

# Special Hazards Systems 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.

# 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. The permit application must contain the following:  
Building name and Building address.**
  - A. Building name and Building address**
  - B. Building owner name**
  - C. Applicant contact email**
  - D. Project description**
  
- 2. Indoors, cylinders stored must be located at least how far from combustible materials?**
  - A. 5 ft.**
  - B. 20 ft.**
  - C. 50 ft.**
  - D. 0 ft.**
  
- 3. Besides using an angle finder, what additional instruction should you follow when aiming a flame detector?**
  - A. Ignore manufacturers instructions**
  - B. Refer to the manufacturer's published instructions**
  - C. Rely on field experience only**
  - D. Ask a supervisor**
  
- 4. Which statement about short circuits on Class X circuits is true?**
  - A. They always trigger an alarm**
  - B. They trigger a supervisory signal**
  - C. They cause a trouble signal**
  - D. They cause no signal**
  
- 5. Which component is used to limit current flow in an electrical circuit?**
  - A. Inductor**
  - B. Resistor**
  - C. Capacitor**
  - D. Diode**

- 6. Which edition of NFPA 72 is referenced in the source material?**
- A. NFPA 72 2019**
  - B. NFPA 72 2016**
  - C. NFPA 72 2022**
  - D. NFPA 72 2013**
- 7. In dry chemical systems, which pipe material is allowed?**
- A. Copper tube**
  - B. PEX**
  - C. PVC**
  - D. Galvanized steel pipe**
- 8. What type of foam generator draws air into the foam solution by using the suction of the flowing solution?**
- A. Venturi eductor**
  - B. Aspirator type**
  - C. Ejector-type**
  - D. Mechanical agitator**
- 9. Which automatic fire detector has the fastest reaction time among standard detectors?**
- A. Rate-of-rise heat detector**
  - B. Video smoke detector**
  - C. Flame detector**
  - D. Mechanical heat detector**
- 10. A halocarbon agent contains which elements?**
- A. Chlorine, Bromine, and Iodine**
  - B. Chlorine Only**
  - C. Bromine Only**
  - D. Iodine Only**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. The permit application must contain the following:  
Building name and Building address.**

**A. Building name and Building address**

**B. Building owner name**

**C. Applicant contact email**

**D. Project description**

Accurate project identification is the foundation of a permit application. The building name and building address provide unique, locational identifiers that tie the permit to a specific structure and site. The address ensures the authority can map the project to the correct parcel, schedule inspections at the right location, and reference zoning, fire safety, and utility records for that site. The building name helps distinguish this structure from others on the same parcel or within a campus, so communications and records target the right building. Other fields like owner name, applicant contact email, or a project description are useful for communication and understanding scope, but they do not by themselves establish the exact site to which the permit applies. For these reasons, the required elements are the building name and the building address.

**2. Indoors, cylinders stored must be located at least how far from combustible materials?**

**A. 5 ft.**

**B. 20 ft.**

**C. 50 ft.**

**D. 0 ft.**

The key idea is providing a safe buffer between stored cylinders and any combustible materials to minimize the risk if a cylinder leaks or vents and to reduce the chance that heat or flames could reach nearby combustibles. Indoors, maintaining twenty feet of separation gives enough space for gas to dissipate, for ventilation to help carry away any leaked gas, and for emergency access and response without nearby materials catching fire. Five feet is typically not enough to prevent ignition if there's a leak or radiant heat from a nearby fire or equipment. Zero feet places combustibles right next to the cylinders, which is unsafe. Fifty feet is more than necessary in most settings and reduces usable space without added safety benefit. Therefore, twenty feet is the appropriate minimum distance.

**3. Besides using an angle finder, what additional instruction should you follow when aiming a flame detector?**

- A. Ignore manufacturers instructions**
- B. Refer to the manufacturer's published instructions**
- C. Rely on field experience only**
- D. Ask a supervisor**

Aiming a flame detector requires following the device's manufacturer's published instructions. The manufacturer specifies the exact aiming geometry, field of view, mounting height, and distance to the flame, as well as the required tests and calibration steps to verify proper operation. Using an angle finder helps with the rough angle, but without consulting the manufacturer's instructions you won't know the precise alignment, sensitivity settings, or verification procedures necessary for reliable detection and to meet safety and code requirements. Relying only on field experience or asking a supervisor can be part of the process, but the definitive guidance comes from the manufacturer's published instructions.

**4. Which statement about short circuits on Class X circuits is true?**

- A. They always trigger an alarm**
- B. They trigger a supervisory signal**
- C. They cause a trouble signal**
- D. They cause no signal**

In fire alarm practice, signals fall into three categories: alarm, supervisory, and trouble. A short circuit in a circuit is a fault in the wiring or a device that impairs proper operation. It does not indicate that a fire has been detected (which would be an alarm) and it isn't about a monitored device needing a specific state (which would be supervisory). Instead, it signals a fault condition in the circuit, which is reported as a trouble to alert maintenance to inspect and repair. That's why a short on a Class X circuit is conveyed as a trouble signal.

**5. Which component is used to limit current flow in an electrical circuit?**

- A. Inductor**
- B. Resistor**
- C. Capacitor**
- D. Diode**

Current in a circuit is governed by Ohm's law:  $I = V/R$ . A resistor provides a defined opposition to that current, so choosing its resistance value sets how much current will flow for a given supply voltage. This makes resistors ideal for limiting current and protecting other components by keeping currents within safe levels. Inductors resist changes in current and are used for filtering or energy storage rather than steady current limiting. Capacitors pass DC only during transient charging and then block it, so their limiting effect is temporary, not a steady current control. Diodes control the direction of current and introduce a forward voltage drop, but they don't establish a fixed current limit by themselves. Therefore, the component best suited to limit current flow in a circuit is the resistor.

**6. Which edition of NFPA 72 is referenced in the source material?**

- A. NFPA 72 2019**
- B. NFPA 72 2016**
- C. NFPA 72 2022**
- D. NFPA 72 2013**

The main idea here is to identify which NFPA 72 edition the source material is using as its reference. The material's language and requirements align with the NFPA 72 edition published in 2019, which is why that edition is the best match. When a source cites NFPA standards, the year shown is the primary clue to the exact edition being referenced; the 2019 edition has specific wording, clause structure, and requirements that the material mirrors. The other editions reflect different language and criteria, so they wouldn't consistently match the content you're studying.

**7. In dry chemical systems, which pipe material is allowed?**

- A. Copper tube**
- B. PEX**
- C. PVC**
- D. Galvanized steel pipe**

Dry chemical piping must handle abrasive powder flow, be strong enough for high-velocity air, and not react with the chemicals used. Galvanized steel pipe meets these needs: it's durable, resistant to abrasion, and widely approved for dry chemical distribution, with good static-dissipation properties to reduce spark risk during powder transport. Copper can corrode or react with some powders, and plastics like PEX or PVC aren't typically rated for the chemical exposure, abrasion, or cleaning requirements of dry chemical systems. For these reasons, galvanized steel is the material allowed.

**8. What type of foam generator draws air into the foam solution by using the suction of the flowing solution?**

- A. Venturi eductor**
- B. Aspirator type**
- C. Ejector-type**
- D. Mechanical agitator**

Air entrainment by suction from the moving liquid is the defining feature here. An aspirator-type foam generator relies on the flowing foam solution to create a low-pressure region as it passes through a narrow passage. That suction pulls air from the surrounding environment into the stream, mixing with the foam solution to produce air-entrained foam. This method is simple and often has few moving parts, using the momentum of the flowing liquid to draw in the air rather than needing a separate air source or mechanical mixing. For contrast, a mechanical agitator uses stirring to create foam and doesn't rely on drawing ambient air into the solution. A venturi-type device also uses flow to entrain air, but it accomplishes air suction through a venturi effect in a specific nozzle geometry, whereas the aspirator emphasizes the suction produced by the flowing solution itself. An ejector-type unit typically uses a separate motive fluid (like steam or another gas) to entrain air, rather than drawing it in from the surroundings.

**9. Which automatic fire detector has the fastest reaction time among standard detectors?**

- A. Rate-of-rise heat detector**
- B. Video smoke detector**
- C. Flame detector**
- D. Mechanical heat detector**

Flame detectors sense the actual radiant energy from a flame, so they can trigger as soon as flame apparition occurs. That direct detection of the fire itself makes their response time faster than other detectors. A rate-of-rise heat detector waits for a rapid temperature increase to cross a preset threshold, which takes time as heat has to reach that level. A video smoke detector analyzes imagery to spot smoke, but processing delays and visual conditions can slow it. A mechanical heat detector uses a physical trigger that only activates when a certain temperature or mechanical condition is met, which is inherently slower than sensing the flame's radiation directly.

**10. A halocarbon agent contains which elements?**

- A. Chlorine, Bromine, and Iodine**
- B. Chlorine Only**
- C. Bromine Only**
- D. Iodine Only**

Halocarbon extinguishing agents are carbon-based compounds that include halogen atoms. In practice, the halogens most associated with these agents are chlorine and bromine, which work by interrupting the flame chemically. Some formulations also incorporate iodine, so these agents can contain multiple halogens rather than just one. That's why the option listing chlorine, bromine, and iodine best represents what a halocarbon agent can contain. Choices that imply only a single halogen don't capture the typical composition of halocarbon extinguishing agents.

## 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](mailto: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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