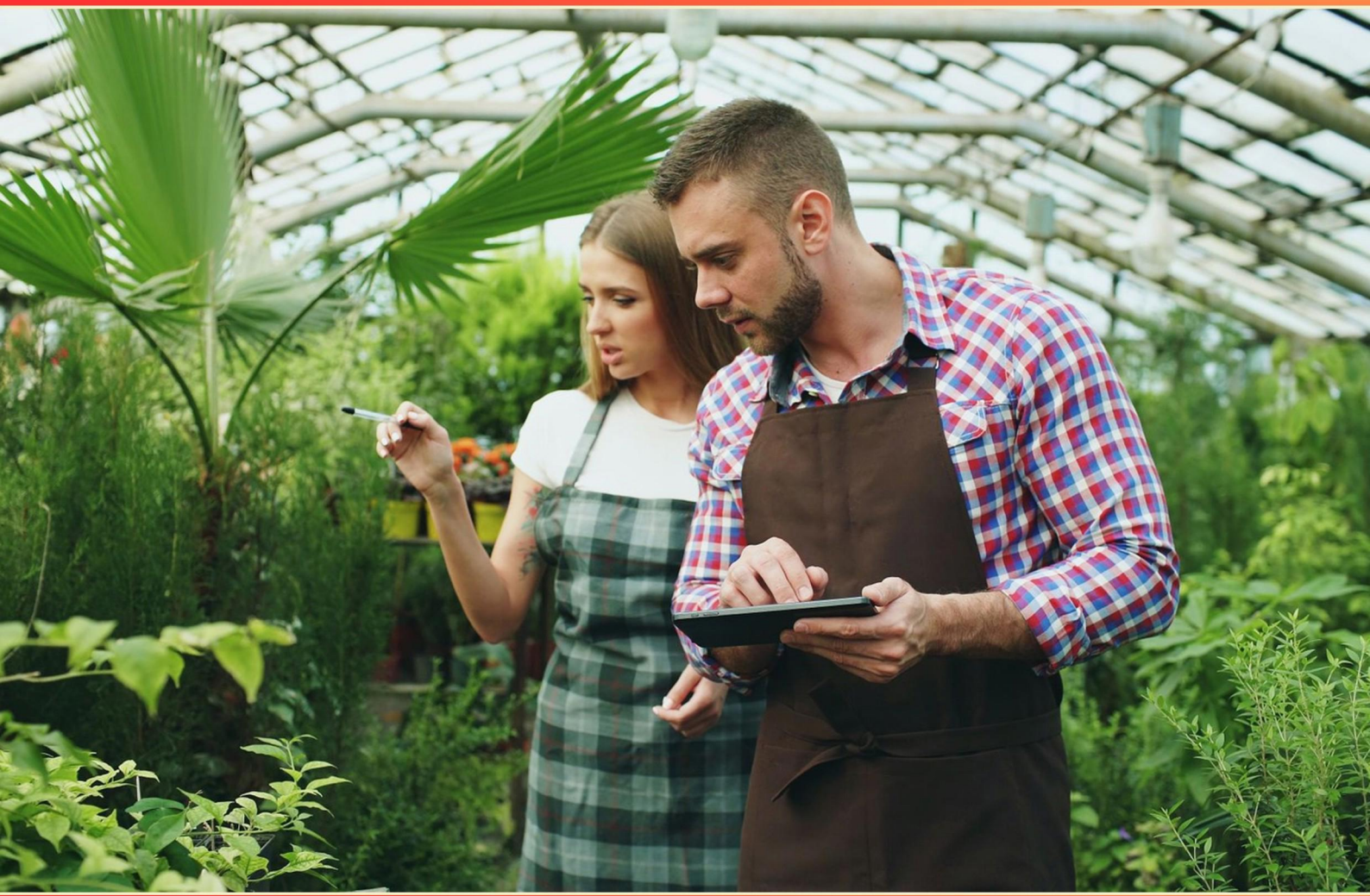
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STUDY GUIDE



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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. When boring under a hardscape, the sleeve for a 1 inch pipe must be at least which size?

A. 1 1/2 Inch

B. 1 Inch

C. 2 Inch

D. 3/4 Inch

2. Filter screens commonly range in which mesh sizes?

A. 50 to 70 mesh

B. 120 to 200 mesh

C. 300 to 500 mesh

D. 5 to 10 mesh

3. How is Distribution Uniformity (DU) calculated from a catch-can test?

A. DU = (maximum depth) / (minimum depth)

B. DU = (total water applied) / (area irrigated)

C. DU = (average of lowest quarter of catch can depths) / (overall average depth), expressed as a percentage.

D. DU = (average depth in top half) / (average depth in bottom half)

4. What happens when the controller outputs 24V to a zone wire?

A. The zone shuts off.

B. The corresponding valve energizes.

C. The common wire energizes.

D. The controller resets.

5. Back pressure is typically caused by which phenomenon?

A. Water Hammer

B. Air In The Pipes

C. Leaks In The Mainline

D. Overflow Of The Reservoir

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6. If water continues to flow from a zone after the controller has turned the valve off, what is a likely cause?

A. The timer is misprogrammed

B. The zone is receiving water from another zone

C. The valve is leaking (stuck open or seat leak)

D. The main supply line is broken

7. Purpose of a zone map in irrigation design?

A. Identify water source quality.

B. Document zone boundaries, controller assignments, valve locations, and head types for installation and maintenance.

C. Schedule irrigation times.

D. Measure soil moisture.

8. A neighbor asks to do the job for the same price. What should the technician tell them?

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B. Do the job for the same price

C. Call the irrigator

D. Decline

9. What is the recommended twist when solvent welding PVC joints?

A. 1/4 Turn

B. 1/2 Turn

C. 1 Turn

D. No Twists

10. What is the primary use of a catch can test in drip irrigation?

A. To verify the application rate along the emitter grid.

B. To measure soil moisture.

C. To clean the emitters.

D. To test the backflow.

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. When boring under a hardscape, the sleeve for a 1 inch pipe must be at least which size?

A. 1 1/2 Inch

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When boring under a hardscape, you need a sleeve that provides space around the pipe so it can be laid or pulled through without rubbing or snagging on the bore edges. For a 1 inch pipe, the minimum practical sleeve size is 1 1/2 inches. That extra clearance protects the pipe from abrasion and makes installation smoother, while still avoiding excessive trenching. A sleeve that's only as large as the pipe would be tight and prone to damage; a much larger sleeve isn't usually necessary and adds unnecessary work.

2. Filter screens commonly range in which mesh sizes?

A. 50 to 70 mesh

B. 120 to 200 mesh

C. 300 to 500 mesh

D. 5 to 10 mesh

Filter screens work by blocking particles that are larger than the openings in the screen. The mesh number tells you how many openings there are per inch, so a higher mesh means smaller openings and finer filtration. In irrigation, you want enough filtration to protect emitters from sand and sediment, but not so fine that every drop in pressure and every cleaning becomes a problem. A mesh range of 120 to 200 is a common middle ground. It provides openings small enough to catch most sand and silt that can cause emitter clogging, while still allowing a reasonable flow rate through the system. If you use a coarser screen, larger particles can pass through and risk clogging later. If you use a much finer screen, the flow is more restricted and maintenance increases because debris builds up faster and pressure losses rise. So 120–200 mesh is widely used because it balances protection with practical flow and cleaning needs.

3. How is Distribution Uniformity (DU) calculated from a catch-can test?

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Distribution Uniformity measures how evenly water is applied across a sprinkler zone, and it's estimated from a catch-can test. In that test, you place several catch cans in the area, run the irrigation, and measure how much water ends up in each can. The correct method for DU uses the average depth of the lowest 25% of catch-can readings and divides it by the overall average depth of all cans, then expresses the result as a percentage. This works because when distribution is uniform, the bottom quarter of readings is close to the overall average, yielding a high percentage. If some spots receive much more water, the lowest-quarter depths fall well below the average, and DU drops. For example, if the overall average depth is 0.70 inches and the average depth of the lowest 25% of cans is 0.68 inches, DU ≈ 0.68 / 0.70 ≈ 97%. Other formulas don't reflect how evenly water is spread across the area: max-to-min depth, total water over area, or top-half versus bottom-half comparisons can be influenced by outliers or ignore distribution patterns entirely, so they aren't used to assess distribution uniformity.

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4. What happens when the controller outputs 24V to a zone wire?

A. The zone shuts off.

B. The corresponding valve energizes.

C. The common wire energizes.

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When the controller sends 24V to a zone wire, it energizes that zone's solenoid valve. Each valve has a 24V AC coil with one side connected to the zone wire and the other side to the common return. Applying voltage through the coil creates a magnetic field that pulls the valve's plunger open, allowing water to flow to that zone. When the voltage is removed, the valve de-energizes and typically closes again. The common wire by itself doesn't energize the valve, and a controller resetting is not part of normal operation.

5. Back pressure is typically caused by which phenomenon?

A. Water Hammer

B. Air In The Pipes

C. Leaks In The Mainline

D. Overflow Of The Reservoir

Back pressure comes from extra push on the line caused by higher pressure on the discharge side. When a reservoir overflows, the water surface is higher and adds hydrostatic head to the piping. That extra head raises the pressure in the line, which can push back toward the source and create back pressure. The other options describe transient or different pressure effects: water hammer is a sudden, temporary surge from rapid valve changes; air in the pipes can cause flow issues but not sustained back pressure; leaks typically reduce pressure rather than create it. So the overflow of the reservoir is the situation that increases the line pressure enough to produce back pressure.

6. If water continues to flow from a zone after the controller has turned the valve off, what is a likely cause?

A. The timer is misprogrammed

B. The zone is receiving water from another zone

C. The valve is leaking (stuck open or seat leak)

D. The main supply line is broken

When water keeps flowing after the controller has shut the zone off, the issue is the valve not sealing properly. A valve can leak because it's stuck open or the seat is worn/leaking, so water can pass around the closing mechanism even though the coil or actuator is de-energized. This is a hardware failure inside the valve itself, and it means the zone isn't being truly blocked at the valve. Other possibilities don't fit the symptom as directly. A timer mix-up could affect when the valve opens or closes, but once the valve is commanded to off, a leak at the valve would still let water through. A cross-connection from another zone or a broken main supply would present different symptoms (shared piping issues or widespread loss/return of pressure) rather than a single zone continuing to water after shutoff.

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7. Purpose of a zone map in irrigation design?

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A zone map is a documentation tool that records how the irrigation system is laid out and wired. It shows where each zone begins and ends, which valve controls each zone, where those valves and controllers are located, and what head types are installed. This clear layout makes installation and maintenance much easier, because technicians can quickly identify the exact hardware in each zone, understand how it's wired, and perform repairs or replacements accurately. It also helps with future changes or upgrades by providing a reliable reference that matches the field setup to the design. The other functions aren't the purpose of a zone map. Water source quality is determined through water testing and analysis, scheduling irrigation times is handled in the controller's programming, and soil moisture is measured with sensors or probes.

8. A neighbor asks to do the job for the same price. What should the technician tell them?

A. Quote higher

B. Do the job for the same price

C. Call the irrigator

D. Decline

When a neighbor asks for the same price, the situation calls for following the company's policy and keeping personal relationships from influencing business decisions. The best move is to involve the irrigator—your supervisor or manager—so the request is handled through proper channels. This protects pricing integrity, ensures any discounts or exceptions are approved, and prevents favoritism or misunderstandings. Consulting the irrigator also helps maintain consistency across all customers and upholds your professional standards. Other options—quoting a higher price, doing the job for the same price without authorization, or declining without guidance—can lead to policy violations or strained relationships; routing the request to the person in charge is the appropriate course.

9. What is the recommended twist when solvent welding PVC joints?

A. 1/4 Turn

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D. No Twists

During solvent welding, the goal is to wet both mating surfaces evenly and seat the joint fully without disturbing the alignment. A brief, light rotation as you insert the pipe into the fitting helps spread the cement around the circumference and ensures the surfaces mate evenly. This small twist promotes complete wetting and a strong bond once the solvent cures. Twist too much, and you can squeeze excess cement out, misalign the joint, or create weak spots. Not twisting at all can leave uneven coverage and poor wetting. So the recommended approach is a short, gentle rotation during insertion to achieve consistent, full contact around the joint.

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10. What is the primary use of a catch can test in drip irrigation?

A. To verify the application rate along the emitter grid.

B. To measure soil moisture.

C. To clean the emitters.

D. To test the backflow.

The catch can test is used to verify the actual application rate across the emitter grid to ensure water is being distributed evenly. By placing several small catch cans at representative spots in the watered area and running the system for a set time, you collect the water output from different points. Measuring the volumes in the cans and converting that data to an application rate shows whether every part of the grid is receiving roughly the same amount of water. If the results are skewed, you can diagnose issues like emitter flow variation, pressure differences, long header runs, or clogging and make adjustments to bring the distribution back toward the target rate. It isn't used to measure soil moisture, clean emitters, or test backflow, which involve different procedures and equipment.

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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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