

Type of Match Handout

Range of Inferences

Inference = act or process of drawing a conclusion or idea based on known facts or evidence.

“**Examine** the joints annually or more frequently in heavy operating conditions”

Word(s) in the document	Word(s) in the question (Given information)	Level of Match between information in document and Given Information	Level of inference required
Examine	inspection	Meaning match (different word, similar meaning, but verb vs. noun)	Higher
	How often should an inspection of the joints take place?		
Examine	inspects, inspected, inspecting	Mean match (different word, same meaning, different endings)	Some
	How often should the joints be inspected ?		
Examine	inspect	Meaning match (different word, same meaning)	Some
	How often should the worker inspect the joints?		
Examine	check (verb)/check (noun)	Meaning match (different word, same meaning)	Some
	How often does a worker need to check the joints?		
Examine	thoroughly look over	Meaning match (different word, same meaning)	Some
	How often should the worker thoroughly look over the joints?		
Examine	examination	Close match (same root word, but verb vs. noun)	Low
	How often should an examination of the joints take place?		
Examine	examines, examined, examining	Very close match (same root word, different endings)	Minimal
	How often is examining the joints recommended?		
Examine	examine	Exact match (same word, except for capitalization of the first letter)	None
	How often should the worker examine the joints?		