



My FCCM Preparation Journey

How I prepared, what to focus on, and how to approach the exam questions



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My Result

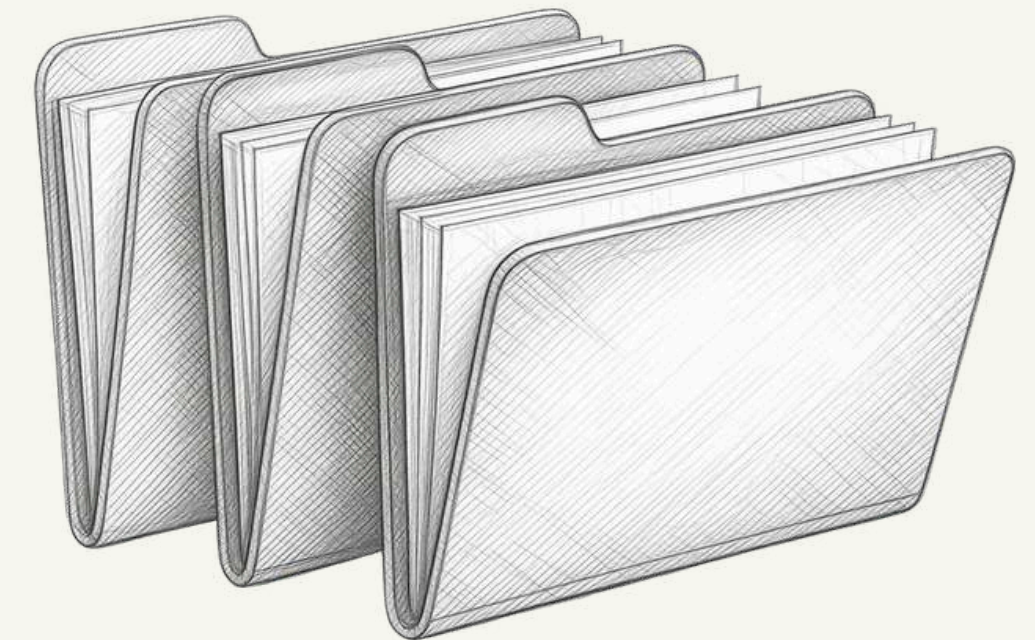
- Passed FCCM with 80%
- Pass score: 60%

Key message:

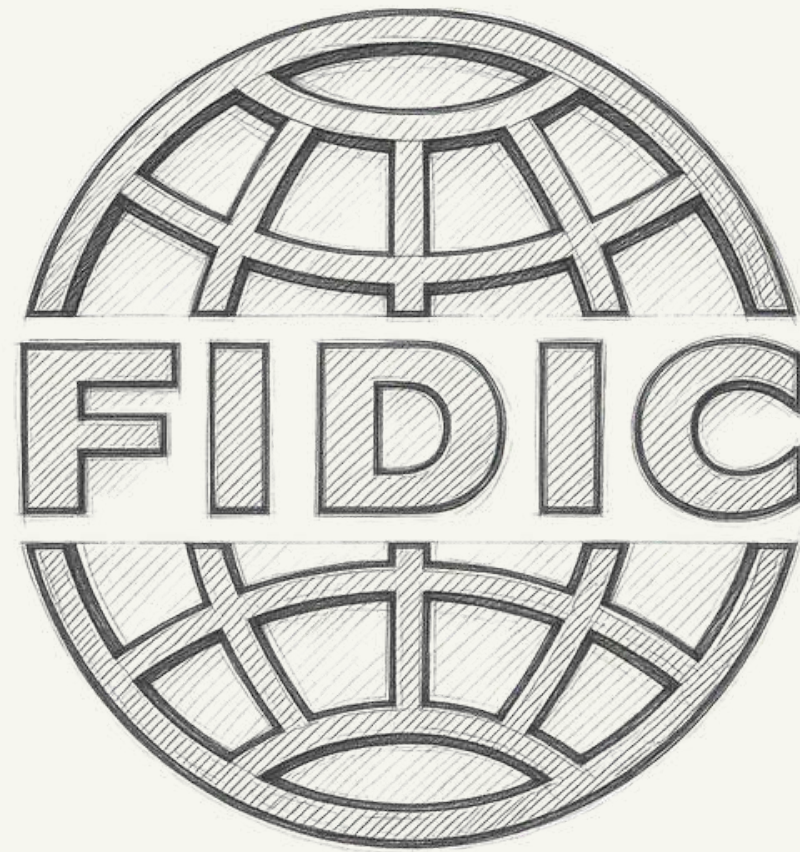
Success requires understanding,
not memorization only

Sources I Used

- Preparation Course by Justice Academy
- Lectures and Scientific Materials
- FCCM Study Lab – Justice Academy
- FCCM Exam Portal
- FIDIC Red, Yellow, Silver Books 1999 & 2017
- FIDIC Guides 1999 & 2017
- Golden Principles & Procurement Guide



Nature of the FCCM Questions



- Scenario-based questions
- Multiple-choice questions
- Sometimes more than one correct answer
- True/False questions
- Practical contract administration situations
- Comparison between 1999 and 2017
- Comparison between Red, Yellow, and Silver Books
- Focus on the most contractually accurate answer

Example: Scenario-Based Questions

Focus: What is the correct contractual action?

Typical situation: Engineer issues an instruction, Contractor gives Notice, Employer disagrees.

What to check:

- Which book?
- Which edition?
- Is it a Claim, Matter, Variation, or Dispute?
- Is Notice required?
- Was the time limit respected?



Claims and Notices

Focus areas:

Notice of Claim

Fully detailed Claim

Time-bar

Contemporary records

Late Notice

Difference between 1999 and 2017



Example concept:

A Contractor gives a late notice. The answer depends on whether the contract is 1999 or 2017 and whether the Engineer respond in time.

Engineer's Determination

Focus areas:

1999: no same detailed 42+42 structure under 3.5

2017: 42 days for agreement + 42 days for determination

Claim vs Matter

NOD against determination

Final and binding effect

Example concept:

If the Engineer does not determine a Claim, it may be deemed rejected, if it is a Matter, it may become a deemed dispute.



DAB/DAAB/Arbitration

Focus areas:

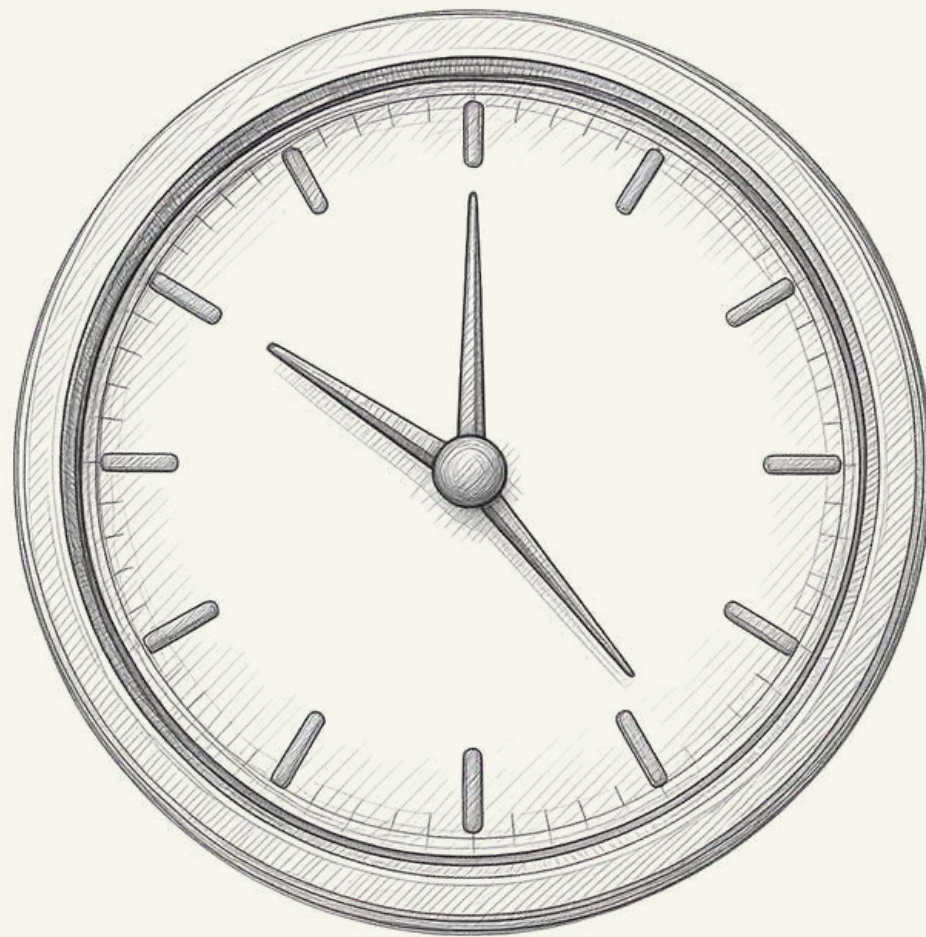
- DAB in 1999
- DAAB in 2017
- Binding vs Final and binding
- NOD against DAAB decision
- Amicable settlement
- Arbitration route

Example concept:

A DAAB decision must be complied with even if a NOD is issued, unless and until revised in arbitration



Time Limits to Memorize



- Notice of Claim
- Fully detailed Claim
- Engineer's response/determination
- NOD
- DAAB referral
- DAAB decision
- Amicable settlement
- Suspension and termination periods
- Payment and late payment periods

Entitlements



Main question: What does the Contractor get?

- EOT only
- Cost only
- Cost Plus Profit
- No entitlement

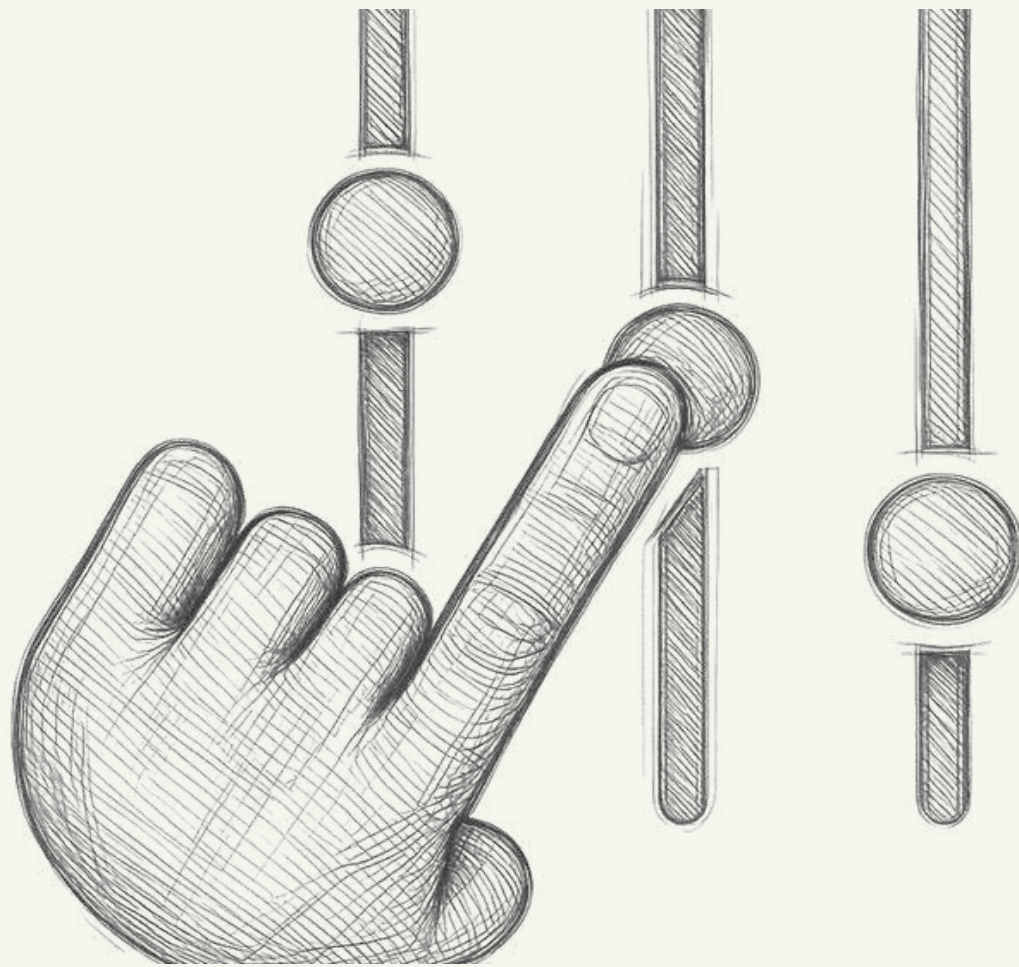
Example concept:

Employer delay may give Cost Plus Profit, while weather may give EOT only.

Variation and Adjustments

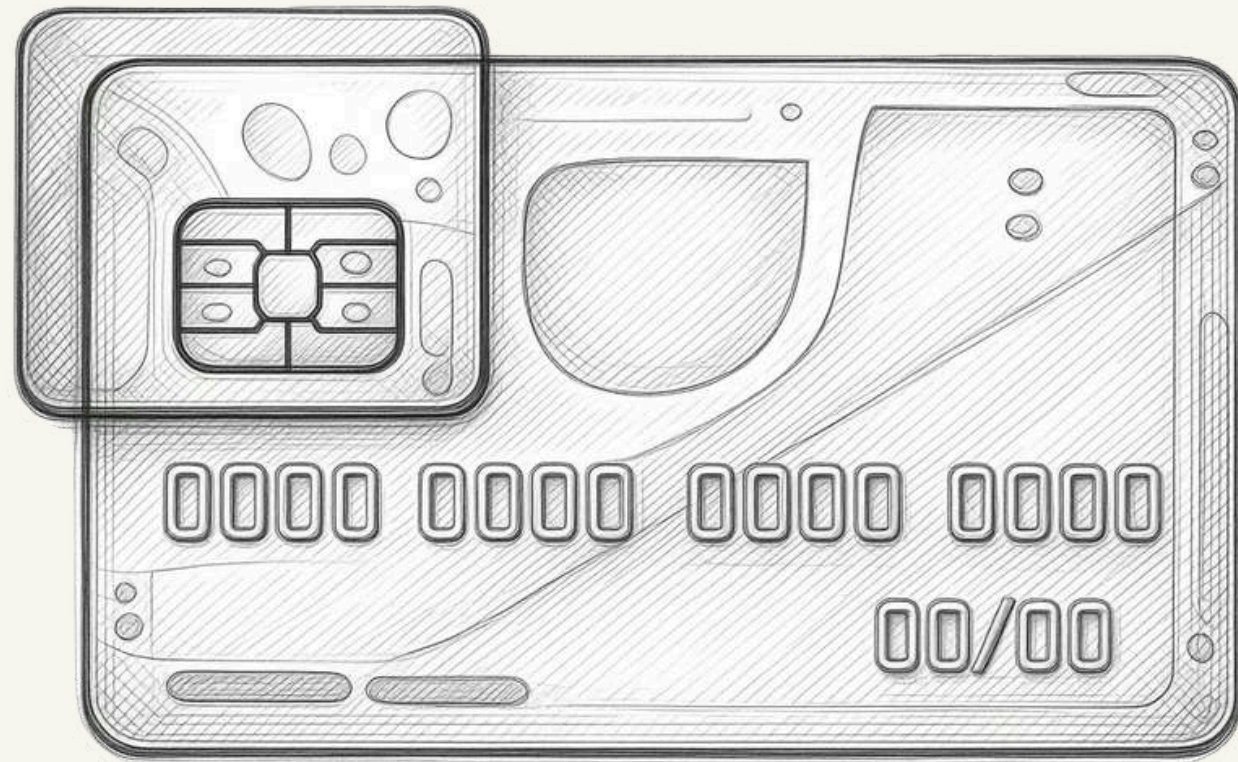
Focus areas:

- Variation by instruction
- Variation by request for proposal
- Omission of work
- Daywork
- Provisional sums
- Change in quantities
- Change in laws
- Adjustment of rates



Example concept: not every quantity change is automatically a Variation.

Payment and Final Account



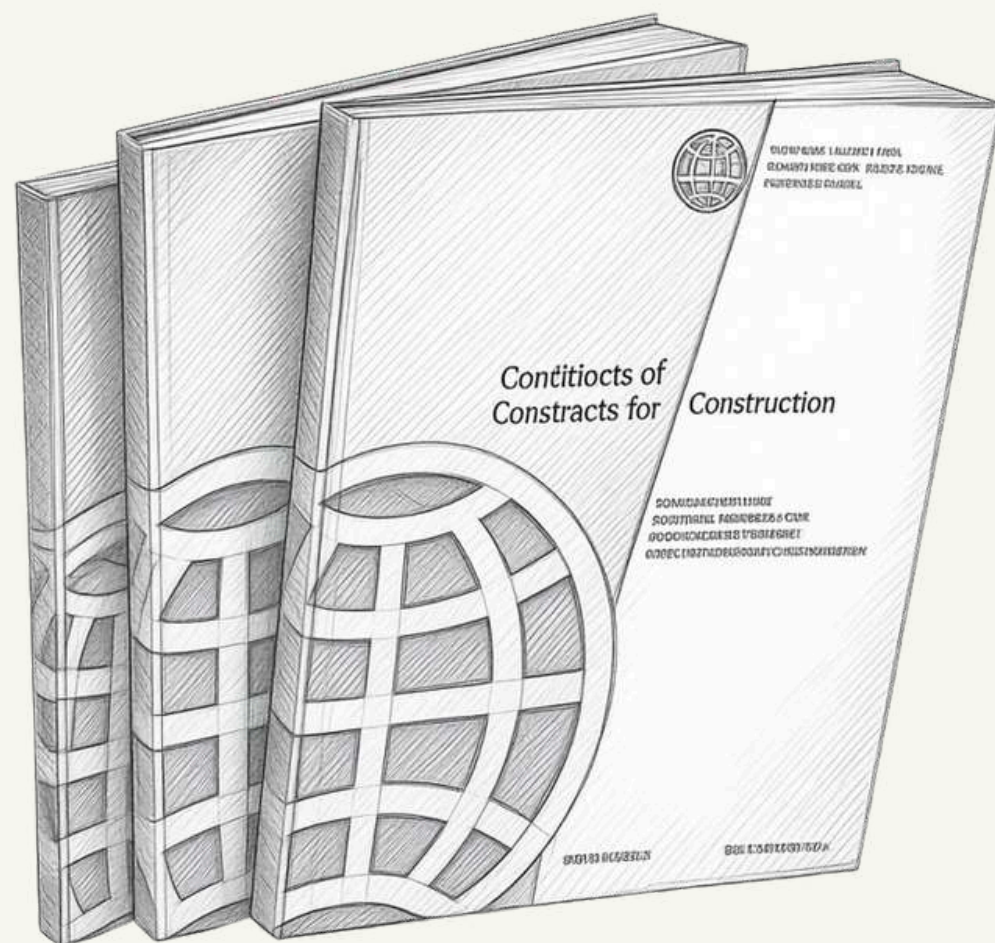
Focus areas:

- Interim Payment Certificate
- Late payment
- Financing charges
- Suspension for non-payment
- Retention
- Final Statement
- Final Payment Certificate
- Discharge
- Performance Security

1999 vs 2017

Compare:

- Claims procedure
- Notices
- Engineer's determination
- DAB vs DAAB
- Time limits
- Programme requirements
- Advance warning
- Employer's claims
- Dispute procedure



Red vs Yellow vs Silver

Red Book: Employer design, remeasurement focus, risk shared

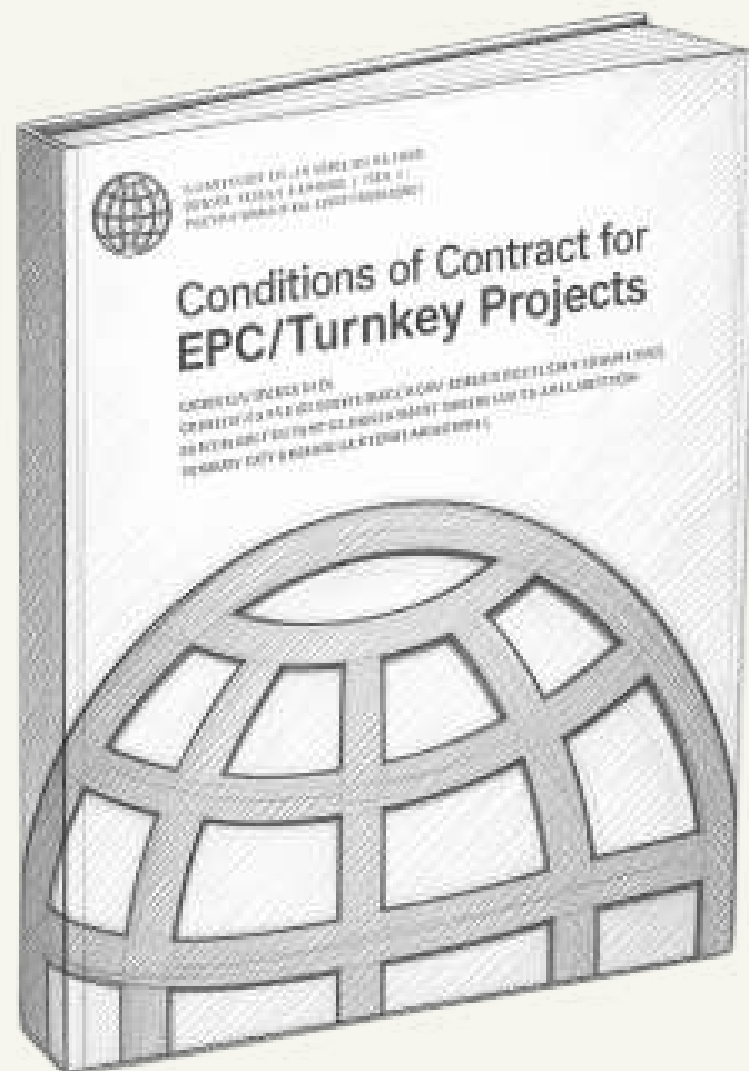
Yellow Book: Design-build, Contractor design responsibility,
Employer Requirement review

Silver Book: EPC/Turnkey, higher Contractor risk, no unforeseen
physical Conditions

Example concept:

Unforeseeable physical conditions may be treated differently in Silver Book compared with Red/Yellow.

Silver Book Focus



High-risk areas:

- Employer's Requirements
- Design responsibility
- Unforeseeable Difficulties
- Site risks
- Employer's Representative
- Limited Employer-risk exceptions

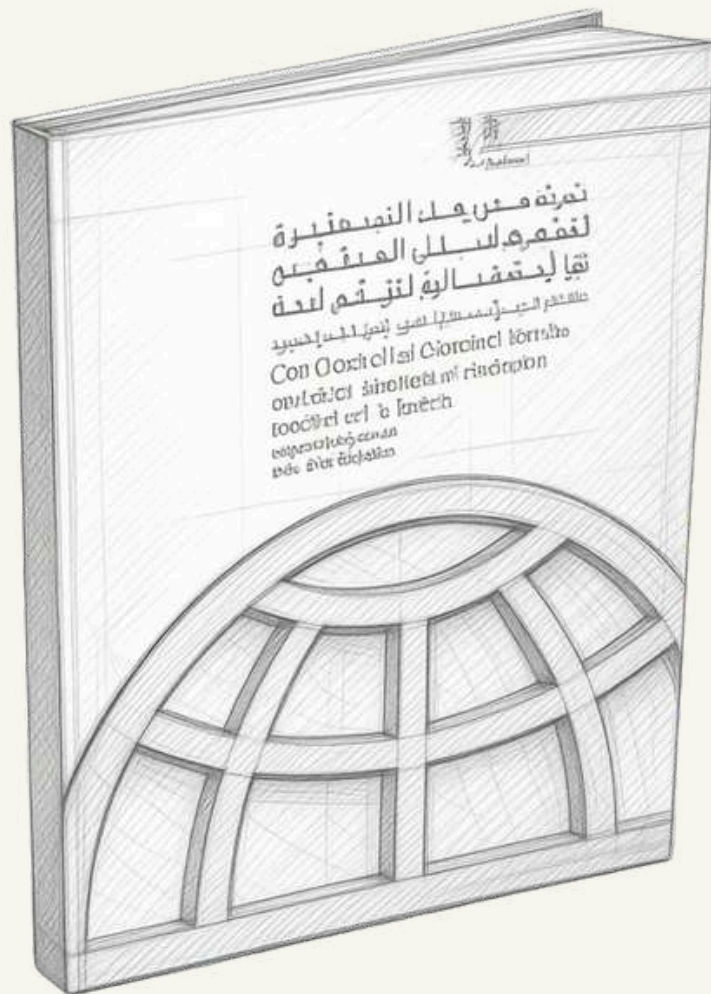
Golden Principles

Focus areas:

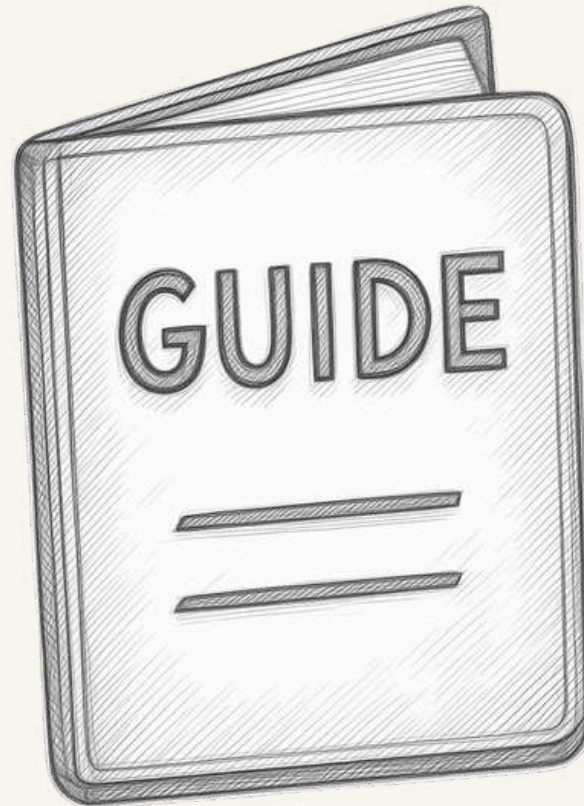
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Balanced risk allocation
- Clear and unambiguous drafting
- Reasonable time periods
- DAB/DAAB before arbitration

Example concept:

A Particular Condition that removes DAAB or makes the Engineer dependent on Employer approval may breach FIDIC principles.



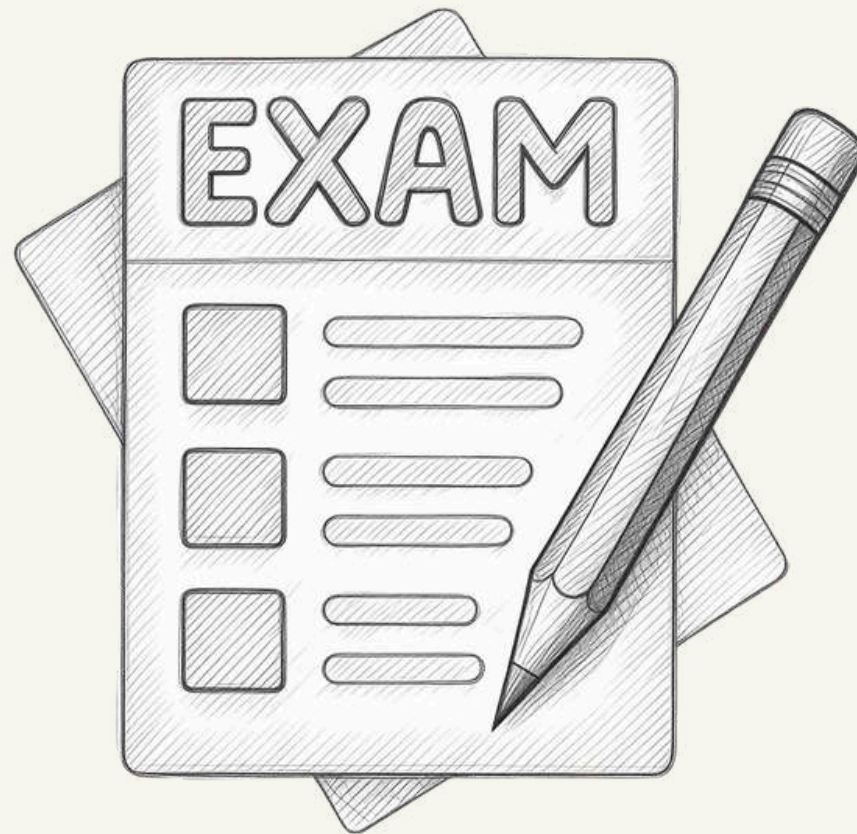
Procurement Guide



Focus areas:

- Tender evaluation
- Responsive tender
- Clarifications
- Alternative tender
- Qualification criterial
- Lowest price vs most economically advantageous tender
- Fairness and transparency

Common Exam Traps



- "Always" / " automatically" / "immediately" / "only"
- Assuming every entitlement includes Profit
- Confusing Claims with Matter
- Confusing DAB with DAAB
- Treating Silver Book like Red Book
- Thinking every quantity increase is a Variation
- Forgetting time limits after NOD

Relying only on question banks without checking the books

My Study Method

- Understand the structure of each book
 - Read the original clauses
 - Prepare comparison tables
 - Summarize all time-limits
 - Create an entitlement table
 - Solve many questions
 - Review mistakes carefully
 - Understand why each wrong option is wrong
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Thank You

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