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I took the exam today and passed. Mine was 75 questions. Finished with 30 minutes left. Definitely a hard exam..

My tips:

1. Know Cloudwatch like the back of your hand - logs, events, metrics, triggers. what services integrate with it.

2. CodePipeline, CodeBuild, CodeDeploy - know the lifecycle well. Testing, rollbacks. Would at least test out building a pipeline to deploy a lambda function, also an AMI. Just so you understand the process.

3. Different deployment types across all services - CodePipeline, EC2, EB, CFN, Lambda, API Gateway. Know how to do a canary, blue-green, and rolling in each.

4. Was a few questions about DynamoDB - one in particular where I had to design a sort/primary key and a LSI/GSI. Was only one question but still..

5. AutoScaling/Launch Configs/ELBs. Know them like the back of your hand. Lifecycle hooks will come up for sure.

6. Amazon Macie, Quick Sight, Personal Health Dashboard came up a few times as well. Just be aware of they do.

7. RDS - DR scenarios, CFN scenarios, cross-region read replicas (which engines support it).

8. Elastic Beanstalk - understand ebextensions as well as the deployment types.

9. Understand container deployment lifecycle - ECS, ECR, and maybe EB.

10. Route 53 comes up a lot. Know how it plays into different scenarios.. DR, B/G deployment, Canary, etc.

I was getting 90+ % on updated exams from Whizlabs and Linux Academy, did A Cloud Guru updated course. Also got 80% on official practice exam - this was actually more relevant then I was led to believe from other people... don't take the exam until you get 80% on the practice exam. (I went overboard probably because I didn't want to fail...)

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The current DevOps exam is difficult, and I'm trying really hard to make a great course for it. As I receive feedback I'd like to have a place to keep a list of things you need to know for the exam that I haven't yet had time to put into a video, or they don't fit anywhere else. This gives you a chance for some final additional revision before sitting the exam. So, here's my current list. Please feel free to post if you see something in an exam that I've missed. I only get a subset of exam questions when I sit it so there's certainly topics I might miss.

* ALB's vs ELB's
* Git branching
* CloudFormation change sets
* Amazon EC2 dedicated hosts
* AWS Server Migration Service
* VPC flow logs
* Quicksight
* Triggering lambda to make route53 changes
* IPV6 (listed as an assumed knowledge topic)
* Classic loadbalancer
* Tags and cost reports
* Matthew's tips from [https://acloud.guru/forums/aws-certified-devops-engineer-professional-2019/discussion/-LaO1SD8JROLZSxJ36U8/new*vs*old*devops*pro\_exam](https://acloud.guru/forums/aws-certified-devops-engineer-professional-2019/discussion/-LaO1SD8JROLZSxJ36U8/newvsolddevopspro_exam)
* CloudFormation StackSets
* Beanstalk deployment strategies
* Cloudwatch events from things like CodeDeploy/CodePipeline and automation based on that
* Some things about working with multiple accounts (literally DR accounts of the type where the original account won't be accessible anymore and how to prepare for that)
* Hybrid environment CodeDeploy (how to enable that and how it shows up)
* Various multi-region/DR setup questions
* S3 permissions
* Lambda@Edge
* This blog post: h[ttps://www.linkedin.com/pulse/2019-aws-devops-professional-certification-exam-tips-shibu-basheer/](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/2019-aws-devops-professional-certification-exam-tips-shibu-basheer/)

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So I passed :) For the record, 75 questions in 180 minutes. Many thanks for ther course Nick - this forum post though is invaluable and formed the backbone of my last minute study. Most of Matthews tips were a spot on - Dynamo came up 3/4 times, including adding a new index To reiterate the above, the following came up: ALB's vs ELB's -yes Git branching - yes CloudFormation change sets - yes Amazon EC2 dedicated hosts - no AWS Server Migration Service - no VPC flow logs - yes Quicksight - mentioned as part of a scenario Triggering lambda to make route53 changes - no IPV6 (listed as an assumed knowledge topic) - no Classic loadbalancer - yes Tags and cost reports - yes CloudFormation StackSets - no Beanstalk deployment strategies - no Cloudwatch events from things like CodeDeploy/CodePipeline and automation based on that - \*loads\* Some things about working with multiple accounts (literally DR accounts of the type where the original account won't be accessible anymore and how to prepare for that) - no, but a couple of DR / Cross Region mitigations Hybrid environment CodeDeploy (how to enable that and how it shows up) - yes, several times Various multi-region/DR setup questions - yes, several S3 permissions - - no, but bucket policies a couple of times Lambda@Edge - no To add: Question on Amazon Inspector Systems Manager at least 4 questions Aurora question x 1 Personal Health Dashboard figured 2/3 questions. Thanks Again, on to the next one!