



RED SEAL EXAM

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE

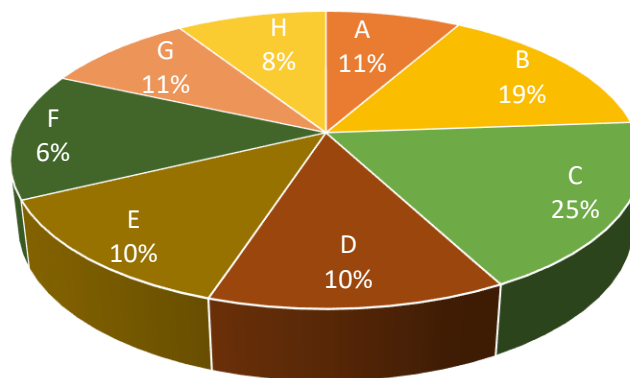
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Red Seal Exam Weighting

This pie chart represents the distribution of questions on the Red Seal Exam. The self-assessment on the next pages shows the Tasks and Sub-tasks within each Block and the number of questions assigned to each Block and Task.




The Red Seal Exam for this trade has 125 questions.



	Block / Exam Section	Percentage of Questions	Number of Questions out of 125
A	Common occupational skills	11%	13
B	General masonry practices	19%	23
C	Masonry systems	25%	31
D	Natural stone systems	10%	13
E	Chimneys and fireplaces	10%	12
F	Refractories and corrosion resistant materials	6%	8
G	Restoration	11%	13
H	Additional masonry	8%	12

Breakdown of Red Seal Exam Questions and Self-Assessment

Rate your own understanding and experience with each task. Look at the activities that make up each task and consider your experience with them of them when rating yourself. Be honest!

-  **LOW** I have **no or very little understanding or experience** in this activity
-  **MEDIUM** I **understand** this activity and have **some experience** doing it in **limited** situations
-  **HIGH** I have a **very good understanding** of this activity and am **fully competent** in doing it in **many** situations

This is not intended to accurately predict how you will actually do on the exam – there may be areas where you are over-confident or under-confident. But it should give you an idea of your strengths and weaknesses.

After you rate your own knowledge and experience as **LOW**, **MEDIUM** or **HIGH**, check how many questions there are and write down how many you think you will get correct.

LOW, you may not get many of those questions right.

MEDIUM, you might get some right.

HIGH, you expect to be able to get most of those questions right.

Comparing your scores with the number of questions on the exam will help you identify which areas you need to prepare the most. Add up your scores from each section to get an idea of your overall readiness for the exam.

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
A - Common Occupational Skills					
1. Performs safety related functions. 1.01 Maintains safe work environment. 1.02 Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
2. Uses and maintains tools and equipment. 2.01 Maintains tools and equipment. 2.02 Uses rigging, hoisting and lifting equipment. 2.03 Uses access equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
3. Uses scaffolding. 3.01 Erects scaffolding. 3.02 Dismantles scaffolding. 3.03 Maintains scaffolding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
4. Organizes work. 4.01 Uses drawings and specifications. 4.02 Plans daily tasks and activities. 4.03 Prepares job site and materials. 4.04 Protects surrounding areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
					SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS
Total number of questions for this section:				13	

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
B - General Masonry Practices					
5. Performs substrate preparation. 5.01 Prepares vertical substrates and foundations. 5.02 Applies parging. 5.03 Installs anchoring/tie systems. 5.04 Installs membrane and flashing. 5.05 Installs insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	
6. Performs fundamental masonry tasks. 6.01. Lays out wall and coursing. 6.02 Finishes joints. 6.03 Cleans new masonry surfaces. 6.04. Seals masonry surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	
7. Uses mortars, grouts and adhesives. 7.01 Mixes mortar, concrete, grout and adhesives. 7.02 Uses mortars. 7.03 Uses concrete and grout. 7.04 Uses adhesives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
					SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS
Total number of questions for this section:				23	

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
C - Masonry Systems					
8. Builds masonry walls. 8.01 Builds non-load-bearing walls. 8.02. Builds load-bearing walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	
9. Builds horizontal masonry surfaces. 9.01 Prepares horizontal substrate. 9.02 Lays masonry units on horizontal surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	
10. Builds and installs prefabricated masonry units. 10.01 Builds prefabricated masonry. (NOT COMMON CORE) 10.02 Erects prefabricated masonry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
11. Installs surface-bonded masonry units. 11.01 Prepares substrate for surface-bonded masonry units. 11.02 Applies surface-bonded masonry units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	
					SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS
Total number of questions for this section:				31	

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
D - Natural Stone Systems					
12. Builds natural stone walls. 12.01 Prepares natural stone. 12.02 Lays natural stone. 12.03 Damp cures walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="text"/>
13. Installs natural stone cladding. 13.01 Prepares substrate for cladding. 13.02 Prepares natural stone for cladding. 13.03 Installs natural stones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				13	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
E - Chimneys And Fireplaces					
14. Builds chimneys. 14.01 Builds foundation supports for chimneys. 14.02 Lays masonry units to build chimneys. 14.03 Installs flue lining. 14.04 Installs related flashings. 14.05 Installs caps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="text"/>
15. Builds fireplaces. 15.01 Builds foundation for hearth, firebox, backup material and veneer. 15.02 Builds hearth, firebox and backup. 15.03 Installs damper. 15.04 Builds smoke chamber. 15.05 Prepares existing fireplace for insert. 15.06 Faces fireplaces and inserts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				12	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
F - Refractories and Corrosion Resistant Materials					
16. Installs and maintains refractories. 16.01 Prepares for installation of refractories and accessories. 16.02 Prepares mortar for refractories. 16.03 Removes existing refractories. 16.04 Installs refractories. 16.05 Repairs refractories.	□	□	□	5	_____
17. Installs and maintains corrosion resistant materials. 17.01 Prepares for installation of corrosion resistant materials and accessories. 17.02 Prepares mortar for corrosion resistant materials. 17.03 Removes existing corrosion resistant materials. 17.04 Installs corrosion resistant materials. 17.05 Repairs corrosion resistant materials.	□	□	□	3	_____
Total number of questions for this section:				8	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS _____

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
G - Restoration					
18. Rebuilds masonry work. 18.01 Disassembles unit masonry. 18.02 Prepares restoration work area. 18.03 Reinstalls masonry and accessories.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="text"/>
19. Repairs and cleans existing masonry work. 19.01 Removes deteriorated components. 19.02 Repoints joints. 19.03 Repairs masonry units. 19.04 Reinstalls masonry units and accessories. 19.05 Cleans existing masonry surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				13	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
H - Additional Masonry					
20. Installs glass blocks. 20.01 Prepares work area. 20.02 Lays glass blocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
21. Installs ornamental and sculpted masonry. 21.01 Prepares for installation of ornamental and sculpted masonry. 21.02 Installs ornamental and sculpted masonry units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
22. Builds arches. 22.01 Prepares location. 22.02 Builds template. 22.03 Places template. 22.04 Installs arch masonry units. 22.05 Removes template.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				12	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
Now, add up the totals you gave yourself for each section.				TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS 125	MY EXPECTED TOTAL <input type="text"/>

Interpreting your Self-Assessment

What score did you give yourself?

Divide it by the number of questions to get a percentage.

The passing mark for the Red Seal exam is 70%. If you rated yourself higher than that overall, you feel pretty confident that your experience and knowledge in the trade are good enough for a pass. However, remember that this self-assessment is just a guide. We still encourage you to develop a study plan and to consider the areas where you rated yourself as less confident.

If your overall score is less than 70%, you might have more work to do. Look more closely at your scores section by section. What are the areas where you have the most to gain?

Look over the Red Seal Exam Preparation Guide for more advice.