# PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING: GENERAL STANDARDS SP39-W 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. Can pesticide containers be burned?**

A. Burning is allowed in all cases

B. Only where permitted by state and local regulations, check with IL-EPA first

C. Never burn pesticide containers

D. Yes, always burn after use

**2. What does REI stand for on pesticide labels?**

A. Restricted Entry Interval

B. Re-entry Interval

C. Regional Entry Indicator

D. Restricted Entry Interval (REI)

**3. Which factor directly affects spray drift?**

A. Amount of Spray Applied

B. Potential for Spray Drift

C. Uniformity of the Spray

D. Coverage of the Target

**4. In the eight-step mixing sequence, which step may vary and require checking the product label?**

A. Fill tank 1/4 to 1/2 full with carrier

B. Begin agitation

C. Add spray modifiers (if needed)

D. Finish filling the tank with carrier

**5. Which of the following is NOT a factor in IPM?**

A. Genetic

B. Cultural

C. Mechanical

D. Biological

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**6. Which equipment mixes pesticides to prevent settling out to bottom of tank?**

A. Tank

B. Strainers

C. Agitation

D. Nozzles

**7. Which application method is used to treat the entire field?**

A. Spot

B. Band

C. Broadcast

D. Overlap

**8. Are certain tank-mix mixtures prohibited?**

A. Yes

B. No

C. Not Sure

D. Sometimes

**9. This type of pesticide controls mites, ticks (acaricides).**

A. Miticides

B. Repellents

C. Insecticides

D. Fungicides

**10. Which statement best describes the purpose of reading the pesticide label?**

A. Only to comply with the law

B. For effective and safe use

C. To check the price

D. To memorize the product name

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# Answers

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

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# Explanations

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## 1. Can pesticide containers be burned?

A. Burning is allowed in all cases

B. Only where permitted by state and local regulations, check with IL-EPA first

C. Never burn pesticide containers

D. Yes, always burn after use

*Disposing of pesticide containers is tightly regulated because residues and vapors can be hazardous. Burning is not a universal disposal method; it's allowed only under specific state and local rules. In Illinois, you must check with the Illinois EPA (and any local regulations) to see if burning is permitted and under what conditions. This protects air, water, and soil from toxic emissions and prevents illegal disposal. If burning isn't approved, use the approved options like rinsing, puncturing to prevent reuse, and disposing of the containers through permitted facilities or recycling programs.*

## 2. What does REI stand for on pesticide labels?

A. Restricted Entry Interval

B. Re-entry Interval

C. Regional Entry Indicator

D. Restricted Entry Interval (REI)

*REI stands for Restricted Entry Interval—the period after a pesticide is applied when entry into the treated area is restricted to protect workers from exposure. On labels you'll often see the exact phrase followed by the abbreviation, written as Restricted Entry Interval (REI). That official wording is what the acronym REI represents, so it's the best answer. The other options don't match the labeling terminology used for pesticide safety, and the key idea is that entry is limited for a set time (which varies by product and circumstances) to reduce exposure.*

## 3. Which factor directly affects spray drift?

A. Amount of Spray Applied

B. Potential for Spray Drift

C. Uniformity of the Spray

D. Coverage of the Target

*Spray drift is all about how likely the released droplets are to be carried away from the target by air currents. The factor that directly captures that likelihood is the potential for drift—it's the inherent susceptibility of the spray to movement, influenced by things like droplet size, nozzle type, spray pressure, release height, wind speed, and environmental conditions. When the drift potential is high (for example, using very fine droplets in windy conditions), droplets are more likely to move off-target even if you apply the same amount or aim carefully. The amount applied, the uniformity of the spray, and the coverage of the target describe how much product you put out, how evenly it goes down, and how well the target is coated. They affect efficacy and distribution, but they don't directly determine how likely droplets are to drift away in the first place.*

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## 4. In the eight-step mixing sequence, which step may vary and require checking the product label?

A. Fill tank 1/4 to 1/2 full with carrier

B. Begin agitation

C. Add spray modifiers (if needed)

D. Finish filling the tank with carrier

*The step that may vary and require checking the product label is adding spray modifiers (if needed). Modifiers like spreaders, stickers, or drift control agents are not universally required; the label for each product specifies whether a modifier is needed, the exact amount, and when to add it in the mixing sequence. Some products require adding the modifier before other components, some after dilution, and some not at all. Following the label ensures compatibility with the pesticide and carrier, maintains spray performance, and helps prevent problems like incompatibility, precipitation, reduced efficacy, or crop injury. The other steps—putting carrier in the tank, starting agitation, and finishing filling—are standard procedures that don't typically hinge on product-specific modifier requirements.*

## 5. Which of the following is NOT a factor in IPM?

A. Genetic

B. Cultural

C. Mechanical

D. Biological

*IPM relies on management tactics designed to suppress pests with minimal harm. The main tactics used are cultural controls (like crop rotation, sanitation, adjusting planting dates), mechanical controls (physical barriers, traps, tillage), and biological controls (natural enemies and biocontrol agents). Genetic refers to the crop's inherited traits and is not a direct IPM tactic you actively manage in the field, so it isn't counted as an IPM factor in this framing. While using resistant varieties can support pest management, the standard categories of IPM factors are cultural, mechanical, and biological, with chemical controls sometimes added as a last resort. Therefore, the option describing genetic is the one that does not fit as an IPM factor.*

## 6. Which equipment mixes pesticides to prevent settling out to bottom of tank?

A. Tank

B. Strainers

C. Agitation

D. Nozzles

*Keeping the mixture evenly suspended is essential for uniform application. Agitation is the equipment that does this by continuously mixing the liquid in the tank, which prevents the pesticide from settling to the bottom. When the contents stay in motion, solids or coarse droplets stay dispersed throughout the solution, so every portion of spray draws the same concentration toward the nozzle. This works because agitation actively stirs the tank contents with devices like an impeller or propeller. The tank itself simply holds the liquid, strainer blocks debris, and nozzles deliver the spray; none of them maintain the mixture in motion once it's in the lines and nozzles. So, agitation is the mechanism that keeps the formulation in constant suspension, ensuring consistent concentration, reliable nozzle flow, and better spray quality. Use the appropriate agitation method and speed for the formulation, and re-agitate after loading or refilling to maintain uniformity.*

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## 7. Which application method is used to treat the entire field?

A. Spot

B. Band

C. Broadcast

D. Overlap

*Broadcast application covers the entire field, distributing the pesticide evenly across all acres or the whole area to be treated. This approach is used when pests or the need for protection are widespread, so you want uniform exposure everywhere rather than just a single spot or a narrow strip. Spot treatment focuses only on a localized infestation or damage in a small area, while band application runs a strip along rows or a specific boundary, not across the whole field. Overlap is a technique used to ensure continuous coverage during a pass, but it's about how you maneuver the equipment to avoid gaps, not a separate method of field-wide treatment. So, to treat the entire field, you'd use a broadcast approach.*

## 8. Are certain tank-mix mixtures prohibited?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Not Sure

D. Sometimes

*Tank-mix decisions are governed by the product labels. Some mixes are prohibited because the label tells you not to combine those products in the same tank, or to apply them in a specific sequence. This is done to protect crop safety, worker safety, and the effectiveness of the products. Because the label is a legal directive, you cannot mix products that the label forbids in a single spray tank. Even when individual products seem compatible, there can be issues like phytotoxicity, reduced control, or chemical incompatibilities that the label addresses. If a tank mix is allowed, you still must follow compatibility testing and proper mixing order, and observe all rate, adjuvant, drift, and PPE requirements. When in doubt, don't mix and seek guidance from the product label or the manufacturer.*

## 9. This type of pesticide controls mites, ticks (acaricides).

A. Miticides

B. Repellents

C. Insecticides

D. Fungicides

*Pests are grouped by what they attack, and the pesticide type is named to reflect the target. Mites are killed by miticides, a label that specifically means a pesticide designed to kill mites. Since the question mentions mites (and ticks, which are in the same broad acari group), the term that best fits the idea of killing mites is miticide. The other options don't fit because repellents don't kill pests, insecticides target insects, and fungicides target fungi.*

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**10. Which statement best describes the purpose of reading the pesticide label?**

A. Only to comply with the law

B. For effective and safe use

C. To check the price

D. To memorize the product name

*Reading the pesticide label is about using the product correctly to get the pest control you want while keeping yourself, others, crops, and the environment safe. The label lays out exactly how to apply the product: which pests it targets, the correct application rate, timing relative to crop growth or pest life stage, mixing directions, and what equipment to use. It also specifies the personal protective equipment you must wear, reentry intervals, drift reduction practices, and any zones you must avoid or buffer requirements. Beyond application details, the label covers restrictions, proper storage and disposal, and first aid information. Because these directions come from product testing and regulatory approval, following them ensures the product works as intended and minimizes health and environmental risks. The other choices miss the point because reading the label isn't just about price or memorizing the product name, and while legal compliance matters, the practical purpose is to guide safe and effective use.*

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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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