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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.

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!

Questions

1. Which PLC math function is used to compute square roots?

A. SQR (Square Root)

B. SQRT

C. ROOT

D. POW

2. Which substance commonly serves as the electrolyte in a lead-acid battery?

A. Water and sulfuric acid

B. Water and sodium hydroxide

C. Water and acetic acid

D. Water and ammonia

3. If Vrms equals 120 V, what is the peak-to-peak voltage?

A. 339.36V

B. 120V

C. 240V

D. 678.72V

4. Which component of a PLC is primarily responsible for executing control logic?

A. Processor

B. Input assembly

C. Output assembly

D. Power supply

5. Rectifier diodes are most commonly made from which semiconductor material?

A. Silicon

B. Germanium

C. Gallium nitride

D. Copper

6. Four 1000-ohm resistors are in parallel across 100V AC. What is the power dissipated by one resistor?

A. 1W

B. 10W

C. 100W

D. 20W

7. Based on the NEC color-coding requirements, ground conductors must be designated by _____ and neutral conductors by _____.

A. green, white

B. green, black

C. green, red

D. green, blue

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B. When the capillary lube is connected to the suction line.

C. When the filler metal flows toward the heat.

D. When hot fluid metal rises only to the top of the pipe.

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C. Power and speed

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A. Inverter

B. Battery

C. Transformer

D. Rectifier

Answers

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

Explanations

1. Which PLC math function is used to compute square roots?

A. SQR (Square Root)

B. SQRT

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Calculating a square root in PLC programming uses the dedicated square-root function. In this environment, that operation is performed by SQR. It takes a single numeric input and returns its square root, giving you a direct, clear way to compute sqrt without extra steps or workarounds. Using the square-root function is preferred over exponentiation because it expresses the intent plainly and is usually more efficient. Other names aren't the standard square-root call in this dialect, and a general power function would require raising to 0.5, which is less straightforward and can be less robust in terms of precision and error handling. Keep in mind that the input should be non-negative; taking the square root of a negative value typically isn't real in PLC math, so you'd handle that case in your logic.

2. Which substance commonly serves as the electrolyte in a lead-acid battery?

A. Water and sulfuric acid

B. Water and sodium hydroxide

C. Water and acetic acid

D. Water and ammonia

The key idea is that the electrolyte is the ion-conducting medium that lets charge move between the plates. In a lead-acid battery, that medium is a solution of sulfuric acid in water. The water is the solvent, and sulfuric acid provides the sulfate and hydrogen ions that participate in the chemical reactions at the electrodes and carry current through the liquid. This combination enables the formation and dissolution of lead sulfate on the plates as the battery charges and discharges. Using a different substance, like sodium hydroxide, acetic acid, or ammonia, would not supply the same ion balance or stability needed for the lead plate reactions, and water alone conducts poorly without enough dissolved ions. That's why the electrolyte in a lead-acid battery is a sulfuric acid solution in water, not those other options.

3. If Vrms equals 120 V, what is the peak-to-peak voltage?

A. 339.36V

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For a sine wave, the rms value is the same as the peak value divided by the square root of 2, and the peak-to-peak is twice the peak value. So Vpeak = Vrms × sqrt(2), and Vpp = 2 × Vpeak = 2 × Vrms × sqrt(2). With Vrms = 120 V, Vpp = 2 × 120 × sqrt(2) ≈ 240 × 1.414 ≈ 339.36 V. So the peak-to-peak voltage is about 339.36 V. The other numbers don't fit the sine relationship: 120 V would be the rms value, not the full swing; 240 V would come from doubling Vrms without accounting for the sqrt(2) factor; 678.72 V is a larger miscalculation from applying an incorrect factor.

4. Which component of a PLC is primarily responsible for executing control logic?

A. Processor

B. Input assembly

C. Output assembly

D. Power supply

Executing control logic is handled by the processor, the brain of the PLC. It contains the CPU and runs the control program stored in memory. During each PLC scan, it reads input states, executes the ladder or other language instructions, performs the necessary operations (logical, arithmetic, timers, counters), and then updates the outputs through the output module. The input assembly simply collects signals from field devices and presents them to the processor; it does not run the logic. The output assembly receives commands from the processor to actuate devices; it doesn't decide what to do. The power supply just provides power to all modules and does not process logic. So the processor is the primary component responsible for executing control logic.

5. Rectifier diodes are most commonly made from which semiconductor material?

A. Silicon

B. Germanium

C. Gallium nitride

D. Copper

Rectifier diodes rely on forming a PN junction in a semiconductor, so the material's electrical properties and how easily it can be manufactured matter. Silicon is the most practical choice because it is abundant and inexpensive, allows precise dopant control, and forms a stable native oxide that helps with insulation and surface passivation during fabrication. These factors enable reliable performance across a wide range of voltages and temperatures, with low leakage and good durability, which is why silicon diodes are used so broadly in rectification. Germanium was used in older diodes but tends to leak more at higher temperatures and is less temperature-stable, making it less suitable for many modern applications. Gallium nitride is excellent for specialized high-speed or high-power devices, but it isn't as widespread for general rectification due to cost and manufacturing maturity. Copper isn't a semiconductor, so it can't form a proper rectifier diode.

6. Four 1000-ohm resistors are in parallel across 100V AC. What is the power dissipated by one resistor?

A. 1W

B. 10W

C. 100W

D. 20W

In a parallel circuit, every resistor experiences the same voltage across it, so each 1 kΩ resistor sees 100 V (use the RMS value for AC power calculations). The power dissipated by one resistor is P = V^2 / R. Plugging in the numbers: P = 100^2 / 1000 = 10 W. For context, the total power in the branch would be four times that, since each resistor draws the same power, giving 40 W in total (I per resistor is 100 V / 1000 Ω = 0.1 A, and total current is 0.4 A; P_total = V × I_total = 100 × 0.4 = 40 W).

7. Based on the NEC color-coding requirements, ground conductors must be designated by _____ and neutral conductors by _____.

A. green, white

B. green, black

C. green, red

D. green, blue

Ground conductors are identified with green to indicate the protective earth path, making it easy to recognize the grounding connection and keep it separate from live conductors. Neutral conductors are identified with white (or gray), which distinguishes them from hot conductors that use colors like black, red, or blue. This color coding helps ensure safe wiring and troubleshooting by clearly showing which wire is the return path for current and which is the safety ground. So the standard pairing is green for ground and white for neutral. Using other colors for neutral would confuse the system and could lead to dangerous mix-ups with hot conductors.

8. Capillary attraction in soldering or brazing occurs when the filler metal flows toward the heat.

A. When the filler metal flows away from the heat.

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C. When the filler metal flows toward the heat.

D. When hot fluid metal rises only to the top of the pipe.

Capillary action in soldering and brazing is the tendency of molten filler metal to be drawn into narrow joints by surface tension and good wetting of the surfaces. When heat is applied, the filler metal melts, its viscosity drops, and it wets the metal surfaces more effectively. The capillary forces then pull the liquid into the tiny gaps between parts, directing the flow toward the heated area where the metal is actively molten and can wet and spread along the joint. That wetting-driven pull toward the heated region is what fills and bonds the joint. The other ideas don't match how capillary action works here: flowing away from the heat isn't driven by capillary forces in this context; a capillary lubricant and suction line aren't part of the soldering/brazing process; and hot metal rising to the top of a pipe is a buoyancy/convection effect, not capillary flow into a joint.

9. The purpose of a mechanical transmission system is to transmit which two quantities from one device to another?

A. Force and motion

B. Energy and torque

C. Power and speed

D. Momentum and displacement

A mechanical transmission is all about passing the actual mechanical action from one device to another. It moves the force you apply and the motion that force creates, so the driven component experiences both the push and the movement needed to operate. Torque and power are important results that the system can change, but they come from the force acting over motion, not from transmitting energy or speed as separate quantities. For example, pedaling a bicycle applies force that is transmitted through the chain to rotate the rear wheel, delivering the motion needed to move the bike.

10. What device is placed between a solar panel and the power line to convert DC to AC?

A. Inverter

B. Battery

C. Transformer

D. Rectifier

Turning DC from the solar panel into usable AC for the grid or home is done by an inverter. Solar panels produce direct current, but most power lines and household devices run on alternating current with a specific voltage and frequency. The inverter converts the DC into AC and can also synchronize with the grid and manage power flow so the result is stable and safe for the line. A battery stores DC energy, not convert it. A transformer changes voltage on AC power, not DC. A rectifier converts AC to DC, the opposite of what you need here. So the device between the panel and the power line that provides AC is the inverter.

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!