

GH-300 Exam-Day Sheet — GitHub Copilot Certification

Last-minute, exam-scoped facts (Jan 2026 revision). **Verify against the official Microsoft Learn study guide** — policies change.

Logistics	
Cost	\$99 USD, proctored via Pearson VUE (online or test center)
Length	~100 minutes; MCQ + scenario-based
Pass	700 / 1000
Valid	2 years; free renewal via a Microsoft Learn assessment
Retake	24-hour wait after the first attempt
Register	examregistration.github.com — use a personal MSA , not a work/AAD account

The six domains (Jan 2026)	
1 Responsible AI · 2 Prompt engineering · 3 Plans & features · 4 Privacy & data handling · 5 Code-completion mechanics · 6 GitHub fundamentals.	
Weights aren't officially published; community view: Plans & features is largest , Responsible AI smallest (but it threads through every domain).	
Read ALL options — two very plausible choices is the classic trap.	

Responsible AI (Domain 1)	
Microsoft's six principles: Fairness; Reliability & Safety; Privacy & Security; Inclusiveness; Transparency; Accountability. Know all six by name.	
The developer — not GitHub, not Microsoft — bears final responsibility for accepted code. Treat output as untrusted until validated.	
Mitigations: code review, SAST/DAST, unit tests, human oversight, governance. Never deploy generated code without security review.	

Plans & features (Domain 2 — biggest)	
Free	~2,000 completions + 50 premium requests / month
Pro / Pro+	Individual paid tiers; more premium usage
Business / Enterprise	Add policy/admin, audit, content exclusion, no-train/no-retention
Copilot is NOT available on GitHub Enterprise Server — cloud only.	

Privacy & data (Domain 4)	
Content exclusions: Business+ only ~30-min propagation; restart IDE to apply faster. NOT enforced in CLI, cloud agent, or Agent mode.	
Duplication detector / code referencing: compares the suggestion + ~150 chars of surrounding code vs the public-GitHub index. Setting: <i>Suggestions matching public code</i> → Allow / Block (admins org-wide).	
No retention / no training: Business & Enterprise only.	
From Apr 24 2026: Free/Pro/Pro+ interaction data trains models unless you opt out ; does not apply to Business/Enterprise.	

How Copilot works (Domain 5)	
FIM: completions use code above AND below the cursor; context also comes from open files + instruction files.	
Premium requests: counted per your submitted prompt; in agent mode the agent's own internal tool calls in a turn aren't each billed extra. (Consumer billing is now usage-based credits.)	
Models: chat model and completions model are set separately ; Auto routes by task + availability.	

Modes & features	
Ask · Edit · Agent · Plan. Plan Mode plans only — no execution (switch to Agent Mode to run).	
In scope: Sub-agents, MCP (GA in VS Code Jul 2025), Copilot Spaces, Spark, Copilot CLI (GA Feb 25 2026), Code Review.	
Code Review reads only the first ~4,000 chars of instruction files — put key rules at the TOP.	

Prompt engineering (Domain 3)	
Be specific; give context and examples; keep relevant files open; iterate. Copilot reads surrounding code — shape comments/docstrings deliberately.	

Exam-day strategy	
Read every option; eliminate, flag, and return. Scenario items: pick the correct Copilot behavior / config , not the "most AI" answer. Watch the 100-minute clock.	