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Exam Guide



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LESSON BREAKDOWN

Exam Guide

Response Types

SAA-C02 Exam Domains

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Design Resilient Architectures

Design High-Performing Architectures

Design Secure Architectures

Design Cost-Optimized Architectures

Exam Tips



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Response Types

- ✓ **Scenario based:**
Large majority of questions based on real-world scenarios
- ✓ **Multiple choice:**
Has **one correct response** and three incorrect responses (distractors)
- ✓ **Multiple response:**
Has **two correct responses** out of five response options



4 Original Domains

- ✓ Design Resilient Architectures — **30%**
- ✓ Design High-Performing Architectures — **28%**
- ✓ Design Secure Applications and Architectures — **24%**
- ✓ Design Cost-Optimized Architectures — **18%**







4 Current Domains

- ✓ Design Resilient Architectures — **26%**
- ✓ Design High-Performing Architectures — **24%**
- ✓ Design Secure Architectures — **30%**
- ✓ Design Cost-Optimized Architectures — **20%**



Design **Resilient** Architectures

-  Design a **multi-tier architecture** solution.
-  Design **highly available and/or fault-tolerant** architectures.
-  Design **decoupling mechanisms** using AWS services.
-  Choose **appropriate resilient** storage.





Design **High-Performing** Architectures



Identify **elastic and scalable compute** solutions for a workload.



Select **high-performing and scalable storage** solutions for a workload.






Select **high-performing networking solutions** for a workload.



Choose **high-performing database solutions** for a workload.



Design **Secure** Architectures

-  Design **secure access** to AWS resources.
-  Design **secure application tiers**.
-  Select **appropriate data security options**.





Design **Cost-Optimized** Architectures

-  Identify cost-effective **storage solutions**.
-  Identify cost-effective **compute and database services**.
-  Design cost-optimized **network architectures**.





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Pass Mark?

**Your result from the exam is a score from 100–1,000.
The minimum passing mark is 720.**

There are 65 questions, and you have 130 minutes to complete the exam.



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Testing Tips

Don't spend too much time on hard questions **at first** — flag them **and** review later!

Watch for keyword indicators **in certain scenarios.**

Remember the Well-Architected Framework **pillars.**