

Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Practice Exam (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.

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

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- 1. What is the purpose of the F2223 standard?**
 - A. Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment**
 - B. Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems**
 - C. Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing**
 - D. Accessibility of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment**

- 2. What is the height range for a transfer platform?**
 - A. 11"-18"**
 - B. 8"-15"**
 - C. 10"-20"**
 - D. 12"-19"**

- 3. What is the width range for an accessible unbounded part of a partially bounded opening?**
 - A. 1.0 inches to 8.0 inches**
 - B. 1.875 inches to 9.0 inches**
 - C. 2.0 inches to 10.0 inches**
 - D. 1.5 inches to 8.5 inches**

- 4. Free Standing climbers are not recommended for toddlers or preschool age children. True or False?**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**

- 5. What is the HIC benchmark according to ASTM 1292 Test Method?**
 - A. 750 HIC**
 - B. 850 HIC**
 - C. 1000 HIC**
 - D. 1200 HIC**

- 6. What should the fulcrum of a seesaw not present?**
 - A. Crush Hazard**
 - B. Electrical Hazard**
 - C. Tripping Hazard**
 - D. Choking Hazard**

- 7. The Use Zone for seesaws should extend how far from each outside edge?**
- A. 6 feet**
 - B. 5 feet**
 - C. 8 feet**
 - D. 10 feet**
- 8. Which of these is considered a Use Factor affecting inspection frequency?**
- A. Extent of use**
 - B. Color of equipment**
 - C. Number of benches**
 - D. Type of fencing**
- 9. The Use Zone for Climbers should extend a minimum of how many feet in all directions?**
- A. 6 feet**
 - B. 5 feet**
 - C. 4 feet**
 - D. 7 feet**
- 10. Handholds on seesaws should be provided at each sitting position for gripping with how many hands?**
- A. One hand**
 - B. Both hands**
 - C. Either hand**
 - D. No hands required**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the purpose of the F2223 standard?

- A. Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment
- B. Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems
- C. Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing**
- D. Accessibility of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment

The F2223 standard is a guide for ASTM standards on playground surfacing, which provides guidance and recommendations on the development and use of surfacing materials for playground areas. Therefore, the other options are incorrect because -A: This option only covers the safety performance of playground equipment, not the surfacing materials. -B: This option specifically refers to impact attenuation, which is only one aspect of playground surfacing and not the overall purpose of the F2223 standard. -D: This option only covers accessibility of surfacing materials, which is important but not the main purpose of the F2223 standard.

2. What is the height range for a transfer platform?

- A. 11"-18"**
- B. 8"-15"
- C. 10"-20"
- D. 12"-19"

The height range for a transfer platform is typically between 11 and 18 inches. This is because these measurements allow for an appropriate amount of clearance for a person to safely transfer onto the platform. While options B, C, and D fall within this general range, they do not offer the same level of precision and may not provide enough space for a person to comfortably use the platform. Therefore, option A is the best choice.

3. What is the width range for an accessible unbounded part of a partially bounded opening?

- A. 1.0 inches to 8.0 inches
- B. 1.875 inches to 9.0 inches**
- C. 2.0 inches to 10.0 inches
- D. 1.5 inches to 8.5 inches

The width range for an accessible unbounded part of a partially bounded opening is defined to ensure that such openings are reachable and usable for individuals with disabilities. The specified range of 1.875 inches to 9.0 inches is based on guidelines that focus on both safety and accessibility. This range ensures that the opening is wide enough to accommodate various mobility aids, such as wheelchairs and walkers, while also maintaining safety standards to prevent accidents or injuries that could occur with narrower openings. By establishing this particular range, it enhances the functionality of the space, ensuring that it meets the needs of users while also adhering to regulatory standards for accessibility. Other options do not fit within the established guidelines for accessibility. These widths either fall short of or exceed the parameters set forth for safety and proper access for individuals with disabilities. Therefore, the correct range emphasizes the importance of meeting these standards for an inclusive environment.

4. Free Standing climbers are not recommended for toddlers or preschool age children. True or False?

A. True

B. False

This is because toddlers and preschool age children are still developing their motor skills and coordination, and can easily fall off a free standing climber. It is important for parents and caregivers to closely supervise young children while they are playing on playground equipment, and to choose age-appropriate equipment that allows for safe and controlled climbing. Free standing climbers are better suited for older children who have better coordination and balance. Therefore, it is not recommended for toddlers or preschool age children to use free standing climbers.

5. What is the HIC benchmark according to ASTM 1292 Test Method?

A. 750 HIC

B. 850 HIC

C. 1000 HIC

D. 1200 HIC

The HIC benchmark, according to ASTM 1292 Test Method, is 1000 HIC. This is the highest level of head injury criterion (HIC) allowed for playground surfaces, indicating that surfaces with a HIC value of 1000 or below are considered safe for use. Options A, B, and D are incorrect as they all have HIC values that exceed the benchmark of 1000 HIC. Therefore, choosing any of these options would indicate a surface that is not safe for play according to ASTM standards.

6. What should the fulcrum of a seesaw not present?

A. Crush Hazard

B. Electrical Hazard

C. Tripping Hazard

D. Choking Hazard

When it comes to playground equipment like a seesaw, safety is a top priority. The fulcrum, or the point where the seesaw balances, should not present any hazards. This is because children often run around and play near the seesaw while others are using it, which could lead to accidents if there are any hazards involved. Options B, C, and D are all hazards that could potentially cause harm to children, but these hazards are not specifically related to the fulcrum. Option A, on the other hand, refers to a potential hazard that could be caused by the fulcrum itself, making it the correct answer.

7. The Use Zone for seesaws should extend how far from each outside edge?

- A. 6 feet**
- B. 5 feet**
- C. 8 feet**
- D. 10 feet**

A seesaw's Use Zone is the area around the seesaw where potential falls are most likely to occur. It is important to have a sufficient Use Zone in order to prevent injuries. Options B, C, and D are incorrect because these distances are either too close or too far from the edge of the seesaw. For example, a 10-foot Use Zone would be too far and limit the amount of play space, while a 5-foot Use Zone would be too close and increase the risk of falls and injuries. The ideal distance is 6 feet, providing enough space for children to safely use the seesaw without endangering themselves or others.

8. Which of these is considered a Use Factor affecting inspection frequency?

- A. Extent of use**
- B. Color of equipment**
- C. Number of benches**
- D. Type of fencing**

Use factor refers to how often equipment or machinery is utilized or operated. This is important because frequent use can lead to wear and tear, increasing the likelihood of equipment malfunction. This is why it is considered a factor that affects inspection frequency. The other options do not relate to how often the equipment is used and therefore do not affect inspection frequency. The color of equipment, the number of benches, and the type of fencing would not have an impact on the wear and tear of the equipment. The extent of use is the only factor that is directly related to the frequency of equipment inspection.

9. The Use Zone for Climbers should extend a minimum of how many feet in all directions?

- A. 6 feet**
- B. 5 feet**
- C. 4 feet**
- D. 7 feet**

The Use Zone for Climbers should extend a minimum of 6 feet in all directions. This is because climbing activities often require a lot of space for movement and safety. Option B, C, and D are incorrect because they do not meet the minimum recommended distance for a Use Zone. Option B only provides 5 feet, which may not be enough space for climbers to safely move around. Option C provides even less space at 4 feet, which could potentially be dangerous for climbers. Option D provides 7 feet, which is more than the minimum requirement, but may not be necessary and could result in wasted space. Therefore, option A, which offers the recommended 6 feet, is the best and most appropriate choice for the Use Zone for Climbers.

10. Handholds on seesaws should be provided at each sitting position for gripping with how many hands?

A. One hand

B. Both hands

C. Either hand

D. No hands required

Seesaws are designed to allow for balancing between two people sitting on opposite ends. Providing handholds at each sitting position ensures that both individuals have the ability to grip and hold onto something while sitting. Option A of one hand would only allow for one individual to grip, limiting the seesaw's purpose. Option C of either hand does not provide consistency between sitting positions. Option D of no hands required would defeat the purpose of a seesaw and could potentially be dangerous, as there would be nothing to hold onto while balancing. Therefore, option B of both hands is the correct answer.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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