

Railway fundamentals – Track

Questions

1. Between which two ranges of hills does the West Somerset Railway run between Bishops Lydeard and Williton?
2. From which three materials are the sleepers used on the West Somerset Railway made?
3. Which three types of rail are commonly found on the West Somerset Railway?
4. How heavy is a new 60 foot long length of bullhead rail?
5. What is the design fault with GWR two-bolt rail chairs?
6. If a dropped rail joint isn't dealt with, what more serious fault can develop?
7. Below which radius of curve is a check-rail required?
8. Which device is used to ease the passage of trains round a tight curve?
9. What is rail 'galling'?
10. What is the standard gauge of British railway track (and the West Somerset Railway)?