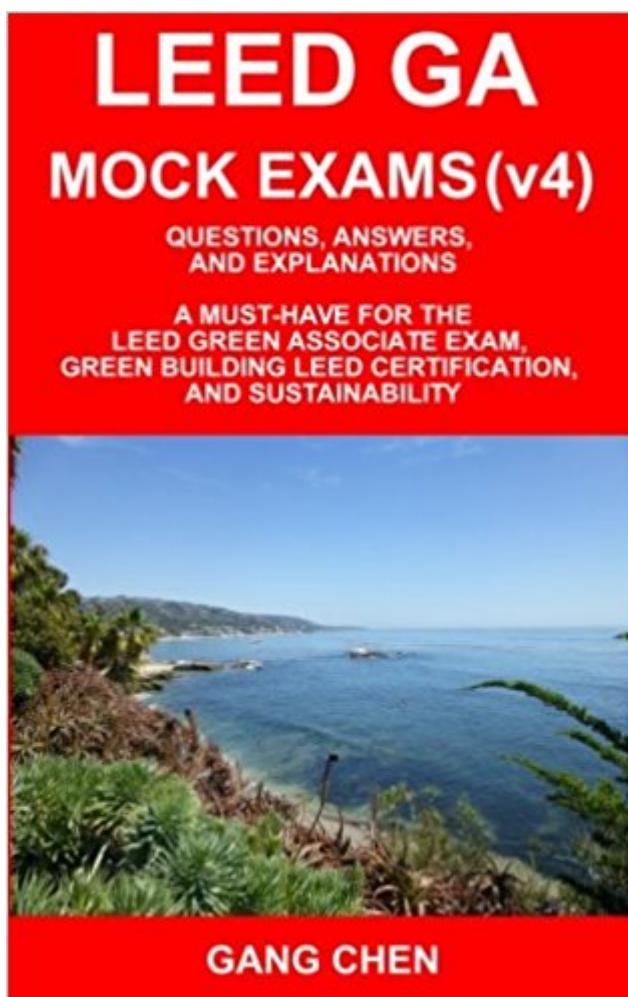


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# **LEED GA MOCK EXAMS (LEED V4): Questions, Answers, And Explanations: A Must-Have For The LEED Green Associate Exam, Green Building LEED Certification, ... Green Associate Exam Guide Series (Volume 2)**





## Synopsis

Pass the LEED Green Associate Exam, Get Your Building LEED Certified, Fight Global Warming, and Save Money! The USGBC released LEED v4 in GreenBuild International Conference and Expo in November, 2013. The GBCI started to include the new LEED v4 content for all LEED exams in June 2014. We have incorporated the new LEED v4 content in this book. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is one of the most important trends in development and is revolutionizing the construction industry. It has gained tremendous momentum and has a profound impact on our environment. From this book, you will be able to: 1. Identify your weakness through practice questions 2. Learn to work well under the pressure of timed tests 3. Check your responses against the solutions 4. Understand the solutions for the difficult questions through the explanations 5. Fully understand the scope, difficulty level, and format of the LEED Green Associate Exam 6. Learn how to pass the LEED Green Associate Exam. There is NO official GBCI book on the LEED Green Associate Exam. "LEED GA Mock Exams" fills in the blanks and demystifies LEED. The book includes 200 questions and simulates the real exam in every aspect, including scope, difficulty level, format, and number of questions in each LEED category. It includes questions, answers, and explanations. This book is small and easy to carry around. You can read it whenever you have a few extra minutes. It is an indispensable resource for ordinary people, developers, brokers, contractors, administrators, architects, landscape architects, engineers, interns, drafters, designers, and other design professionals. All our books are available at [GreenExamEducation.com](http://GreenExamEducation.com) Check out FREE tips and info for all LEED Exams and ARE Exams at [GeeForum.com](http://GeeForum.com), you can post your questions for other users' review. What others are saying about "LEED GA Mock Exam" ... (Part I) "GREAT STUDY TOOL!!! "My friend had told me about this book a week before my 2nd exam (yes I failed it the first time by one point could you believe it?) and it was a great learning tool! It really asked thorough questions and gave detailed explanations to the answers. If you can do good on these mock exams, you will do great on the real test! This guide really makes you utilize your knowledge and skill, other materials I had purchased prior to this were quite vague and uninformative, but this did the trick! Thanks Gang!" --Jason Å Å "Good book... "I just pass the test with 183. The questions are more difficult than the ones that I saw in the test...That is good if you want to be sure that you will pass..." --Omar Reyes Å Å "Nailed that LEED GA on the first try! "With this book, plus the 'LEED Green Associate Exam Guide' (also by Gang Chen) combined with all the free .PDF downloads printed from the USGBC website, I passed my LEED GA exam on the first attempt! This little book has 2 full mock-exams you can test yourself on throughout your studying to gauge when you are primed & ready to take the exam...Highly recommended." --Sarah

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What others are saying about "LEED GA Mock Exam"... (Part II) "Excellent Guide, Tougher than the Actual Exam!" I found this and the supplemental 'LEED Green Associate Exam Guide' to be extraordinarily helpful. I read both books and glanced at a couple online documents, but otherwise I relied purely on this book and passed with flying colors. I scored about a 65% on both of these mock exams the day before I took the exam and scored about a 91% on the actual thing. I was more than prepared for the LEED Green Associate Exam and couldn't be happier. I'll take a pass any day! Also, I think that these exams, while not flawless, help you on your way to become a LEED AP with Specialty, helping make sure you know MORE than is needed on this first, easier part of the exam. I would definitely recommend this and the accompanying guide, especially if you're on a tight schedule (I budgeted two weeks over the Thanksgiving holiday and found it to be a pretty good time table). Good luck and think Green!" --Austin Curtiss Rice "Such a great tool!" I passed the exam at the first attempt. These mock exams helped me to learn how to tackle the problems and which areas I should focus on! I worked with another book of the author also. It took 2-3 weeks for my preparation." --Chai "Great news, I passed!!! "LEED GA Mock Exams" is a great book for assessing progress in your efforts to study and pass the LEED Green Associate Exam. Not only is it a method of testing and self assessment, but it is also an educational tool. Personally I found that

using 'LEED GA Mock Exams' helped in my passing the LEED Green Associate Exam on the first attempt because it tested me on the portions of the exam that seemed more obscure and slightly harder than others. The book doubles as an educational medium because of the answer explanations. There isn't simply a list of correct answers in the back of the book. However, there are deep rooted explanations accompanying the correct answer choice. As an educator and business professional I would absolutely recommend this book to anyone looking to take and pass the LEED GA exam on the first attempt. I found using this book in conjunction with other study materials was what afforded me the ability of passing the LEED GA exam. Good luck in passing your LEED GA exam and buy this book!" --Luke Ferland "Preparing for LEED GA Exam" "This book provides several key points that I think will be crucial in my preparation for taking the LEED Green Associate Exam in the next month. Like many similar test prep guides, Mr. Chen cites the resources that will be useful to study. But he goes beyond this and differentiates which ones must memorize and those you must be at least familiar with. In this way, he is trying to give you the tools to streamline your study efforts for the best results. He is very aware that most individuals looking to take this exam are already working a 40 hour week and he wants you to invest your time wisely and efficiently. Throughout this book Mr. Chen stresses that the primary keys to success are 1) to study in such a way that builds your confidence and 2) to time the taking of the exam so that this knowledge is still present in your consciousness. I am looking forward to also reading his 'LEED Green Associate Exam Guide.'" --NPacella "Review of Gang Chen's LEED GA Mock Exams" "Studying for any LEED exam is an arduous task. Chen's 'LEED GA Mock Exams' is a good study aid in helping you prepare for the LEED GA exam. The questions are designed to test your understanding of the principles; and the answers found at the end of the section provide further explanation so you can better grasp the principle. This is a great way to reinforce your memory. Read 'LEED GA Mock Exams' before you start studying other resource materials. It will serve to bring your attention to the information that you are most likely to be asked on the exam as you come across it in your studying. I also found the information and links to other resources very helpful. It is a comprehensive list of "must read" information for anyone studying for the LEED exams. Chen has done the research and review to provide the ones that will be most useful. I found his 'LEED GA Mock Exams' easy to read and use and recommend it to anyone preparing for the LEED GA exam." --Mike

Kwon "Helpful Practice Exams" "I am in the process of studying for the LEED GA exam and have been finding overall that there is a confusing array of study guides and suggestions from USGBC.

This brought me to look for other study outlets and I was glad to find this book. It is very clear and easy to use. The book is written in a succinct and easy to digest form and has clarified some confusing points. The book contains two full practice exams. The answer key has detailed explanations for each correct point. The book also includes frequently asked questions, and appendixes with useful additional resources. There is also an index which makes it very easy to look up particular issues. I would recommend this book to someone who is looking for practice exams for the LEED GA test." --Green Danny "LEED as a language" "LEED is a language, a new way of 'speaking' (and thinking) about our relationship to our world in general and our buildings in particular. This new language, as with all things new, presents challenges to the established order - in my case the order of my professional practice." Gang Chen's new book, 'LEED GA Mock Exams' is proving itself to be an excellent training tool for me as I learn to master the language of LEED. A recent NY Times article (Personal Best - the Secrets of Elite Athletes - 18 Oct 2010 made the following observations, "Elite runners will examine a course, running it before they race it..." 'LEED GA Mock Exams' is designed to concentrate on increasing the intensity of your study efforts, examine the course, run it before you race it - providing the format and substance for the practice that leads to the experience needed to get this new language right." --Howard Patrick (Pat) Barry, AIA NCARB, Barry Associates Architects "On the tougher side "I found these exams to be quite tougher compared to the others I took a look at, which is good as it made me prepare for the worst I would definitely recommend using these mock exams. Also in-depth explanations at the end make your basics quite clear. I ultimately passed with 181 with 3 weeks of study. Best wishes to all." --swankysenor "Great Resource!!!!!!" "This book is a great resource for anyone studying for the LEED GA exam!!! Almost as important as learning the material is learning to 'test well.' Learning to read a test question and think clearly in the testing environment is critically important for passing the LEED GA exam as well as the LEED AP with specialty exams." --Charles

Latest trend for LEED Exams Recently, there are quite a few readers run into the versions of the LEED exams that have many questions on refrigerants (CFC, HCFC, and HFC), the following advice will help you answer these questions correctly: For more information, see free pdf file of "The Treatment by LEED of the Environmental Impact of HVAC Refrigerants" that you can

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[gbci.org/Files/References/The-Treatment-by-LEED-of-the-Environmental-Impact-of-HVAC-Refrigerants.pdf](http://gbci.org/Files/References/The-Treatment-by-LEED-of-the-Environmental-Impact-of-HVAC-Refrigerants.pdf) This is a VERY important document that you need to become familiar with. Many real LEED exam questions (CFC, HCFC, and HFC, etc.) come from this document. You need to download it for free and read it at least 3 times. Pay special attention to the Table on ODP and GWP on page 3. You do not have to remember the exact value of all ODPs and GWPs, but you do need to know the rough number for various groups of refrigerants." This latest trend regarding refrigerants (CFC, HCFC, and HFC) for LEED Exams has a lot to do with LEED v4 Credit Weighting. EA (including refrigerants) is a big winner in LEED v4, meaning the category has MORE questions than any other areas for ALL the LEED exams. See portion of my book, LEED GA Exam Guide quoted below: How are LEED credits allocated and weighted? Answer: Credits that can contribute to LEED's "Impact Categories" are given more points. These impact categories are weighted through a consensus driven process: Global Climate Change (35%) Social Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Quality of Life (5%) Individual Human Health and well-being (20%) Greener Economy (5%) Biodiversity and Ecosystem (10%) Water Resources (15%) Sustainable and Regenerative Material Resources Cycles (10%) The USGBC uses three association factors to measure and scale credit outcome to a given Impact Category component: Relative Efficacy: It measures whether a credit outcome has a positive or negative association with a given Impact Category component, and how strong that association is. No association Low association Medium association High association Negative association Benefit Duration: How long will the benefits or consequences of the credit outcome last? 1-3 Years 4-10 Years 11-30 Years 30+ Years (Building/Community Lifetime) Controllability of Effect: It indicates which individual is most directly responsible for achieving the expected credit outcome. The more a credit outcome depends on active human effort, the less likely it will be achieved with certainty, and the credit will have fewer points, vice versa. The USGBC simplifies the weighting process of points into a score card: 100 base points for the base LEED Rating System 1 point minimum for each credit Whole points and no fractions for LEED points. See detailed discussions at the FREE PDF file entitled "LEED v4 Impact Category and Point Allocation Development Process" at the following link:

[usgbc.org/sites/default/files/LEED%20v4%20Impact%20Category%20and%20Point%20Allocation%20Process\\_Overview\\_0.pdf](http://usgbc.org/sites/default/files/LEED%20v4%20Impact%20Category%20and%20Point%20Allocation%20Process_Overview_0.pdf)

I got 193/200 on LEED GA exam by just using this book, I gave my exam after 15 days of prep (2-3 hrs each day). There was no other resource available for me to prepare for LEED GA and I relied solely on this book. The questions in the exam were directly from this book.

The questions and answers provided in this book are horrible. The questions are horribly written and the explanations of the answers are even worse. I highly recommend skipping this book and purchasing the LEED Green Associate books written by Adam Ding or A. Togay Koralturk. Either one of those books alone will provide you with all you need for the exam. Luckily the LEED Green Associate exam is very easy! I've never worked a day in or around construction and I scored a 190 out of 200. With as easy as the exam is, this book might give you enough the pass, however the books listed above will definitely give you all you need. Not to mention, you will actually learn something from them and at the end of the day that is most important.

I used this book as a supplement along with Gang's LEED Green Associate Exam Guide and some other practice exams found online as my primary sources for studying for the exam, and I passed! After studying the material from the Green book, I took the two Mock exams in this book as a gauge and scored under 50% correct in both. This scared me to study a bit harder a few days prior to my testing date which probably helped. What may have helped me more though were the explanations to the answers to some of the questions that I answered wrong as well as the websites that are referenced. Both mock exams included in this book are harder than the actual test which might be a good thing. I highly recommend taking additional practice tests as the questions in this book do not cover the entire range of subjects that may be covered on the exam. There are a few that can be found online for free. Also, if you need more practice some of my peers who passed the exam spent \$50 for this: <http://www.gbes.com/store/products/PTLEEDGREENASSOCIATE.html> For \$35, I think this book is a bit pricey for only two Mock exams. However, I would still recommend using this book for practice. I deducted a star because it's not a good representation of the actual exam in terms of difficulty and there are many typos and grammatical errors. See my review for the Green book (LEED Green Associate Exam Guide) for more info on how I passed.

Within the first 10 practice questions, I was disappointed with this book. I purchased this book, along with the "LEED O&M Practice Exam: Operations & Maintenance" by David Hubka and waited to write the review of each based on my experience with the exam. Though G. Chen states that his questions are designed to mimic those of the exam writers, I found that not to be the case. Some of

the questions were written in a very confusing manner and worse, the answers provided to some did not provide sufficient clarify to make this a good stand alone resource. That being said, i did find the questions challenging and can say that if you study with this book, it will challenge you and force you to review the LEED guide books. Bottom line, a good resource, but not worth the price paid.

I used this and the LEED green associates exam prep guide v4 (by heather mccombs) to study for the exam. I passed on my first try. I am conflicted as to what score to give this book because I did use it to study but I'm not entirely certain how much it helped me. The book claims to have questions that are harder than the exam itself and I would agree with that. I did terribly on these practice tests and freaked out, but the format of these questions was nothing like the actual exam. It did give detailed knowledge and maybe I got lucky but I think you might be okay with out it

Helped me pass the LEED GA with only a weekend of studying. Best to use this book as a practice but also look up every term that you don't know. If a question gives 5 options, don't just try to answer the question but also understand what the other 4 options actually are since they might be a term that gets asked in a different question. Most everything you don't know from the book can be found on google so no additional material was required for me.

The questions are too dificult and is not even close to what you'll see in actual exam! I took the tests a night before and just made me super stressed, then i just kept readng other materials and i passed the green associate with score 184 easily! dont recommand buying this book and just down load many applications of test on your phone.

I used this book as a review in the day or two before my exam. The questions in this book could very well be found on the exam, but most actual exam questions will not be as complex as they are made here. Most of these questions on these mock exams have a twist or trick and many can only be answered if you know the materials backwards and forward. This makes for GREAT exam preparation because it makes you acutely aware of the types of tricks and the level of detail you MIGHT see on the exam. When I went in for the exam today my eyes were wide open. If you read what Mr. Chen states in his book, the exam has to test you on the main concepts more than the detail in order to make the exam and certification legally defensable. I hope Mr. Chen updates this book for the new Version 4 material soon so others will have the benefit of this book before they take the new Version 4 exam.

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