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STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. What does longitude measure?

A. East-West position relative to the Prime Meridian

B. North-South position relative to the equator

C. Distance from the International Date Line

D. Angle of the Earth's axis

2. What is pilotage?

A. Visual navigation by landmarks; used in good visibility or when near familiar terrain.

B. Navigation using GPS.

C. Instrument interpretation without landmarks.

D. Radio navigation relying on signals.

3. What is NOTAM?

A. Notice to Airmen

B. Notice to Pilots

C. Notice to Airlines

D. Notice to Authorities

4. When using a chart with a smaller scale, you should expect:

A. Broader geographic coverage, less detail

B. More detail than larger scale

C. The same detail

D. No coverage at all

5. What type of map projection is used on a Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) chart?

A. Lamberts Conical Conformal Projection

B. Mercator Projection

C. Cylindrical Equal Area Projection

D. Gnomonic Projection

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6. Which statement about lines of longitude and latitude on a Mercator chart is true?

A. They spiral toward the equator

B. They converge at the poles

C. They are curved lines that never intersect

D. They are straight lines perpendicular to each other

7. Which item would NOT be considered an independent fix source?

A. GNSS

B. VOR/DME

C. Landmarks

D. Radar Altimeter

8. The ratio between distance on a map and distance on the ground is called?

A. Grid

B. Datum

C. Projection

D. Scale

9. Which chart is designed as a common base graphic for combined air-ground operations?

A. Joint Operations Graphic - A (JOG(A))

B. Global Navigation Chart (GNC)

C. World Aeronautical Chart (WAC)

D. Jet Navigation Chart (JNC)

10. Which publication is the En Route Supplement Australia?

A. ERSA (En Route Supplement Australia)

B. TERMA (Terminal Australia)

C. FIHA (Flight Information Handbook Australia)

D. GPA (General Planning Australia)

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Answers

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1. A
2. A
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. D
7. D
8. D
9. A
10. A

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Explanations

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1. What does longitude measure?

A. East-West position relative to the Prime Meridian

B. North-South position relative to the equator

C. Distance from the International Date Line

D. Angle of the Earth's axis

Longitude measures how far east or west a location is from the Prime Meridian, the zero-degree reference line that passes through Greenwich. Meridians run from pole to pole, congealing at the poles, and the angular distance from the Prime Meridian is expressed in degrees—up to 180° east or 180° west. This is why geographic coordinates use longitude alongside latitude: latitude tells how far north or south you are relative to the equator, while longitude tells how far east or west you are relative to the Prime Meridian. The International Date Line sits opposite the Prime Meridian at about 180° longitude and marks date changes, but longitude remains measured from the Prime Meridian, not from the Date Line. The tilt of the Earth's axis is a separate concept.

2. What is pilotage?

A. Visual navigation by landmarks; used in good visibility or when near familiar terrain.

B. Navigation using GPS.

C. Instrument interpretation without landmarks.

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Pilotage is navigating by visually identifying ground features and landmarks to determine your position and guide your course. You look outside or at the map to match what you see—rivers, roads, towns, coastlines, lakes, or mountain shapes—with chart information, then use that relationship to stay on track. This method works best in good visibility or when flying over terrain you know well, because you need clear visual cues to recognize features. It's a hands-on, outside-the-cockpit technique, not dependent on electronic signals or instruments alone. In contrast, GPS navigation uses satellite signals to compute position, instrument-only navigation relies on onboard instruments without visual references, and radio navigation relies on signals from ground-based transmitters.

3. What is NOTAM?

A. Notice to Airmen

B. Notice to Pilots

C. Notice to Airlines

D. Notice to Authorities

In aviation, a NOTAM is a notice to airmen about temporary changes or hazards that could affect flight safety. It's the information crews need before and during a flight—things like runway closures, navigation aid outages, or temporary airspace restrictions. The term "airmen" is the traditional audience for these notices, encompassing pilots and other flight crew, which is why the expansion uses that word rather than pilots, airlines, or authorities. NOTAMs aren't meant as notices to airlines or authorities specifically, though those groups may consult them as part of planning; the focus is on timely information for airmen to ensure safe operations.

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4. When using a chart with a smaller scale, you should expect:

A. Broader geographic coverage, less detail

B. More detail than larger scale

C. The same detail

D. No coverage at all

When a chart uses a smaller scale, it is designed to show a larger area with less precision. The map distance is spread over a bigger area, so you can see broader geographic regions—countries, continents—but you lose fine detail like streets or small features. This trade-off is why smaller-scale charts are great for overview but not for navigating with exact locations. So you should expect broader geographic coverage with less detail. The other options don't fit because a smaller-scale chart does not provide more detail, nor is there no coverage at all, and the detail changes with scale rather than staying the same.

5. What type of map projection is used on a Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) chart?

A. Lamberts Conical Conformal Projection

B. Mercator Projection

C. Cylindrical Equal Area Projection

D. Gnomonic Projection

Lambert Conformal Conic projection is used because it preserves angles locally, so bearings and course lines drawn on the chart stay true to direction. Tactical Pilotage Charts cover a relatively narrow, elongated area, and this projection minimizes distortion along two standard parallels chosen to match the chart's region. That means shapes and relative positions remain reliable for tactical navigation and plotting courses, which is essential in performance-focused flight planning. Other projections emphasize different properties (Mercator for straight-line bearings with increasing distortion away from standard parallels, Gnomonic for revealing great-circle routes, Cylindrical Equal Area for area accuracy) and are less suitable for the precise, direction-conscious plotting needed on a TPC.

6. Which statement about lines of longitude and latitude on a Mercator chart is true?

A. They spiral toward the equator

B. They converge at the poles

C. They are curved lines that never intersect

D. They are straight lines perpendicular to each other

In a Mercator chart, the grid of geographic coordinates is represented with lines that are intentionally straight and meet at right angles. The lines of longitude, or meridians, are drawn as straight vertical lines from top to bottom, while the lines of latitude, or parallels, are straight horizontal lines. Because one set is vertical and the other horizontal, they cross each other at right angles everywhere on the map. They don't spiral toward the equator or converge at the poles in this projection; on a globe the meridians would converge at the poles, but in Mercator they appear as parallel straight lines. So the statement that the lines are straight and perpendicular to each other is the correct description.

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7. Which item would NOT be considered an independent fix source?

A. GNSS

B. VOR/DME

C. Landmarks

D. Radar Altimeter

The idea behind an independent fix source is to determine the aircraft's position from references that do not rely on the same signal, so you can cross-check your location. Radar altimeter doesn't provide a horizontal position at all—it measures height above the ground. It's used for altitude awareness and terrain clearance, not to fix your latitude/longitude. In contrast, GNSS gives precise coordinates directly, VOR/DME uses distance and/or radials to triangulate a position, and landmarks allow you to determine position by identifying known terrain features. So the Radar Altimeter cannot function as an independent fix source for your horizontal position.

8. The ratio between distance on a map and distance on the ground is called?

A. Grid

B. Datum

C. Projection

D. Scale

Map scale expresses the ratio between distance on the map and the corresponding distance on the ground. It tells you how map measurements translate to real-world distances, such as 1:50,000 meaning one unit on the map equals 50,000 units on the ground. You can see scale as a representative fraction, a verbal statement, or a graphic bar. This is distinct from grid, which is a network of lines for locating positions; datum, which is the reference surface used for coordinates; and projection, which is the method of transferring the earth's surface onto a flat map (introducing distortion). The ratio between map distance and ground distance is exactly what scale captures.

9. Which chart is designed as a common base graphic for combined air-ground operations?

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The key idea is a single map product that both air and ground forces can rely on for coordinated planning and execution. The Joint Operations Graphic is specifically designed as that common base graphic, providing a shared reference with consistent symbols, layers, and geospatial features that matter to both air and land units. This interoperability lets aircrews and ground planners interpret the same terrain, boundaries, and infrastructure in the same way, reducing miscommunication and speeding joint operations. Other charts serve aviation navigation or broad-scale reference on their own, but they aren't built to function as a unified base for air-ground operations in the way the Joint Operations Graphic is.

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In Australian aviation, the go-to source for information used while flying between destinations is a publication specifically dedicated to en-route details. The En Route Supplement Australia, abbreviated ERSA, is the official resource for en-route navigation information such as routes, airways, navigation aids, and airspace constraints. This is why it's the best answer: it directly represents the publication that provides the data pilots use on en-route segments of their flights. The other options refer to different kinds of publications or information sources and do not serve as the official en-route supplement. TERMA would imply a terminal-area publication, FIHA denotes a general flight information handbook, and GPA suggests a general planning publication. None of these match the official en-route information role that ERSA fulfills.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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