

SnowPro Core Certification (COF-C03) Practice Exams

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About this Book

Who this book is for

- Professionals trying to pass the [SnowPro Core Certification \(COF-C03\) exam](#) issued lately by Snowflake.
- Software Engineers and Database Administrators who are trying to prove Snowflake knowledge for job opportunities.
- Anyone who wants to add a basic but very valuable modern data warehouse certification to their portfolio.
- The typical candidate should have 6 or more months of knowledge using Snowflake.

Passing the **SnowPro Core certification exam** is also a requirement for all Snowflake SnowPro Advanced and Specialty exam. The certification will be automatically renewed when you renew or pass a new Advanced SnowPro certification exam.

My name is Cristian Scutaru and I'm a world-class expert in Snowflake, SnowPro SME (Subject Matter Expert) and former Snowflake Data Superhero. For several years, I helped Snowflake create many of the exam questions out there. Many of the exam questions and answers from the SnowPro exams have been indeed created by me.

I passed over the years most of the SnowPro exams myself, all from the first attempt. In the last 3-4 years alone, I passed over 40 paid proctored certification exams overall. And I still never failed one, I've been lucky so far.

SnowPro certification exams I passed myself (all from the first attempt)

- SnowPro Core
- SnowPro Associate: Platform
- SnowPro Specialty: Gen AI
- SnowPro Specialty: Native Apps
- SnowPro Specialty: Snowpark
- SnowPro Advanced: Architect
- SnowPro Advanced: Data Analyst
- SnowPro Advanced: Data Engineer
- SnowPro Advanced: Data Scientist
- SnowPro Advanced: Security Engineer
- (SnowPro Advanced: Administrator - the only one I didn't have time for)

Specifics of the real exam

- First ever SnowPro exam, issued by Snowflake several years ago.
- Updated to **COF-C03** since Feb 16th, 2026.
- **100 questions**
- **115 minutes time limit**
- **75% scaled passing score**
- Valid for 2 years (auto-renewed by passing/recertifying with an Advanced exam)
- \$175 US fee per attempt (\$140 US in India)

What the exam will test you for

- Use the Snowflake AI Data Cloud architecture
- Manage Snowflake accounts and virtual warehouses
- Perform data loading, unloading, and transformation
- Use structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data
- Monitor and optimize performance
- Enable data collaboration and protection
- Establish Snowflake connectivity

Exam domain breakdown (download and check the Study Guide)

- **Snowflake AI Data Cloud Features and Architecture - 31%**
- **Account Management and Data Governance - 20%**
- **Data Loading, Unloading, and Connectivity - 18%**
- **Performance Optimization, Querying, and Transformation - 21%**
- **Data Collaboration - 10%**

This book contains 4 high-quality practice tests of 100 questions each, to help you become SnowPro Core certified, passing the online proctored certification exam.

- All questions are closely emulated from those currently found in the actual exam, so you'll not waste time on anything else.
- All questions are curated and very similar to the actual exam questions, which are rather short for the most part.
- Be careful not to run out of time, because 100 questions in less than two hours it's a lot.
- Unlike the real exam, you'll know right away what questions you missed, and what the correct answers are.
- Detailed explanations with external references for any possible choice, in each practice test question.
- Quiz question types are mostly multi-choice and multi-select, including True/False, emulating as structure the ones you'll get at the exam.

How you should use these tests

- Try first practice test. And do not worry about the time limit or if you fail. You are expected to fail, this is how you learn...
- Stop the exam anytime, if you're not patient enough to go over all the questions.
- The passing score is estimated to be around 75%. Once you are done, go to the **Answers and Explanations** section for your test, and check both the right and wrong choices for each individual question (remember these!).
- Read the detailed **Explanation** for each question. Go further on **References**, to read more about in the online documentation.
- Repeat with the other practice tests. Don't skip them, as all these tests together cover most types of actual exam questions.
- **Second practice tests have been reproduced from my video course on Udemy for the same SnowPro Core exam.** But here it comes with full explanations and references.
- **Last practice tests cover only the new additions to COF-C03.**
- Repeat these tests again, until you score consistently at least 90% on each. And then go for the real deal. *Good luck!*

Exam #1

Question 1:

What is the purpose of defining a clustering key on a table? (choose one)

- A) To co-locate the data on the table in the same partitions.
- B) To co-locate the data in the same micro-partitions.
- C) To replace the default primary key.
- D) To create a surrogate key.

Question 2:

Can a single schema exist in more than one Snowflake database? (choose one)

- A) True
- B) False

Question 3:

Daily data storage usage across the entire account can be monitored via: (choose one)

- A) The STORAGE_USAGE view from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.
- B) The STORAGE_USAGE view from ORGANIZATION_USAGE schema.
- C) The STORAGE_USAGE view from ACCOUNT_USAGE schema.
- D) The ACCESS_HISTORY view from ACCOUNT_USAGE schema.

Question 4:

Which of the following are temporary stages you do not need to explicitly create? (choose one)

- A) External stages
- B) Named stages

- C) Table stages
- D) User stages

Question 5:

Which of the following system-defined roles can manage any object grant globally? (choose one)

- A) SECURITYADMIN
- B) USERADMIN
- C) ACCOUNTADMIN
- D) SYSADMIN

Question 6:

Which scaling policy in a multi-cluster warehouse prevents queuing by favoring starting additional clusters over conserving credits? (choose one)

- A) Default
- B) Standard
- C) Economy
- D) Optimized

Question 7:

Which of the following are valid options of a `COPY INTO <table>` statement? (choose two)

- A) VALIDATION_MODE
- B) PARTITION BY
- C) FILE_FORMAT
- D) HEADER
- E) REGEX_PATTERN

Question 8:

You can connect programmatically to Snowflake using only JDBC or ODBC drivers. (choose one)

- A) True
- B) False

Question 9:

Which of the following stage-related commands cannot be executed from a Worksheet in the Snowsight web UI? (choose one)

- A) COPY
- B) PUT
- C) LIST
- D) REMOVE

Question 10:

Which of the following is a valid statement about the MANAGE GRANTS privilege? (choose one)

- A) It allows one to impersonate the owner of a securable object.
- B) It allows to grant (but not revoke) privileges on a securable object.
- C) It allows a role to access any securable object in the account.
- D) Only the SYSADMIN role has this privilege by default.

Question 11:

Which of the following DML statements is not supported in Snowflake? (choose one)

- A) INSERT
- B) MERGE
- C) UPSERT

D) DELETE

Question 12:

Which of the following SQL operations are blocked when a table is locked? (choose two)

- A) SELECT
- B) INSERT
- C) UPDATE
- D) DELETE
- E) REMOVE

Question 13:

Which of the following use cases for MERGE may return a nondeterministic result when multiple rows in the source table match a single row in the target table? (choose two)

- A) A MERGE statement with a `WHEN NOT MATCHED ... THEN INSERT` clause.
- B) Exactly one source row satisfies a `WHEN MATCHED ... THEN UPDATE` clause.
- C) A target row is selected to be updated with multiple values.
- D) One or more source rows satisfy the `WHEN MATCHED ... THEN DELETE` clause.
- E) A target row is selected to be both updated and deleted.

Question 14:

FLATTEN can be used with structured data types. (choose one)

- A) True
- B) False

Question 15:

Which of the following occurs when you use the VALIDATION_MODE option with the COPY INTO command? (choose one)

- A) The command tests the files for errors before loading them into tables.
- B) The command tests the files for errors but does not load them.
- C) The command tests the files and does not load them, unless there are no errors.
- D) The option can be used with data transformations.

Question 16:

Which of the following table types can you share? (choose two)

- A) Temporary tables
- B) Dynamic tables
- C) Transient tables
- D) Event tables
- E) External tables

Question 17:

In which of the following conditions the standard retention period for Time Travel is set by default for one day? (choose three)

- A) Only for the Standard edition.
- B) For any Snowflake edition.
- C) For permanent tables only in the Standard edition.
- D) For transient tables only in the Standard edition.
- E) For transient tables in any edition.
- F) For temporary tables in any edition.

Question 18:

How can you improve concurrent access to your Snowflake compute resources? (choose two)

- A) Use a Snowflake-optimized warehouse.
- B) Use a multi-cluster warehouse.
- C) Use automatic horizontal scalability (in and out).
- D) Use automatic vertical scalability (up and down).
- E) Get a bigger-size warehouse.

Question 19:

Which of the following Snowflake objects can be cloned? (choose three)

- A) Database schemas
- B) Event tables
- C) Application roles
- D) Snowflake classes
- E) Snowflake notifications
- F) File formats

Question 20:

Which of the following table constraints is always required and enforced on a hybrid table? (choose one)

- A) PRIMARY KEY
- B) FOREIGN KEY
- C) UNIQUE
- D) NOT NULL