

SURVEY SYMBOLS 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. What does a concrete monument symbol look like on a plan?**
 - A. A solid square or circle with a CM label
 - B. A hollow square with CM
 - C. A line with CM ticks
 - D. A circle with CM dots

- 2. On survey drawings, what does the abbreviation MH stand for?**
 - A. Manhole
 - B. Main Hazard
 - C. Material Holder
 - D. Meter Hole

- 3. Which term corresponds to the survey code Fis?**
 - A. Political Boundary Portion Establishment Survey
 - B. Fishpond Application Surveys
 - C. Relocation Surveys
 - D. Friar Lands Relocation

- 4. Sc stands for?**
 - A. Photo Public Land Subdivision
 - B. Public Land Delimitation
 - C. Sales Application: Corporation
 - D. Sales Application: Individual

- 5. What is the purpose of a scale bar on a survey drawing?**
 - A. To visually indicate the map scale and allow direct measurement of distances
 - B. To show north direction
 - C. To display a legend
 - D. To indicate contour intervals

- 6. Cadastral Surveys by Government GE corresponds to which code?**
 - A. Cad
 - B. Cad-D
 - C. Ccs
 - D. Gcn

7. Which code corresponds to 'Subdivision by Government GE'?

- A. Psd
- B. Gsd
- C. Csd
- D. Cad-D

8. Which code equals National (or Insular) Reservations?

- A. Municipal Reservations
- B. National (or Insular) Reservations
- C. Insular Government Land or Private Land to be acquired by the (Insular) National Government
- D. Miscellaneous Sales Application: Individual

9. Photo Public Land Subdivision corresponds to which abbreviation?

- A. PPlsm
- B. Pld
- C. Pr
- D. PPls

10. What is the significance of a point of curvature (PC) and a point of tangency (PT) in curves?

- A. A PC marks the curve's end and PT marks the curve's start
- B. B PC marks where the curve starts and PT marks where the curve ends
- C. C PC and PT are both at the curve's midpoint
- D. D They are not used in plan curves

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What does a concrete monument symbol look like on a plan?

A. A solid square or circle with a CM label

B. A hollow square with CM

C. A line with CM ticks

D. A circle with CM dots

On survey plans, concrete monuments are represented with a solid filled shape to stand out clearly. The standard is a solid square or circle that carries the CM label, identifying it specifically as a concrete monument. The filled symbol is easier to spot than hollow shapes and, with the CM text, leaves no doubt about what the mark represents. A hollow square can be confused with other features, a line with ticks suggests a feature like an alignment rather than a monument, and a circle with dots points to a different type of mark. So the solid shape with the CM label is the clearest, most recognizable representation.

2. On survey drawings, what does the abbreviation MH stand for?

A. Manhole

B. Main Hazard

C. Material Holder

D. Meter Hole

MH is used on survey drawings to indicate a Manhole. Manholes are access points to underground utilities like sewers or drainage lines, allowing maintenance and inspection from above ground. The label helps crews locate these access points quickly during surveys or construction. The other terms aren't standard labels for plan notation in this context (Main Hazard, Meter Hole, Material Holder), so they don't fit as well.

3. Which term corresponds to the survey code Fis?

A. Political Boundary Portion Establishment Survey

B. Fishpond Application Surveys

C. Relocation Surveys

D. Friar Lands Relocation

Understanding survey codes involves recognizing how abbreviations map to the survey type. The code Fis is tied to Fishpond, so it points to Fishpond Application Surveys. This matches the language used in surveying where the code often reflects a key word in the term. The other options describe different survey types (Political Boundary Portion Establishment, Relocation, Friar Lands Relocation) whose abbreviations wouldn't start with Fis, so they don't align with the code Fis.

4. Sc stands for?

- A. Photo Public Land Subdivision
- B. Public Land Delimitation
- C. Sales Application: Corporation**
- D. Sales Application: Individual

In survey notation, two-letter codes on maps and records often encode the type of action and who filed it. Here, the first letter S points to Sales, and the second letter identifies the applicant category. The combination Sc is used to denote a Sales Application filed by a Corporation, making it the clear fit for this code. It distinguishes corporate sales filings from other possibilities such as individuals or other processes, which would use different second letters or different codes altogether. The other phrases described don't follow the common labeling pattern for sales-related transactions on survey documents, so they don't align with what Sc typically represents.

5. What is the purpose of a scale bar on a survey drawing?

- A. To visually indicate the map scale and allow direct measurement of distances**
- B. To show north direction
- C. To display a legend
- D. To indicate contour intervals

A scale bar is a graphic ruler on the drawing that shows the relationship between map distances and real-world distances, so you can measure directly on the sheet. It allows you to translate a length you see on the drawing into a real distance by reading how many units of real distance correspond to the length along the bar. This is especially handy because you can use a ruler on the bar to measure without needing to do math or convert a numeric ratio, and it stays usable at the current print size. Options that show direction, symbols, or elevation differences serve different purposes: a north direction indicator shows orientation, a legend explains symbols, and contour intervals indicate vertical spacing between elevation lines.

6. Cadastral Surveys by Government GE corresponds to which code?

- A. Cad**
- B. Cad-D
- C. Ccs
- D. Gcn

Interpreting survey symbol codes helps you identify the type of work at a glance. For cadastral surveys by government, the abbreviation Cad is the standard code. It signals work focused on land parcels, boundaries, and legal mappings that government agencies handle. The other options don't fit because they aren't the standard abbreviation for this category; they're used for different kinds of surveys or contexts. So the best match is Cad.

7. Which code corresponds to 'Subdivision by Government GE'?

- A. Psd
- B. Gsd**
- C. Csd
- D. Cad-D

In this coding system, the suffix "sd" signals a subdivision, and the letter in front shows who created it. Government-created subdivisions use the letter G. Put together, Gsd exactly represents a subdivision by government. The other prefixes don't align with government as the creator, or don't fit the subdivision coding pattern, so they aren't correct.

8. Which code equals National (or Insular) Reservations?

- A. Municipal Reservations
- B. National (or Insular) Reservations**
- C. Insular Government Land or Private Land to be acquired by the (Insular) National Government
- D. Miscellaneous Sales Application: Individual

In survey symbol coding, lands that are set aside for the national or insular government are shown with the designation National (or Insular) Reservations. This label exactly describes the category of land that is reserved for public/government use and not available for private sale or transfer. That's why this choice is the best answer: it names the precise classification used on plans. The other options describe different land classifications—municipal reservations refer to lands set aside for towns or cities, insular government land to be acquired by the government is a separate category, and miscellaneous sales applications by individuals pertain to lands being sold under private sale processes.

9. Photo Public Land Subdivision corresponds to which abbreviation?

- A. PPlsm
- B. Pld
- C. Pr
- D. PPls**

When map symbol abbreviations are formed, each word of a term contributes its initial letter to the shorthand. For four-word terms like Photo Public Land Subdivision, you take the initials P, P, L, S. In this course's style, the first two initials stay capitalized while the last two are kept in lowercase, giving PPls. That exactly matches the intended abbreviation for this phrase, so it's the best fit. The other options would correspond to different phrases or omit a word, so they don't reflect the four-word title in order.

10. What is the significance of a point of curvature (PC) and a point of tangency (PT) in curves?

- A. A PC marks the curve's end and PT marks the curve's start
- B. B PC marks where the curve starts and PT marks where the curve ends**
- C. C PC and PT are both at the curve's midpoint
- D. D They are not used in plan curves

In plan curves, the endpoints of the curved section are defined by where the straight path changes into curvature and where it leaves that curvature to become straight again. The point of curvature is the location where the straight segment starts bending into the curve, while the point of tangency is where the curve ends and the straight segment resumes. These two points are essential for laying out the curve, determining its length and radius, and connecting the preceding and following tangents smoothly. That's why the statement that the point of curvature marks where the curve starts and the point of tangency marks where it ends is the best fit.

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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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