamboo flooring is a popular sustainable material used in construction. It is durable, resistant to pests and moisture, and can be harvested in as little as three to five years, compared to traditional hardwoods which can take decades to mature.

Case Study: The Bamboo House

The Bamboo House is a sustainable building project that showcases the use of bamboo as a primary building material. The house features bamboo flooring, walls, and roofing, and is designed to be energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

Energy-Efficient Systems

Energy-efficient systems are designed to reduce the energy consumption of buildings and minimize their environmental impact. These systems include solar panels, wind turbines, and geothermal heating and cooling systems. Energy-efficient systems can significantly reduce the carbon footprint of construction projects and provide long-term cost savings.

Example: Solar Panel Installation

Solar panel installation is a popular energy-efficient system used in construction. Solar panels convert sunlight into electricity, providing a renewable source of energy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

Case Study: The Solar-Powered Building

The Solar-Powered Building is a sustainable construction project that features a solar panel installation. The building is designed to be energy-efficient and environmentally friendly, and provides a net-positive energy output.

Waste Reduction and Management

Waste reduction and management are critical aspects of sustainable finishing works. Construction projects can generate significant amounts of waste, including materials, packaging, and debris. Implementing waste reduction and management strategies can minimize the environmental impact of construction projects and reduce costs.

Example: Recycling Program

A recycling program is a waste reduction strategy that can be implemented on construction sites. The program involves collecting and recycling materials such as paper, plastic, and glass, and can significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills.

Case Study: The Recycling Facility

The Recycling Facility is a construction project that showcases a comprehensive recycling program. The facility is designed to process and recycle construction waste, and provides a model for sustainable waste management practices.

Water Conservation

Water conservation is an essential aspect of sustainable finishing works. Construction projects can have a significant impact on water resources, and implementing water conservation strategies can minimize this impact. Water conservation strategies include installing low-flow fixtures, using rainwater harvesting systems, and implementing greywater reuse systems.

Example: Rainwater Harvesting System

A rainwater harvesting system is a water conservation strategy that can be implemented on construction sites. The system collects and stores rainwater for non-potable uses such as flushing toilets and irrigating landscaping.

Case Study: The Water-Efficient Building

The Water-Efficient Building is a sustainable construction project that features a rainwater harvesting system. The building is designed to be water-efficient and environmentally friendly, and provides a model for sustainable water conservation practices.

Indoor Air Quality

Indoor air quality is a critical aspect of sustainable finishing works. Construction projects can have a significant impact on indoor air quality, and implementing strategies to improve indoor air quality can minimize this impact. Strategies include using low-VOC materials, installing air filtration systems, and providing natural ventilation.

Example: Air Filtration System

An air filtration system is a strategy that can be implemented to improve indoor air quality. The system removes pollutants and particulates from the air, providing a healthy and comfortable indoor environment.

Case Study: The Healthy Building

The Healthy Building is a sustainable construction project that features an air filtration system. The building is designed to provide a healthy and comfortable indoor environment, and provides a model for sustainable indoor air quality practices.

Commissioning and Testing

Commissioning and testing are critical aspects of sustainable finishing works. These processes ensure that building systems are installed, tested, and functioning as intended, and can help identify and address any issues or defects. Commissioning and testing can also help optimize building performance and minimize energy consumption.

Example: Commissioning Process

The commissioning process involves verifying that building systems are installed and functioning as intended. The process includes testing and inspection of systems, and can help identify and address any issues or defects.

Case Study: The Commissioned Building

The Commissioned Building is a sustainable construction project that features a comprehensive commissioning process. The building is designed to provide optimal performance and minimize energy consumption, and provides a model for sustainable commissioning and testing practices.

Maintenance and Operations

Maintenance and operations are critical aspects of sustainable finishing works. These processes ensure that building systems are properly maintained and operated, and can help optimize building performance and minimize energy consumption. Maintenance and operations can also help extend the lifespan of building systems and reduce the need for repairs and replacements.

Example: Maintenance Schedule

A maintenance schedule is a plan that outlines the maintenance and operations tasks required to keep building systems functioning properly. The schedule can help ensure that tasks are completed on time and can help prevent issues and defects.

Case Study: The Well-Maintained Building

The Well-Maintained Building is a sustainable construction project that features a comprehensive maintenance and operations plan. The building is designed to provide optimal performance and minimize energy consumption, and provides a model for sustainable maintenance and operations practices.

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