

Tips and Techniques to Pass PMI's Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP) Exam¹

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Introduction

This article provides current or future agile practitioners insights into passing the PMI ACP exam which will help them in their Career as Agile practitioners.

1. In the exam, primarily Lean and XP topics were covered.
2. There was mostly reference to Scrum Master as an Agile Leader in the exam.
3. There were no math questions.
4. The questions are situational with lengthy sentences, also answers come with four choices which are also situational/lengthy or descriptive.
5. You can take breaks, but the clock will be ticking.
6. You can complete the 3 hours exam in 2 hours along with review of the answers selected.
7. You get the Results immediately with breakup of pass percentage by knowledge areas.
8. There were no formulas in the exam however understanding of IRR, NPV and ROI relationship was required to answer their relationship-based questions.
9. There was Agile board mentioned instead of SCRUM Board/JIRA Board.
10. The Product Owner's role was emphasized for Backlog management in the exam.
11. Questions around Iterations for Sprints were covered.
12. There were questions surrounding "How do you solve Issues based on your Responsibility/Role?"

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13. Carefully mark Questions and then review them for correctness.

14. Reference materials primarily were: 1. PMI-ACP Project Management Institute Agile Certified Practitioner Exam Study Guide 1st Edition by [J. Ashley Hunt](#); 2. PMI-ACP Exam Prep: A Course in a Book for Passing the PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) Exam (Updated Second Edition) Updated Second Edition by [Mike Griffiths](#); and 3. The PMI-ACP Exam: How To Pass On Your First Try, Iteration 3 (Test Prep series)

Summary / Conclusion

Based on my recent experience in the preparation and passing of the PMI ACP Exam, I wanted to share this experience with a larger audience to their benefit for passing the PMI ACP Exam.

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