# AGRICULTURE WEED CONTROL (CATEGORY 103) PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

## 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. Which phrase describes a Dry Flowable pesticide formulation?**

A. Wettable Powder

B. Granular

C. Water Dispersible Granule

D. Dry Flowable

**2. Which term is abbreviated as IWM?**

A. Integrated Weed Management

B. Irrigation Without Moisture

C. Insecticide With Mechanism

D. Independent Weed Measure

**3. Which adjuvant alters the physical characteristics of the spray solution?**

A. Spray Modifiers

B. Activato r agents

C. Surfactants

D. Field Bindweed

**4. Which metric expresses the lethal concentration required to kill 50% of an exposed population?**

A. LD50

B. LC50

C. NOAEL

D. LOAEL

**5. Biochemical Pesticides: Plant extracts, pheromones, plant hormones, clay, potassium bicarbonate, and enzymes as the active ingredient.**

A. Biopesticides

B. Microbial Pesticides

C. Biochemical Pesticides

D. Contact Herbicide

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**6. Which of the following is a winter annual weed example?**

A. Goat Grass and Cheatgrass

B. Crabgrass and Barnyardgrass

C. Goosegrass and Foxtail

D. Velvetleaf and Pigweed

**7. Which term best describes the health risk from all exposure routes, including dietary and non-occupational exposures?**

A. Aggregate Risk

B. Cumulative Risk

C. Acute Risk

D. Chronic Risk

**8. In disease control, what is a Protectant used to do?**

A. Kill existing fungal infections

B. Prevent fungal infections

C. Stimulate growth

D. Attract beneficial insects

**9. A pesticide with a low LD50 is typically:**

A. Highly Toxic

B. Non-Toxic

C. Moderately Toxic

D. Slightly Toxic

**10. B List consists of weeds depending on location that need eradicated or stopped from spreading. Which option is correct?**

A. A List

B. B List

C. C List

D. D List

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# Answers

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

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# Explanations

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## 1. Which phrase describes a Dry Flowable pesticide formulation?

A. Wettable Powder

B. Granular

C. Water Dispersible Granule

D. Dry Flowable

*A Dry Flowable is a fine dry powder that disperses readily in water to form a smooth, flowable suspension for spraying. It's milled very finely and often contains a binder and surfactants to help wetting and dispersion, so it mixes quickly with water, produces little dust, and provides good coverage in the spray. This is different from a Wettable Powder, which is also a dry powder but can be dustier and harder to keep evenly dispersed; a Granular formulation uses larger solid granules intended for soil or surface application; and a Water Dispersible Granule is granules that break apart in water to form a suspension, not a true dry powder that flows as a suspension.*

## 2. Which term is abbreviated as IWM?

A. Integrated Weed Management

B. Irrigation Without Moisture

C. Insecticide With Mechanism

D. Independent Weed Measure

*Integrated Weed Management is the term abbreviated as IWM. This approach brings together multiple weed control methods—cultural practices like crop rotation and altered planting times, mechanical actions such as tillage or hoeing, selective chemical use, and biological or ecological tactics—to manage weed populations in a sustainable way. The aim is to reduce reliance on any single tactic, slow the development of herbicide resistance, and minimize environmental impact while protecting crop safety. The other options don't reflect a recognized weed-management framework: they describe concepts that aren't used to define IWM.*

## 3. Which adjuvant alters the physical characteristics of the spray solution?

A. Spray Modifiers

B. Activato r agents

C. Surfactants

D. Field Bindweed

*Spray modifiers are adjuvants designed to change how the spray solution behaves in the nozzle and in the solution itself. They adjust physical properties like viscosity, formulation density, and even how the spray droplets form and behave once released. By tweaking these characteristics, they can control drift, improve droplet deposition, and help the spray stay on the target long enough for the herbicide to work. Surfactants mainly alter surface tension to improve wetting and spreading on leaf surfaces, which is a specific physical effect but narrower in scope. Activator agents are aimed at boosting herbicide activity or uptake, not primarily at changing the spray's physical properties. Field Bindweed is a weed, not an adjuvant. So the option that best describes altering the physical characteristics of the spray solution is spray modifiers.*

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## 4. Which metric expresses the lethal concentration required to kill 50% of an exposed population?

A. LD50

B. LC50

C. NOAEL

D. LOAEL

*LC50 is the metric that expresses the concentration of a substance in the exposure medium (air, water, etc.) that is expected to kill 50% of the exposed population over a defined exposure period. It differs from LD50, which is the lethal dose per body weight (amount per kilogram) and applies to systemic exposure after ingestion or absorption. NOAEL and LOAEL refer to non-observed adverse effects or observed adverse effects levels and are not measures of lethal toxicity. In practice, LC50 is used to assess environmental or inhalation toxicity—such as how a pesticide concentration in water or air affects aquatic life or exposed organisms—making it the correct concept for the question.*

## 5. Biochemical Pesticides: Plant extracts, pheromones, plant hormones, clay, potassium bicarbonate, and enzymes as the active ingredient.

A. Biopesticides

B. Microbial Pesticides

C. Biochemical Pesticides

D. Contact Herbicide

*Biochemical pesticides are naturally occurring substances used to control pests by non-living, non-microbial means. The examples listed—plant extracts, pheromones, plant hormones, clay minerals, potassium bicarbonate, and enzymes—fit this category because they act through biochemical or physical mechanisms derived from natural materials rather than by introducing a living organism. Plant extracts can deter or harm pests, pheromones disrupt mating, plant hormones can alter pest development or behavior, clays can create physical barriers or adsorb toxins, potassium bicarbonate can inhibit fungal growth, and enzymes can target specific pest tissues or processes. This sets them apart from microbial pesticides, which rely on living microorganisms, and from broad-bodied terms like biopesticides, which also include microbial products.*

## 6. Which of the following is a winter annual weed example?

A. Goat Grass and Cheatgrass

B. Crabgrass and Barnyardgrass

C. Goosegrass and Foxtail

D. Velvetleaf and Pigweed

*Winter annual weeds are those that germinate in the cool of fall, survive through winter as small plants, and complete their life cycle in spring, setting seed before hot, dry summer conditions. Goat grass and cheatgrass fit this pattern perfectly: they sprout in fall, stay green through winter, then rapidly regrow in spring and produce seeds before summer heat ends their cycle. This timing helps them persist and creates a persistent seed bank that makes them particularly troublesome in many cropping and rangeland systems. Crabgrass, barnyardgrass, and goosegrass are typical warm-season or summer annuals—they germinate when soils warm in late spring to summer and complete their life cycle before winter. Foxtail behaves similarly as a warm-season grass. Velvetleaf and pigweed are broadleaf annuals that generally establish in spring rather than fall, so they don't fit the winter-annual pattern as clearly.*

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## 7. Which term best describes the health risk from all exposure routes, including dietary and non-occupational exposures?

A. Aggregate Risk

B. Cumulative Risk

C. Acute Risk

D. Chronic Risk

*The concept here is combining all ways a person can be exposed to a chemical into one total picture of risk. Aggregate risk describes the health risk from all exposure routes for a single contaminant—dietary, inhalation, dermal, and other non-occupational sources—summed to estimate the overall threat. This differs from cumulative risk, which concerns the combined risk from multiple chemicals, often with similar toxic effects, rather than all routes for one substance. Acute risk and chronic risk refer to the time frame of exposure (short-term versus long-term) rather than the breadth of exposure routes across a single substance. So, when you're assessing the overall danger from a single chemical across food, air, water, and skin contact, aggregate risk is the best fit.*

## 8. In disease control, what is a Protectant used to do?

A. Kill existing fungal infections

B. Prevent fungal infections

C. Stimulate growth

D. Attract beneficial insects

*The main idea here is that a protectant is used to prevent disease rather than cure it. Protectants act as a defensive barrier on plant surfaces or interfere with early steps of the pathogen's infection process, so they stop fungi from getting established if applied before the pathogen arrives. Because they're preventative, they don't kill fungi that are already infecting tissue, and they often need to be reapplied after rain or heavy dew to maintain the barrier. They're typically contact or surface-acting products, not systemic therapies, so their effectiveness depends on good coverage of the plant. That's why the best choice is to prevent fungal infections. They aren't about stimulating growth or attracting insects, which are different agricultural goals.*

## 9. A pesticide with a low LD50 is typically:

A. Highly Toxic

B. Non-Toxic

C. Moderately Toxic

D. Slightly Toxic

*A low LD50 means the chemical is highly lethal at a small dose, so it is described as highly toxic. LD50 is the amount of substance per body weight that kills 50% of test animals; the smaller that amount, the more potent the toxin. So a pesticide with a low LD50 requires only a tiny quantity to be dangerous, highlighting its high acute toxicity. In contrast, higher LD50 values indicate lower acute toxicity, corresponding to slightly or moderately toxic classifications, or even non-toxic if no lethal effects are observed at tested doses.*

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**10. B List consists of weeds depending on location that need eradicated or stopped from spreading. Which option is correct?**

A. A List

B. B List

C. C List

D. D List

*The main idea is prioritizing weeds by how their threat depends on local conditions and focusing on actions to stop their spread. A list that identifies weeds as needing eradication or containment because their impact varies by location is exactly about targeting locally problematic species and preventing their spread. That description aligns with how managers classify weeds to direct local eradication efforts, so this option best fits the concept. The other lists would describe different management intentions, not the location-dependent, eradication-or-spread-prevention focus described here.*

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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.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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

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