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STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. How much heat must be supplied to 200 kg of water at 20 degrees C to make steam at 850 kPa which is 87% dry?

A. 2,039.4 kJ

B. 407,880 kJ

C. 1,774.28 kJ

D. 484,507.6 kJ

2. Acceleration is measured in which of the following units?

A. m

B. m^2/s

C. m/s

D. m/s^2

3. What type of triangle would contain one angle that is less than 90 degrees?

A. acute

B. obtuse

C. right

D. scalene

4. Which type of pressure is caused by the weight of the earth's atmosphere?

A. Absolute pressure

B. Standard pressure

C. Minimum pressure

D. Atmospheric pressure

5. What must be done to register a fitting within a jurisdiction?

A. An application must be made to the Chief Inspector

B. Drawings must be submitted to the ASME

C. The CSA must approve the design

D. Application fees will be waived

6. Which code specifically regulates mechanical refrigeration?

A. ASME Section I

B. CSA B-51

C. ASME Section IV

D. CSA B-52

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7. The characteristic of a material breaking without significant deformation is known as?

A. Stiffness

B. Brittleness

C. Toughness

D. Hardness

8. When used for underground thermal flooding in oil fields, what is the aggregate capacity limit for coil type drumless boilers under a Fourth Class Power Engineer's certificate?

A. 10,000

B. 20,000

C. 30,000

D. 40,000

9. Velocity ratio in a lifting machine is defined as what?

A. The load to the effort ratio

B. The distance moved by effort to the distance moved by load

C. The work output to work input ratio

D. A block and tackle system

10. Rate of doing work is defined as:

A. Any energy

B. Kinetic energy

C. Potential energy

D. Power

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Answers

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1. D
2. D
3. A
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. D

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Explanations

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1. How much heat must be supplied to 200 kg of water at 20 degrees C to make steam at 850 kPa which is 87% dry?

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To determine the total heat required to convert 200 kg of water at 20 degrees C to steam at 850 kPa with 87% dryness, a combination of steps is involved. First, the water needs to be heated from its initial temperature of 20 degrees C to the boiling point at 850 kPa. The saturation temperature at this pressure can be found using steam tables or thermodynamic properties, which typically reveal a saturation temperature around 179.9 degrees C. The specific heat of water is approximately 4.18 kJ/kg·°C, allowing us to calculate the heat required to raise the temperature: \(Q_1 = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T \) Where: - \(m \) = mass of water (200 kg) - \(c \) = specific heat of water (4.18 kJ/kg·°C) - \(\Delta T \) = change in temperature (179.9 - 20) degrees C Next, we need to account for the heat required to convert the liquid water at 179.9 degrees C to saturated steam. The enthalpy of vaporization at this pressure can be determined from the steam tables. The total heat

2. Acceleration is measured in which of the following units?

A. m

B. m^2/s

C. m/s

D. m/s^2

Acceleration is defined as the rate of change of velocity over time. In SI (International System of Units), velocity is measured in meters per second (m/s), and time is measured in seconds (s). To calculate acceleration, you take the change in velocity (in meters per second) and divide it by the time period over which that change occurs (in seconds). Thus, the formula for acceleration is: \[\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{Change in velocity}}{\text{Time}} \] This leads to the unit of acceleration being meters per second squared (m/s^2). This indicates how much the velocity of an object changes per unit of time. For example, an acceleration of 1 m/s^2 means that the velocity of an object increases by 1 meter per second every second. Understanding this concept is crucial since acceleration plays a fundamental role in mechanics and is significantly involved in various engineering applications, particularly in the context of power engineering, where movement and changes in motion are often analyzed.

3. What type of triangle would contain one angle that is less than 90 degrees?

A. acute

B. obtuse

C. right

D. scalene

An acute triangle is defined as a triangle in which all three of its angles are less than 90 degrees. Therefore, if one angle is specifically stated to be less than 90 degrees, it implies that the triangle could potentially be categorized as acute, especially if the other two angles are also less than 90 degrees. In an acute triangle, this property ensures that none of the angles reach or exceed a right angle. In contrast, an obtuse triangle contains one angle greater than 90 degrees. A right triangle has one angle exactly equal to 90 degrees. While a scalene triangle refers to the lengths of its sides being all different, it does not provide information about the size of the angles. Thus, while scalene triangles can certainly be acute or obtuse, the classification does not guarantee that any angle is specifically less than 90 degrees—only the lengths of the sides differentiate it. Focusing on the given definition of an acute triangle helps clarify why this option is the best answer when considering a triangle that must include at least one angle measuring less than 90 degrees.

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4. Which type of pressure is caused by the weight of the earth's atmosphere?

A. Absolute pressure

B. Standard pressure

C. Minimum pressure

D. Atmospheric pressure

Atmospheric pressure refers to the pressure exerted by the weight of the Earth's atmosphere at a given point. It is the force per unit area that results from the cumulative weight of air molecules above that point in the atmosphere. As elevation increases, atmospheric pressure decreases because there is less air above to exert pressure, making this type of pressure highly variable depending on altitude and weather conditions. Understanding atmospheric pressure is crucial in various engineering applications, especially in power engineering, as it affects fluid behaviors, boiler operations, and other equipment that rely on the principles of pressure and flow. In contrast, absolute pressure measures the total pressure exerted on a system, including atmospheric pressure, while standard pressure tends to refer to a reference value used for calculations under defined conditions. Minimum pressure is not commonly recognized in the context of atmospheric pressures in power engineering.

5. What must be done to register a fitting within a jurisdiction?

A. An application must be made to the Chief Inspector

B. Drawings must be submitted to the ASME

C. The CSA must approve the design

D. Application fees will be waived

To register a fitting within a jurisdiction, submitting an application to the Chief Inspector is essential. This process ensures that the fitting meets safety and regulatory standards as dictated by the jurisdiction's legislation. The Chief Inspector is responsible for overseeing compliance with safety regulations and codes, making them the appropriate authority to review and approve such applications. The other options relate to different aspects of pressure equipment and safety standards. For instance, while submitting drawings to ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) may be relevant in certain contexts, it does not directly pertain to the registration process at a jurisdictional level. CSA (Canadian Standards Association) approval is also vital for ensuring designs meet specific standards but does not replace the process of registering the fitting with the Chief Inspector. Additionally, stating that application fees will be waived is not a standard practice and does not pertain to the necessary steps required for registration.

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6. Which code specifically regulates mechanical refrigeration?

A. ASME Section I

B. CSA B-51

C. ASME Section IV

D. CSA B-52

The code that specifically regulates mechanical refrigeration is CSA B-52. This standard provides comprehensive guidelines regarding the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of refrigeration systems. It addresses safety considerations and best practices to ensure the reliable and efficient operation of refrigeration equipment. CSA B-52 is essential for understanding the specific requirements for various refrigeration systems and complies with safety regulations to minimize risks associated with refrigerants and equipment failures. It also outlines aspects related to the handling of refrigerants, which is crucial given the environmental considerations linked to certain refrigerants. In contrast, ASME Section I applies to power boilers, focusing primarily on steam and hot water boilers. ASME Section IV relates to heating boilers, ensuring safety and performance standards for hot water heating systems, but does not cover refrigeration. CSA B-51 addresses the use of pressure vessels and piping, which may intersect with refrigeration systems, but it does not provide the specific regulations that CSA B-52 does.

7. The characteristic of a material breaking without significant deformation is known as?

A. Stiffness

B. Brittleness

C. Toughness

D. Hardness

The characteristic of a material breaking without significant deformation is termed brittleness. Brittleness refers to a material's tendency to fracture or break with little or no plastic deformation when subjected to stress. This means that when a brittle material is pushed beyond its limits, it will snap or shatter rather than bend or stretch. In contrast, stiffness relates to a material's resistance to deformation when a load is applied, which does not necessarily imply a tendency to fracture. Toughness, on the other hand, refers to a material's ability to absorb energy and withstand deformation before breaking, highlighting a degree of flexibility and resilience. Hardness measures a material's resistance to surface deformation or scratching but does not directly correlate with its behavior under stress leading to fracture. Therefore, understanding these properties is crucial in the study of material science, particularly in applications where strength and durability are of paramount importance.

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8. When used for underground thermal flooding in oil fields, what is the aggregate capacity limit for coil type drumless boilers under a Fourth Class Power Engineer's certificate?

A. 10,000

B. 20,000

C. 30,000

D. 40,000

The aggregate capacity limit for coil type drumless boilers used in applications such as underground thermal flooding in oil fields under a Fourth Class Power Engineer's certificate is indeed 10,000 lbs/hour. This regulation aligns with industry standards related to the safe and efficient operation of boilers, particularly in specialized circumstances like thermal flooding, where managing temperatures and pressures is critical to enhancing oil recovery. Coil type drumless boilers are generally recognized for their design and operational characteristics, which allow them to achieve high thermal efficiency and quick response to load changes. However, due to these factors and the operational environment, regulatory bodies have established the 10,000 lbs/hour limit as a safety measure to ensure that operators can manage the inherent risks associated with higher capacities effectively. The limits provided by the other options such as 20,000, 30,000, and 40,000 lbs/hour exceed the recognized safe operational capacity for Fourth Class Power Engineers in this specific context, thereby underscoring the importance of adhering to established guidelines for equipment use in oil fields.

9. Velocity ratio in a lifting machine is defined as what?

A. The load to the effort ratio

B. The distance moved by effort to the distance moved by load

C. The work output to work input ratio

D. A block and tackle system

The velocity ratio in a lifting machine is defined as the distance moved by the effort divided by the distance moved by the load. This definition is crucial because it illustrates how mechanical advantages are achieved in various machines. When an effort is applied over a certain distance, that distance and the corresponding distance moved by the load provide insight into the efficiency and effectiveness of the machine. A higher velocity ratio indicates that a smaller effort can move a larger load when the distances moved are considered. This relationship is essential for understanding how machines like pulleys, levers, and other lifting mechanisms work to assist in lifting heavy objects with less manual effort. The other choices touch upon related concepts, but they do not define the velocity ratio directly. The load to the effort ratio pertains to the mechanical advantage rather than the specific relationship of distances moved. The work output to work input ratio refers to efficiency rather than velocity ratio. A block and tackle system is a particular arrangement of pulleys and does not define the velocity ratio itself but is an application where this ratio can be observed.

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10. Rate of doing work is defined as:

A. Any energy

B. Kinetic energy

C. Potential energy

D. Power

The rate of doing work is defined as power. In physics, power quantifies how quickly work is done or the amount of energy transferred or converted per unit of time. It indicates how efficiently energy is being used in a system. For instance, if you perform a task that requires you to exert energy over a certain period, the power output would reflect how much work is accomplished in that time frame. Power is commonly measured in watts, where one watt corresponds to one joule of work done per second. In contrast, the other options represent specific forms of energy rather than a measure of work over time. Kinetic energy refers to the energy possessed by an object due to its motion, while potential energy is related to the position or configuration of an object within a gravitational field or other force fields. The term "any energy" lacks a specific definition and does not pertain to the context of work performed over time.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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