GEORGIA SEPTIC INSTALLER PRACTICE TEST (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 sequence correctly orders course soils to finer grained soils?

A. sandy loam > silt > clay > fine sand

B. course sand > fine sand > sandy loam > silt > silt clay > clay

C. clay > silt > sand > sandy loam

D. silt > course sand > clay > fine sand

2. What is the maximum number of allowed inlet open wing knockouts in a precast septic tank?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

3. Normal septic tank effluent typically has how many parts per million in suspended particles?

A. 50-60 parts per million

B. 90-100 parts per million

C. 140-150 parts per million

D. 200-210 parts per million

4. How many inches shall the invert of the inlet hole be above the invert of the outlet hole for a concrete distribution box?

A. 1 inch

B. 2-3 inches

C. 3-4 inches

D. 4-5 inches

5. Where should the partition be placed in a precast concrete septic tank?

A. Less than 1/2 of the tank depth

B. Not less than 2/3rds and no more than 3/4ths

C. Exactly at the center of the tank

D. At least 3/4ths of the tank depth

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6. True or False: All precast concrete septic tanks must have a partition in the middle creating two compartments.

A. True

B. False

C. Only if the capacity is over 1000 gallons

D. Only for residential applications

7. In which zone of the ground should emitter lines be installed?

A. Topsoil zone

B. Drainage zone

C. Root zone of the cover vegetation

D. Subsoil zone

8. What is the minimum distance that absorption fields should be placed from trash pits?

A. 10 feet

B. 15 feet

C. 20 feet

D. 25 feet

9. What is the minimum distance that bedrock must be below the proposed absorption field for a sewage management system to be permitted?

A. 1 foot

B. 2 feet

C. 3 feet

D. 4 feet

10. What is the minimum requirement for the number of holes in a four-inch diameter or larger pipe?

A. At least one row of holes

B. At least two rows of holes

C. At least three rows of holes

D. At least four rows of holes

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which sequence correctly orders course soils to finer grained soils?

A. sandy loam > silt > clay > fine sand

B. course sand > fine sand > sandy loam > silt > silt clay > clay

C. clay > silt > sand > sandy loam

D. silt > course sand > clay > fine sand

The correct sequence that orders coarse soils to finer-grained soils is based on the texture and particle size of the soil classifications. Coarse soils have larger particles, while finer soils consist of smaller particles. In the correct choice, the sequence begins with coarse sand, which has the largest particle size among the options listed. As you progress through the list, the next is fine sand, which has a smaller particle size compared to coarse sand. Following that is sandy loam, which is a mixture that includes sand but also finer particles, leading into silt, which has even smaller particle sizes. Silt clay comes next, indicating a mixture of silt and clay particles, and finally, clay represents the finest of the soils, with very small particles. The overall arrangement from coarsest to finest is crucial because it affects water drainage, nutrient retention, and the suitability of soil for different types of plant growth. This sequence is a standard understanding in soil science and essential knowledge for septic installers, as the soil type can influence the design and function of septic systems.

2. What is the maximum number of allowed inlet open wing knockouts in a precast septic tank?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

The correct answer regarding the maximum number of allowed inlet open wing knockouts in a precast septic tank is based on industry standards and regulations that dictate how septic systems should be designed and installed for optimal function. A precast septic tank is built with specific inlet and outlet configurations to effectively manage wastewater. Inlet open wing knockouts are designed to provide flexibility for builders when connecting the septic tank to the plumbing system. The maximum of three knockouts allows for sufficient adaptability in various installation scenarios, while still maintaining the structural integrity and functionality of the tank. This number ensures that if there are multiple configurations needed during installation, there is still a clear, designated inlet path for waste to enter the tank efficiently. Determining the maximum number of knockouts is essential to prevent issues such as uneven flow or potential backflow, which can occur if there are too many openings. By regulating the number of inlet open wing knockouts, it helps in maintaining effective treatment of wastewater, thus safeguarding public health and the environment. Understanding this aspect is crucial for effective septic system installation and compliance with Georgia's regulations.

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3. Normal septic tank effluent typically has how many parts per million in suspended particles?

A. 50-60 parts per million

B. 90-100 parts per million

C. 140-150 parts per million

D. 200-210 parts per million

Normal septic tank effluent typically contains approximately 140-150 parts per million of suspended particles. This range reflects the typical performance and operational characteristics of conventional septic systems, which are designed to treat wastewater by separating solids from the liquid effluent. The effluent contains organic matter, bacteria, and other particles that have not been fully decomposed or filtered out during the treatment process. Understanding this range is crucial for septic system installers and maintenance personnel, as it helps in assessing the effectiveness of the septic system, ensuring it meets environmental standards, and preventing potential issues such as system failure or groundwater contamination. Having this knowledge aids in providing correct guidance to homeowners regarding system maintenance, longevity, and when to consider upgrades or repairs.

4. How many inches shall the invert of the inlet hole be above the invert of the outlet hole for a concrete distribution box?

A. 1 inch

B. 2-3 inches

C. 3-4 inches

D. 4-5 inches

The correct answer indicates that the invert of the inlet hole should be positioned 2 to 3 inches above the invert of the outlet hole in a concrete distribution box. This design specification is critical for ensuring proper flow and function of the septic system. By maintaining this height difference, gravity aids in directing effluent from the inlet to the outlet, preventing backflow or pressure build-up within the box. If the inlet were too close to the outlet, it could lead to inadequate drainage, causing potential clogs and system failure. Additionally, this elevation helps accommodate variations in soil saturation and prevents pooling that could occur if the system were not properly configured. Grade specifications like these are essential for the effective operation and longevity of septic systems, providing a balance between efficient liquid movement and minimizing the risk of failure. Understanding these parameters is crucial for anyone involved in septic system installation and management.

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5. Where should the partition be placed in a precast concrete septic tank?

A. Less than 1/2 of the tank depth

B. Not less than 2/3rds and no more than 3/4ths

C. Exactly at the center of the tank

D. At least 3/4ths of the tank depth

The partition in a precast concrete septic tank plays a crucial role in separating the tank into different chambers, which helps in the settling of solids and proper functioning of the septic system. Placing the partition not less than 2/3rds and no more than 3/4ths of the tank depth is important because this positioning allows for optimal flow of effluent from the first chamber to the second chamber. It also provides adequate space for the anaerobic treatment process to occur in the first chamber, as well as sufficient settlement of solids. If the partition were to be placed less than 2/3rds of the tank depth, it could lead to inadequate treatment and increased potential for solids to escape the first chamber. Conversely, positioning the partition deeper than 3/4ths of the tank depth may reduce the tank's capacity to perform its function effectively, as it could hinder the necessary space for sludge accumulation and could disrupt the flow dynamics within the tank. This specific range ensures that the septic tank operates efficiently, allowing for proper anaerobic digestion and separation of solids, thereby maintaining a longer life for the system and preventing premature failure.

6. True or False: All precast concrete septic tanks must have a partition in the middle creating two compartments.

A. True

B. False

C. Only if the capacity is over 1000 gallons

D. Only for residential applications

The statement is true because Georgia regulations require that all precast concrete septic tanks must include a partition to create two compartments. This design enhances the treatment process by allowing for better sedimentation and digestion of solids. In a two-compartment tank, the flow of wastewater is directed from the first compartment to the second, which improves separation of solids from the effluent and reduces the amount of sludge that can be sent to the drain field. This partition not only facilitates a more efficient treatment process but also helps in the anaerobic digestion of organic matter in the wastewater. The requirement for a partition is a regulatory measure aimed at ensuring effective septic system performance, thereby reducing the risk of system failures or environmental contamination. Other options mentioned, such as exceptions based on tank capacity or specific applications, do not align with the established regulations requiring all precast concrete tanks to be designed with this two-compartment structure.

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7. In which zone of the ground should emitter lines be installed?

A. Topsoil zone

B. Drainage zone

C. Root zone of the cover vegetation

D. Subsoil zone

Emitter lines should be installed in the root zone of cover vegetation because this zone is where plant roots primarily absorb water and nutrients. By placing emitter lines in this area, the irrigation can be more effective, providing water directly to the plants where it is most needed. This helps to promote healthy plant growth and improves water efficiency, as the moisture is localized to the roots instead of being spread out over a larger area where it may evaporate or not reach the roots effectively. The root zone is typically found in the upper layers of soil where organic matter and nutrients accumulate, allowing for optimal growth conditions. This is crucial not only for the health of the plants but also for preventing runoff and maximizing the use of the water resource. Ensuring that the emitters are strategically placed in areas that support the vegetation enhances the overall productivity of the landscape and supports sustainable practices in irrigation.

8. What is the minimum distance that absorption fields should be placed from trash pits?

A. 10 feet

B. 15 feet

C. 20 feet

D. 25 feet

The minimum distance that absorption fields should be placed from trash pits is 15 feet. This requirement is based on maintaining the integrity and functionality of the septic system. Absorption fields, which include the soil absorption area of a septic system, are essential for dispersing and treating effluent. If they are placed too close to trash pits, there is a risk that leachate from the trash, which may contain various contaminants, could infiltrate the soil and potentially reach the absorption field. This could lead to the contamination of groundwater and compromise the overall effectiveness of the septic system. By maintaining a distance of 15 feet, it allows for sufficient buffer space to mitigate potential issues associated with leachate contamination, protecting both the environment and public health. This distance is a recognized standard in septic system installation practices to ensure that systems operate safely and efficiently.

9. What is the minimum distance that bedrock must be below the proposed absorption field for a sewage management system to be permitted?

A. 1 foot

B. 2 feet

C. 3 feet

D. 4 feet

The minimum distance that bedrock must be below the proposed absorption field for a sewage management system to be permitted is 2 feet. This requirement is established to ensure proper drainage and treatment of wastewater. If bedrock is too close to the absorption field, it can impede the movement of effluent, leading to potential backups and failures of the system. Maintaining a minimum vertical separation distance allows the waste to properly infiltrate and be treated by the surrounding soil before it reaches the bedrock. Insufficient distance could restrict the flow of effluent, increase the risk of groundwater contamination, and negatively impact the functionality of the septic system. This is why regulatory standards typically specify this minimum distance to promote both system efficiency and environmental protection.

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10. What is the minimum requirement for the number of holes in a four-inch diameter or larger pipe?

A. At least one row of holes

B. At least two rows of holes

C. At least three rows of holes

D. At least four rows of holes

The minimum requirement for the number of holes in a four-inch diameter or larger pipe is at least two rows of holes. This specification is crucial for ensuring adequate drainage and proper function of the septic system. The two rows allow for efficient water flow and prevent clogging, as they increase the surface area available for effluent to exit the pipe. It also helps maintain good aeration within the drainage system, which is essential for the breakdown of waste. In septic system design, sufficient perforations prevent the buildup of pressure and facilitate the movement of liquids in the wastewater treatment process. Having only one row of holes would not provide enough drainage capability. More than two rows may not be necessary and could lead to excess cost and potential structural weakness in the pipe. Thus, requiring a minimum of two rows strikes a balance between functionality and efficiency.

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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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