

# Exam Review and Tips for CCSP®

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## Exam Overview



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**Review the exam format and contents**

**Discuss successful exam preparation strategies**

**Analyze realistic exam questions utilizing successful tactics**



# CCSP Certification Examination

Domains	Weights
1. Cloud Concepts, Architecture and Design	17%
2. Cloud Data Security	20%
3. Cloud Platform and Infrastructure Security	17%
4. Cloud Application Security	17%
5. Cloud Security Operations	16%
6. Legal, Risk and Compliance 13%	13%



“CCSP tops "the next big thing" list as the #1 certification survey respondents plan to earn in 2021.”

**CertMag 2020 Salary Survey**



“CCSP listed as the second most popular IT security cert respondents plan to obtain in the next 12 months.”

**SC Magazine**



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# Avoid Applying Variables to Exam Questions

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# Preparation by Definition, Application, and Integration

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**Definition**

**Application**

**Integration**



# Analyzing Assessment Questions for the CCSP® Exam

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# Exam Answer Guidelines

**Stay within question broadness or narrowness**

**Eliminate obvious answers**

**Stay within the stream of time**

**Do not respond with variable**

**Do not memorize the framework numbers or names**



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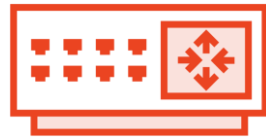
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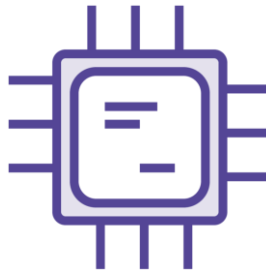




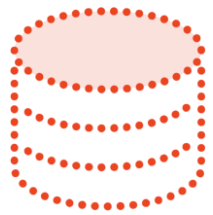
# Primary Cloud Characteristics



**Broad network access**



**Rapid elasticity**



**Resource pooling**



**On-demand access**



**Measured service**



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