# General Construction and Carpentry Quiz Answer Key

# Weatherization Energy Auditor – Single Family

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Learning Objectives

By attending this session, participants will be able to:

* Define residential house construction terminology.
* Recognize characteristics of various types of structural framing.
* Identify different types of foundation, wall, roof, window and door systems.
* Differentiate between platform and balloon framing.
* Explain the impact that different framing types have on air leakage.
* Review window and door installation processes.

Questions and Rationale

**Objectives:**

* Identify different types of foundation, wall, roof, window and door systems.
* Define residential house construction terminology.

**Question:**

1. The types of foundation systems that do not commonly experience outside temperatures throughout the year are: *(Circle all that apply.)*

1. Below grade basement
2. Pier and Beam Foundation
3. Vented crawl space
4. Slab on grade

**Rationale:**

**A & D** are correct because these areas normally experience outside temperatures throughout the year.

**B** **& C** are incorrect because they are generally inside the thermal boundary and do not experience outside temperatures throughout the year.

**Objectives:**

* Differentiate between platform and balloon framing.
* Recognize characteristics of various types of structural framing.

**Question:**

2. Balloon framing can be detected by the presence of:

1. Open topped wall stud bays in an attic.
2. Double top plated partition walls.
3. Sill plates.

**Rationale:**

**A** is correct because with balloon framing the wall studs run continuously from the basement to the attic with no top plate.

**B & C** are incorrect because those features are associated with platform framing.

**Objective:**

* Explain the impact that different framing types have on air leakage.

**Question:**

3. An example of a major air leak associated with platform framed construction is:

1. Dropped ceiling over a closet with open topped wall studs.
2. Leaks around windows and doors.
3. Kitchen cabinet bulkhead open to the attic.

**Rationale:**

**A** is incorrect because open topped stud walls are associated with balloon framing.

**B** is incorrect because leaks associated with windows and doors are generally minor.

**C** is correct because this is a feature often found in older platform framed homes.

**Objectives:**

Review window and door installation processes.

**Question:**

Which of the following is not a step for the installation of an in-jamb replacement window?

1. Score all painted joints with a sharp utility knife.
2. Remove all interior and exterior window trim.
3. Seal the perimeter with low expanding foam.

**Rationale:**

**A** is in correct because scoring the paint is an appropriate step to prevent the trim from splitting when removing with a pry bar.

**B** is correct because only the window sash and interior window stops need to be removed.

**C** is incorrect because applying sealant will prevent air infiltration.