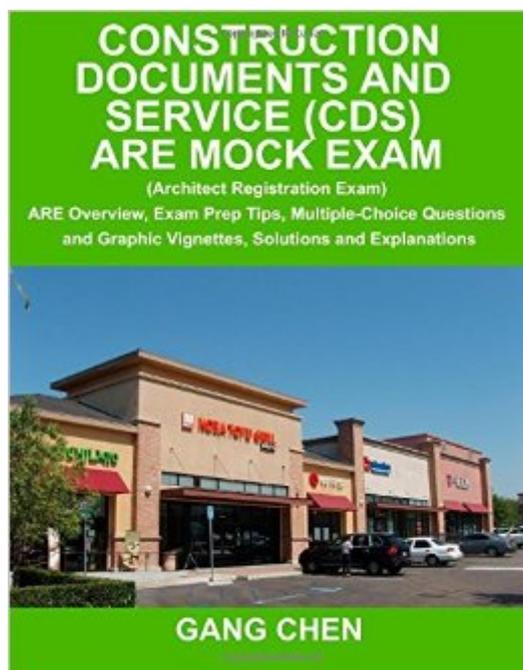


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# Construction Documents And Service (CDS) ARE Mock Exam (Architect Registration Exam): ARE Overview, Exam Prep Tips, Multiple-Choice Questions And Graphic Vignettes, Solutions And Explanations



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A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS & SERVICE DIVISION OF THE ARE ! Every July, NCARB begins to draw the Architect Registration Examinations (ARE) questions from a new edition of ARE exam guide and scope. We have incorporated this latest information into our books. To become a licensed architect, you need to have a proper combination of education and/or experience, meeting your Board of Architecture's special requirements, as well as passing all seven divisions of ARE. This book provides an ARE exam overview, resources, exam prep and exam taking techniques, tips and guide, a realistic and complete set of Mock Exams, solutions, and explanations for the Construction Documents & Service (CDS) Division of the ARE. This book covers the following subjects: 1. ARE, IDP, and Education Requirements 2. ARE Exam Content, Format, and Prep strategies 3. Bidding Procedures and Documents 4. Codes and Regulations 5. Environmental Issues 6. Construction Administration Services 7. Construction Drawings 8. Project Manual and Specifications 9. Contractual Documents 10. Project and Practice Management 11. Two Building Section Vignettes with Step-By-Step Solutions Using NCARB Practice Program Software This book includes 100 challenging questions in the same difficulty level and format as the real exam (multiple-choice, check-all-that-apply, and fill-in-the-blank), and two graphic vignettes. It will help you pass the CDS division of the ARE and become a licensed architect! Can you study and pass the ARE Construction Document and Service Exam (CDS) Exam in 2 weeks? The answer is yes IF you study the right materials: If you have ZERO experience but read the right materials, you can pass with 2 weeks of prep. If you study our book, "Construction Documents and Service (CDS) ARE Mock Exam (Architect Registration Exam)," you have an excellent chance of studying and passing the ARE Construction Documents and Service (CDS) Exam in 2 weeks. We have added many tips and tricks that WILL help you pass the exam on your first try. Our goal is to take a very complicated subject and make it simple. "Construction Documents and Service (CDS) ARE Mock Exam (Architect Registration Exam)" will save you time and money and help you pass the exam on the first try! Sample text from "CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND SERVICE (CDS) ARE MOCK EXAM (ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAM)": ... 1) Draw the slab on grade: Draw > Slab on Grade (Figure 2.1) Note: The slab is NOT continuous, and it stops at the interior bearing wall, i.e., interior bearing wall sits directly on the foundation below and divides the slab into two segments on this section. You can use Zoom command to zoom in and adjust or move the element you draw to a more accurate location. You should place the bottom of the slab right on top of the grade line... FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) for CDS: Where are the five feet measured exactly for the CDS NCARB sample vignette, from grade to bottom or top of footing? (It's

more logic to the top) Response: This issue has been solved and proved by many candidates. It is measured from the finish grade (NOT finish floor) to the bottom of the footing (This is the MINIMUM requirement). This is the ideal solution. However, if you draw it to the top of the footing or anything between the top and the bottom of the footing, you will also pass. Should the top of foundation align with top of slab? It's not drawn this way in NCARB? Response: Either way is OK as long as you maintain 5'-0" between the finish grade (NOT finish floor) and the bottom of the footing. All our books are available at [GreenExamEducation.com](http://GreenExamEducation.com) Check out FREE tips and info for all ARE Exams at [GeeForum.com](http://GeeForum.com), you can post jpeg files of your vignettes or your questions for other users' review.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this after reading the glowing reviews here and a few on AREforum. I returned it the next day, and I feel I should write this review to save others the \$\$ in return shipping. And the highest level, this book has too little useful content and too many problems to justify the price. It might be a worthy buy for \$15 or so, just for the additional sample multiple choice questions (which are decent, but not stellar). The advice / walkthrough for the vignette falls into two categories: advice commonly agreed upon and available for free by reading through the CDS section of the AREforum, and advice based on the author's speculation. The latter is spurious at best since there's no real way of knowing specifically how NCARB grades beyond a certain general level. At worst it's flat wrong. It's also overly verbose. You get the feeling like there was a conscious effort to make the thing longer, to mask how little useful content there is. The huge font size throughout the text also contributes to

this. The sample multiple choice generally seems to cover the material decently (though I didn't read all that much of it), but suffers from poor wording. The questions don't 'feel' like NCARB questions. If you want good multiple choice review, just buy the ballast book used. It has considerably more content and the questions are better structured. The production (typography/layout) is pretty poor. Not that it's a big deal but the book just doesn't look like it was put together by a pro. For \$60+ I'd kind of expect a little better.

Gang Chen does a great job every time. I have purchased many of his books to help me study for the ARE. He does a very fantastic job of tricking you with how he words the questions and teaching you to SLOW DOWN when you read the practice questions. These books are well written and I highly recommend Gang Chen to everyone!

I have purchased the entire series of this book for the exams. I am using them in conjunction with the Kaplan study material. I found all of the extra information unnecessary and really only use the question and answer section for preparation. This series does a good job with the practice questions focusing on a more code based approach which I have found the Kaplan books lack. Together they seem to give a good balanced approach to studying and have successfully gotten me through the first three exams.

Practice problems are similar to the real exam. Design vignette instructions are very helpful and walk you through each step required to pass. This book helped me pass the test no doubt.

This book does not claim to have all the content but it excels at pointing the user in the right direction. The mock exam and explanations to answers were a great tool.

I have seen a little of back and forth going on in these reviews about Mr. Gang Chen's book in CDS.. to put it bluntly I really liked the book, and I liked it much more than the ballast or Kaplan(which I used during my first fail). What I liked about it is that it basically tells you to concentrate more in studying and reading the materials and less in the practice exam. When you do the practice exam the content is incredibly useful to prepare you for the exam, and the fact that it is not 300+ questions makes you concentrate in what's important and not burn out in trivial memorization. And that's the key, the focusing on the right materials is the reason why I bought this and it worked. I passed - seriously the ARE is a tough and horrible experience for most people so its

always good to step out of the regular materials.

its just ok. some of the content is good but some of it is repeated directly from the already FREE are prep tests given by ncarb, so its quite silly and a slap in the face when you see these. this happens in easy of the books that I have of his. otherwise, they serve as a good supplemental source.

Great Study Guide This study guide by Gang Chen's is very helpful for me to study for the CDS exam in a systematic manner within a short time schedule. If I had gain access to this book earlier, I would have saved a lot of time without wasting time looking for the not so important study materials, I could have just spend less than two weeks studying. I find it very straightforward and easy to read, it provides valuable study guidelines such as what materials to study and test taking strategies. It is a very good compliment to the rest of the AIA Documents, Kaplan and Ballest study guides. I would highly recommend it if you want to be efficient of your study time. Good luck on your exam.

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