

LIGHTING STANDARDS-5MARKS

- There is considerable confusion about the lighting standards because of the adaptability of eyes.
- Many standards have been published but these standards are arbitrary.
- The visual efficiency increases with the increase of illumination (illumination means amount of light reaching surface), but the curves flattens out at higher level.

Pink coloured line is for understanding.

- A useful rule of thumb is that the illumination level must be 30 times higher than the level at which the task can be done.
- There are no exact lighting standards, therefore it is better to use the too much light provided it does not cause glare to the eyes.
- The following values heve been suggested by Illuminating Engineer society.(
 given in pg-801 table2)

Recommende	nation (the IES Code) Illumination (lux)
Visual task	100
Casual reading	400
General office work	900
Fine assembly	1,300-2,000
Very severe tasks	2,000-3,000

• In absence of proper lighting standards, considering the requirements of good lightings becomes of prime importance. They are as follows:

(Describe the points under the requirements of good lighting, page no-799)

- 1. Sufficiency
- 2. Distribution
- 3. Absence of glare
- 4. Absence of sharp shadows
- 5. Steadiness
- 6. Colour of light
- 7. Surroundings