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Questions have been produced on the theoretical knowledge requirements as defined in the IRATA Training Assessment and Certification Scheme (TACS) [TC-101ENG].

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Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	The work at height hierarchy	6.6.1.2	1.4 Principles, Part 4 – 4.2.7.6 Clause 2.2.2, 2.2.4.3 2.3 2.4	
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	Edge management	6.4.6	2.11.3.2 Protection methods for anchor lines 2.11.7.2, 2.11.11	IRATA Edge Management Poster [FM-120ENG]
	Rigging for hazards	6.4	2.11.2.19, 2.11.2.20 2.11.3.1.5 2.11.2.14, 2.11.2.15(a)	Assessor and Instructor Deviation Guidance [GU -235ENG]
	Safety and anchor loads	6.4.2	2.11.2 The anchor system	
	Hazards and controls	6.4.6	Annex P – Recommended actions for the protection of anchor lines 2.11.3.1.7, 2.11.3.1.16	IRATA Edge Management Poster [FM-120ENG]
	Long descents	6.8.6.1		Historical training techniques use of double descenders
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