Content of the Examination

The Roofing (C-39) Examination is divided into five major sections:

1. Planning and Estimation (21%)
   - Planning roof projects
   - Estimating roof projects

2. Job Site Preparation for Roof Projects (10%)
   - Protecting surroundings
   - Correcting problems
   - Tearing off existing roofing

3. Low-Slope Roof Projects (20%)
   - Installing flashings, ventilation and underlayment
   - Installing various low-slope roof systems
   - Repairing low-slope roof systems

4. Steep-Slope Roof Projects (28%)
   - Installing flashings, ventilation and underlayment
   - Installing various steep-slope roof systems
   - Repairing steep-slope roof systems

5. Safety (21%)
   - Personnel safety
   - Job site safety

*Percentages are approximate*

Test Site Policy

This is a closed-book examination. No reference materials may be used during the examination. All materials brought to the examination site must be left in an unmonitored area at your own risk.

Test Strategy

This is a multiple-choice examination with four choices per question. Examination questions are written to provide only one BEST answer. Some questions require mathematical computation. A calculator will be provided.

There is no penalty for guessing. If you are unsure about a particular question, it is better to try to answer the question than to leave the question blank.

Plenty of time is provided to answer all examination questions, so be sure to read each question and its four choices completely and carefully before selecting the BEST possible answer to the question.
Sample Questions

Below are three typical examination questions. The correct answer is underlined.

1. If a flat rectangular roof measures 16’ x 31”, how many squares of roof covering are required?
   a. 5  
   b. 15  
   c. 25  
   d. 50

2. How should rigid insulation and shingles be installed on a pitched roof?
   a. Nail the shingles with straw nails.  
   b. Install insulation using two-part adhesive.  
   c. Install sheeting between the two layers.  
   d. Install two layers of heavy underlayment.

3. Which of the following needs to be removed when installing spray foam (SPF) roofing over a built-up roof with aggregate?
   a. Only the air conditioning units  
   b. Only the walk pads  
   c. The entire roof system  
   d. Only the gravel/rock

*All questions are written and reviewed by licensed contractors who are actively working in the trade*

Resources

Publisher information for reference books and code is provided below. Other sources for reference books may be found online. California code books can be viewed online: www.bsc.ca.gov

PHONE: (916) 654-5200 
INTERNET: www.energy.ca.gov/title24

PHONE: (800) 786-4452 
INTERNET: www.iccsafe.org

PHONE: (425) 778-6162 
INTERNET: www.tileroofing.org

PHONE: (202) 207-0917 
INTERNET: www.asphaltroofing.org

National Roofing Contractors Association. 
PHONE: (847) 299-9070 
INTERNET: www.nrca.net

PHONE: (877) 626-2666 
INTERNET: www.mancomm.com

PHONE: (800) 725-0333 
INTERNET: www.wsrca.com

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