

Further examples of previous exam questions

This list is drawn from actual questions asked during previous exam sessions.

Please note that this list is indicative and not exhaustive. Many of the questions asked will be based on your own experience, although you must have theoretical knowledge of the entire syllabus.

- Tell us about your current employer and the work you do there.
 - What form of practice is your employer?
 - Explain what a company is.
 - How does a company differ from other forms of practice?
 - What are the benefits of a company and a partnership?
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- What are the responsibilities of an employer?
 - How are these responsibilities regulated?
 - How does your office record this information?
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- What insurances does your company have?
 - Why do we have PII?
 - What does the LI say about PII?
 - How is PII calculated?
 - How much is your cover at your employer?
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- How does your company win their work?
 - What are the ways a landscape architect may charge for their work?
 - How would you calculate a lump sum?
 - How do you ensure a good job is undertaken by the design team?
 - How does your company ensure Quality Assurance?
 - What in the code of conduct ensures we protect our clients?
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- Can you describe the differences between landscape and visual appraisals and an LVIA? Tell me about both processes.
 - How do you decide what to include in an LVA?
 - What documents would you refer to?
 - What would you do if it was considered the development would have significant effects on the landscape?
 - What would happen if a client was putting pressure on you?
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- Have you ever submitted a planning application?
 - What type of application was this?

- What was the content of the application?

- What are statutory consultees?
- Give an example of a non-statutory consultee

- Could you talk me through the planning process for a project you have recently been working on?
- How long do you have to discharge planning conditions?
- What is the process involved in discharging planning conditions?
- What is the hierarchy of the planning system in England (or Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)?

- Can you explain what a TPO is?
- What can and can't you do to a tree with a TPO?
- What about trees in conservation areas?

- What legislation protects protected species?
- What does that legislation impose?
- What species are protected?

- What are SSSI and Ramsar sites?
- If you were working on a development next to a SSSI and Ramsar site which would impact on those areas, what implications would this have?
- How would working next to a SSSI and Ramsar site change what you have to do?

- Why use standard forms of contract?
- How do you tender for contractors?
- How would you draw up a list of contractors to invite to tender?
- What would you do if whilst in the tender period one of the contractors called up and asked for a clarification?

- Why would we use a JCLI contract over a JCT Minor works?
- Have you ever undertaken the role of contract administrator?
- What are the duties of a contract administrator?
- How would you work out how much to pay the contractor whilst on site?

- What is CDM?

- Who has duties under CDM?
- What are the duties of a landscape architect under CDM?

- How do you monitor health and safety in projects?
- What would you do if you had an accident on site?
- How do you eliminate risk from design projects?

- At what points of a project would you need to carry out inspections?
- Why should you carry them out at these points?
- What would you do if, whilst your project was in construction, your contractor went bust?
- What would happen to the site and materials?

- What is a collateral warranty?
- Do collateral warranties affect your PII?
- What is practical completion?
- What happens at practical completion?