

RCCO REFERENCE LIST FOR EXAMINATIONS

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Please note that this is by no means a complete bibliography; you will find many other useful works on all subjects.

G = General Reference; C = Colleague; A = Associateship; F = Fellowship

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