

Operator Quiz Corner – Trench Safety
Answers

- 1) Which of the following is not an acceptable method of protecting workers from a trench collapse?
 - a) Sloping
 - b) Saddling
 - c) Shoring
 - d) Shielding

- 2) According to OSHA, what is the depth of a trench in which some type of egress (e.g. ladders) must be provided?
 - a) 2 ft
 - b) 3 ft
 - c) 4 ft
 - d) 5 ft

- 3) According to OSHA, cave in protection must be provided for a trench that is \geq ___ deep.
 - a) 2 ft
 - b) 3 ft
 - c) 4 ft
 - d) 5 ft

- 4) According to OSHA, ladders must extend a minimum of _____ above the top of the trench.
 - a) 2 ft
 - b) 3 ft
 - c) 4 ft
 - d) 5 ft

- 5) According to OSHA, the excavated material from a trench (“spoils”) must be placed a minimum of _____ away from the trench.
 - a) 2 ft
 - b) 3 ft
 - c) 4 ft
 - d) 5 ft