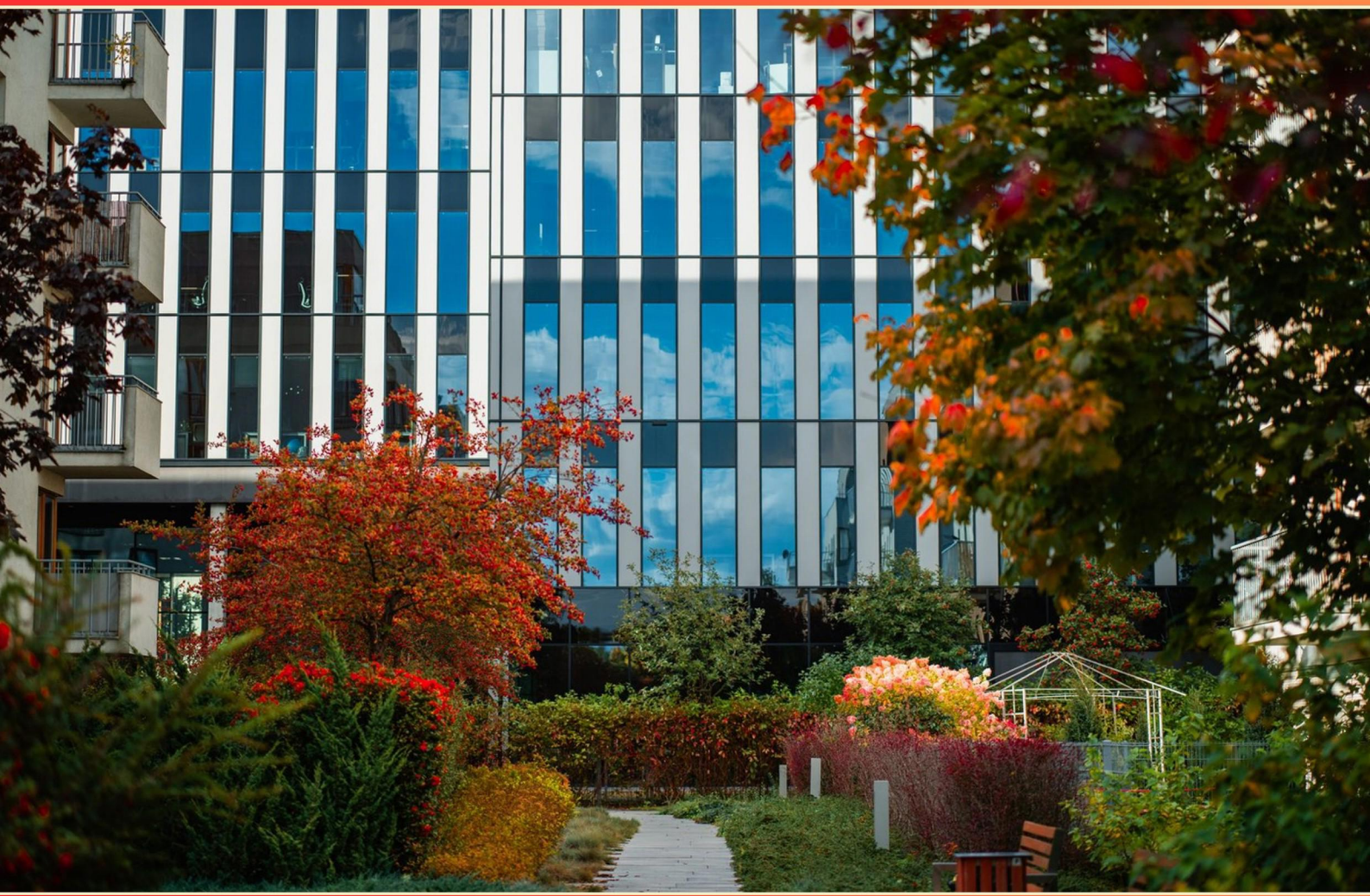
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Introduction

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. A district wherein the primary land use is for commercial activities.

A. Campuses

B. Residential Subdivisions

C. Educational/Educational Institutions

D. Commercial/Commercial Estates

2. Which subcategory under Management focuses on staff development and training?

A. Staff Training

B. Tenant Design and Construction Management

C. Green Building Education

D. Stakeholder Consultation

3. Which of the following is a sub-category of the materials core framework?

A. Solar Panels

B. Green Procurement

C. Waste Management

D. Local Procurement

4. How is occupant health and well-being integrated into BERDE?

A. Through improved IEQ, daylight, air quality, acoustics, thermal comfort, and access to outdoors.

B. Only through improving exterior aesthetics.

C. By increasing building height.

D. By reducing indoor lighting.

5. How does BERDE promote local sourcing of materials?

A. Encourages regional materials to reduce transport emissions and support local economy; documentation is typically required.

B. Promotes global supply chains with no regional emphasis.

C. No documentation is required.

D. Encourages imported materials exclusively.

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6. In BERDE Buildings, which stage follows DESIGN?

A. Stage 1 - Planning

B. Stage 2 - Implementation

C. Stage 1 - Design

D. Stage 2 - Construction

7. Which of the following is a subcategory under the Management core framework (18 points)?

A. Green Building Professional

B. Land Reuse

C. Heat Island Reduction

D. Light Pollution Reduction

8. How is water efficiency validated after occupancy in BERDE?

A. Through metering and water balance tracking.

B. By annual staff interviews.

C. By external marketing audits.

D. No validation is required.

9. Five/Neo is located in which city?

A. Bonifacio Global City

B. Manila

C. Cebu

D. Davao

10. How does BERDE differentiate between permanent and temporary installations in materials credits?

A. Permanent installations use durable materials; temporary/tenant improvements may require compatibility and end-of-lease reuse considerations.

B. Temporary installations always receive more credits.

C. Permanent installations are not eligible for credits.

D. There is no distinction between permanent and temporary installations.

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. A district wherein the primary land use is for commercial activities.

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In urban planning, districts are labeled by the activity that dominates them. When a district's main function is commerce—shops, offices, services—it's called a Commercial district or Commercial Estates. This focuses on the presence of business activity as the primary use and supports the infrastructure needed for commerce. The other options center on education (campuses or educational institutions) or housing (residential subdivisions), where education or living space is the main purpose, not commercial activity. Therefore, the Commercial/Commercial Estates designation best fits a district dominated by commercial use.

2. Which subcategory under Management focuses on staff development and training?

A. Staff Training

B. Tenant Design and Construction Management

C. Green Building Education

D. Stakeholder Consultation

Within Management, the focus on growing the organization's people through formal learning and skills development is captured by staff development and training. Staff Training directly targets building employees' competencies, knowledge, and performance through programs like onboarding, professional development, safety training, and ongoing learning. This aligns with management's role in ensuring a capable, effective workforce to support sustainability goals. The other options address different aspects: Tenant Design and Construction Management is about coordinating design and construction activities for tenants, not internal staff growth; Green Building Education relates to educating people about green building practices in general, which can include occupants or the public but not specifically staff development; Stakeholder Consultation centers on engaging external stakeholders to gather input, not training staff.

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Focusing on how materials are sourced with environmental responsibility is what this item tests. Green Procurement means choosing materials and suppliers based on environmental criteria—think lifecycle impacts, certifications, recycled content, and low embodied energy—so the purchasing decisions themselves help reduce the project's overall environmental footprint. In the materials core framework, this sub-category guides how materials are obtained, not just what materials are used, tying procurement choices directly to sustainability outcomes. The other options describe products or strategies that aren't about the sourcing decisions encompassed by this materials-specific subcategory: solar panels are a product, waste management deals with post-use handling, and local procurement is a broader sourcing strategy rather than a distinct materials-focused procurement sub-area.

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Occupant health and well-being in BERDE is addressed by integrating indoor environmental quality and access to outdoor spaces into building design. This means prioritizing daylight and views, good air quality, acoustics, thermal comfort, and opportunities for occupants to connect with the outdoors. Daylight supports circadian rhythms and mood; clean air reduces respiratory stress; acoustics reduce noise-related stress and improve focus and rest; thermal comfort prevents discomfort that can affect health and productivity; access to outdoor spaces supports mental restoration and well-being. The other options miss the essential links to lived health; focusing on exterior aesthetics, height, or reducing indoor lighting does not directly promote occupant well-being and can even detract from it.

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BERDE promotes local sourcing of materials by prioritizing regional materials to cut transport emissions and bolster the local economy, with documentation typically required to verify the origin and sustainability attributes of those materials. This approach directly supports reducing embodied energy from long-distance transport and strengthens local supply chains, while ensuring traceability and credible compliance through records. The other ideas don't fit BERDE's aim: pushing global supply chains with no regional emphasis misses the transport and local economy benefits, claiming no documentation undermines verification and credits, and encouraging imported materials exclusively ignores the environmental and economic gains from local sourcing.

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BERDE builds its assessment around the project's lifecycle. Once the design phase is complete and the design intent is documented, the work moves into construction, where the design is implemented on site, systems are installed, and performance is verified through checks and commissioning. That makes the stage following design Stage 2 - Construction. The other options represent phases that come before design or use labels that don't align with BERDE's sequence, so they wouldn't be the next stage after design.

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7. Which of the following is a subcategory under the Management core framework (18 points)?

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Understanding how the Management category is structured helps you see what kinds of subcategories it includes. Green Building Professional is a subcategory within Management that focuses on the credentials, roles, and responsibilities of the professionals who oversee BERDE processes, coordinate teams, ensure compliance, and drive performance across design, construction, and operation. The other items align with site design and environmental performance topics rather than management governance: Land Reuse deals with reusing previously developed land and typically sits under Sustainable Sites; Heat Island Reduction targets reducing urban heat effects through site design and materials, also a Sustainable Sites or climate-responsive topic; Light Pollution Reduction concerns exterior lighting design to minimize light spill and skyglow, commonly categorized under Lighting or Sustainable Site topics. Because Green Building Professional specifically addresses management-related governance and professional roles, it fits as the subcategory under Management.

8. How is water efficiency validated after occupancy in BERDE?

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Water efficiency after occupancy is validated by collecting real usage data through metering and by maintaining a water balance. Metering provides actual consumption numbers for different water uses (like toilets, irrigation, and domestic hot water), giving objective, verifiable figures rather than estimates. A water balance then accounts for all water inputs, withdrawals, losses (such as leaks), and wastewater, so you can compare actual performance against the targets and detect any deviations that need correction. This combination gives tangible evidence of performance in the occupied building, which is what BERDE requires for post-occupancy verification. Earlier methods like interviews measure perceptions rather than actual use, marketing audits don't assess performance, and claiming no validation is required would skip the essential post-occupancy verification step.

9. Five/Neo is located in which city?

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B. Manila

C. Cebu

D. Davao

Five/Neo is located in Bonifacio Global City, a modern district in Taguig City within Metro Manila. This area is known for its high-rise towers, shopping, and vibrant urban scene, and it's the specific neighborhood associated with Five/Neo. Cebu and Davao are in different regions of the Philippines, and while Manila refers to the broader capital area, the development sits in BGC itself.

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BERDE evaluates materials credits through the lens of how long an installation is expected to stay and what happens when it's removed. For permanent installations, the emphasis is on using durable, long-lasting materials that perform well over the building's life, reducing the need for frequent replacements and lowering lifecycle environmental impacts. For temporary installations or tenant improvements, the criteria recognize that these elements may be removed or repurposed at lease end, so they prioritize compatibility with the building, ease of demounting, and the potential for reuse or safe disposal. This approach supports waste reduction and circular economy goals, which is why the option describing durability for permanent installations and end-of-lease reuse considerations for temporary ones is the best fit. The other statements miss this lease-life distinction and the emphasis on demountability and future reuse inherent in BERDE's approach.

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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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