Electrical Installation Level 2 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. **Among common insulation materials listed, which is least commonly used for electrical cables today?**

   A. PVC

   B. Rubber

   C. Glass

   D. Wood

2. **Which statement best describes the function of ADS?**

   A. It ensures immediate disconnection of supply when a fault is detected

   B. It gradually reduces voltage when a fault occurs

   C. It triggers an alarm but keeps supply

   D. It disconnects only after a fuse blows

3. **Which zone is defined as being 0.6 metres away from the shower, bath or sink?**

   A. Zone 0

   B. Zone 1

   C. Zone 2

   D. Zone 3

4. **What effect occurs when a supply is initially connected to a load made up of coils, such as transformers?**

   A. The current spikes up for a fraction of a second

   B. The current remains constant

   C. The current decreases to zero

   D. The voltage collapses

5. **Why do electricians need to know the Zs value of every circuit?**

   A. So we know the earth fault loop is low enough to achieve ADS

   B. To meet voltage regulation requirements

   C. To calculate energy consumption

   D. To verify insulation resistance values

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6. Which color represents 400 volts in color coding?

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B. It is the maximum voltage the device can withstand

C. It is the minimum current required to trip it

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B. Reading should be more than 1 MΩ

C. Reading should be more than 100 kΩ

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B. Switch tester to 250 V; attach the clip to neutral; press the test button; test between line and earth only; reading is not specified

C. Switch tester to 500 V; clip to live; press the test button; test between line and earth; reading should be greater than 1 Ω

D. Switch tester to 500 V; clip to earth; press test; test between line and earth and neutral and earth; reading should be less than 1 MΩ

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10. What is the British Standard number for MCBs?

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B. BS: 1361

C. BS: 60898

D. BS: 3036

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Among common insulation materials listed, which is least commonly used for electrical cables today?

A. PVC

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The key idea is dielectric and environmental suitability for insulation around conductors. The insulating material must provide good electrical insulation (high dielectric strength), resist moisture, tolerate operating temperatures, and remain mechanically stable and safe under flame conditions. PVC is widely used because it can be extruded into a uniform layer around a conductor, offers solid dielectric strength, moisture resistance, and good fire performance at a low cost. Rubber is also common, providing flexibility and adequate insulation for many flexible cables and cords. Glass has excellent insulating properties and high temperature resistance, but it's brittle, difficult to apply uniformly around conductors, and expensive, so it's not a practical choice for most standard cables today. Wood, on the other hand, is not suitable as cable insulation. It absorbs moisture, has unpredictable dielectric properties, can swell and crack, and is flammable. It cannot be reliably used to wrap around a conductor for electrical insulation, especially under varying temperatures and environments. Therefore, wood is the least commonly used insulation material for electrical cables today.

2. Which statement best describes the function of ADS?

A. It ensures immediate disconnection of supply when a fault is detected

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ADS is about isolating the circuit as soon as a fault is detected. Its purpose is to stop fault current immediately, protecting people and equipment from dangerous energy and reducing the risk of fire. Because faults like arcs can escalate quickly, the system trips right away rather than waiting for other protective devices to act. It doesn't just reduce voltage slowly, and it doesn't keep the circuit alive while raising an alarm. It also isn't meant to wait for a fuse to blow—the goal is fast disconnection to isolate the fault.

3. Which zone is defined as being 0.6 metres away from the shower, bath or sink?

A. Zone 0

B. Zone 1

C. Zone 2

D. Zone 3

In bathrooms, zones map how close you are to water and what equipment is allowed. Zone 0 is inside the bath/shower; Zone 1 is up to 2 m high and within 0.6 m of the bath/shower edge. Zone 2 starts where you are 0.6 m away from that edge, still up to 2 m high. So the area defined as being 0.6 metres away from the shower, bath or sink is Zone 2. Zone 3 covers the rest of the bathroom beyond these zones.

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4. What effect occurs when a supply is initially connected to a load made up of coils, such as transformers?

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When you first connect a supply to a coil or transformer, the current doesn't immediately settle to its normal operating value. Coils store energy in their magnetic field, and they resist sudden changes in current. At the moment of energization, the magnetic field is just starting to form, and the circuit can momentarily draw a much larger current than usual—the inrush current. This transient surge lasts only a fraction of a second as the magnetic field builds and the inductive effects settle, after which the current settles toward its steady-state value. That brief spike is the observable effect when inductive loads are connected.

5. Why do electricians need to know the Zs value of every circuit?

A. So we know the earth fault loop is low enough to achieve ADS

B. To meet voltage regulation requirements

C. To calculate energy consumption

D. To verify insulation resistance values

The main idea is that Zs, the earth fault loop impedance, tells you how much fault current can flow if a live conductor contacts earth. Knowing this value for every circuit lets you check that, in an earth fault, enough current will flow to trip the protective device quickly enough to disconnect the supply automatically (ADS). If Zs is too high, the fault current may be too small and the device won't trip fast enough, leaving a shock hazard. If it's within the limits, the device will remove power in the required time to protect people. This isn't about voltage regulation, energy consumption, or insulation resistance, which are covered by other tests and concepts.

6. Which color represents 400 volts in color coding?

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In a three-phase system, the voltage of 400 V refers to the line-to-line potential between the phase conductors. The phase wires are color-coded with distinct colors to show they're all live and part of the same high-voltage system. In many common standards, the three phase conductors are colored red, yellow, and blue, while earth is green (and neutral is handled separately). Red is one of the phase colors used to identify a live conductor in a 400 V three-phase setup. So, when you see red in this color-coding scheme, it signals a 400 V live conductor, as opposed to neutral or earth.

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The max current rating is the maximum amperage the protective device can carry continuously without tripping. It reflects the device's thermal and design limits, ensuring the conductor it protects stays within safe temperature levels during normal operation. If the current goes above this rating, the device is intended to heat up enough to cause a trip or fuse open, interrupting the circuit to prevent damage or fire. This rating is about current, not voltage, temperature limits, or the exact moment of tripping. The voltage rating tells you how much voltage the device can withstand, the trip mechanism has its own current characteristics (often with a short time delay), and the operating temperature rating relates to how hot the device can get in different environments.

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A. Reading should be more than 10 MΩ

B. Reading should be more than 1 MΩ

C. Reading should be more than 100 kΩ

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When we perform insulation resistance testing, we're measuring how well the insulation resists leakage current between conductors or to earth. The higher that insulation resistance value, the less leakage there is, and the healthier the insulation. A reading above 1 MΩ is typically considered acceptable for many low-voltage installations, indicating good insulation. Values below this suggest increased leakage due to moisture, contamination, damage, or aging. So, a result of more than 1 MΩ is the indicator of healthy insulation. Readings well above that (for example, >10 MΩ) are also good, but the minimum benchmark most commonly used is 1 MΩ. A reading less than 1 MΩ points to potential insulation problems.

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Insulation resistance testing uses a megohmmeter to push a DC voltage through the insulation and measure leakage current; a high resistance means the insulation is good, while a low reading indicates leakage paths or faults. For a typical LV installation, you apply a test voltage of about 500 V and first ensure the circuit is isolated and all loads removed. Then you measure between each conductor and earth to check the insulation to ground. Testing both line-to-earth and neutral-to-earth captures leakage paths from all live conductors to earth, and you should expect readings in the megohm range. A minimum of around 1 MΩ per conductor to earth is a common benchmark, so readings greater than 1 MΩ show acceptable insulation. If you only test one path, or you expect readings in ohms, or you choose the wrong voltage, the test doesn't reliably indicate insulation quality.

10. What is the British Standard number for MCBs?

A. BS: 88

B. BS: 1361

C. BS: 60898

D. BS: 3036

MCBs are protective devices designed to interrupt current when a fault or overload occurs, and the standard that specifies their design, performance, and testing is BS 60898. This British standard (historically) covers miniature circuit breakers used in low-voltage installations and is harmonized with the international EN 60898-1, ensuring compatibility and safety across manufacturers and products used in domestic circuits. The other standards listed pertain to different protective devices, such as fuses, and do not apply to MCBs. So BS 60898 is the correct one for MCBs.

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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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