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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. Which unit is the next higher level above a platoon and includes multiple sections?

A. Battalion/squadron

B. Regiment/Group

C. Company/battery

D. Brigade

2. Which of the following is NOT part of the DRAWD acronym?

A. Defend

B. Withdraw

C. Observe

D. Delay

3. A Strongpoint is a:

A. A mobile supply point.

B. An unprotected open area.

C. A temporary camp site.

D. A fortified position designed to defend a sector.

4. Which term denotes the zone where the front-line units first engage the enemy and from which operations are conducted?

A. Checkpoint

B. Line of departure (LD)

C. Final protective fires (FPF)

D. Forward edge battle area

5. What is the maximum effective range of the M136 (AT4)?

A. 200m

B. 300m

C. 350m

D. 400m

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6. Which term refers to explosive devices placed on or underground that detonate by pressure or tripwire?

A. Grenadier

B. Landmine

C. Forward Observer

D. Light machine gun

7. EMLCOA stands for which of the following?

A. Exploitation Plan

B. Center of Gravity

C. Enemy Most Likely Course Of Action

D. Critical Vulnerability

8. MORT stands for:

A. Method, Objective, Route, Time

B. Mission, Objective, Route, Time

C. Method, Objective, Range, Time

D. Method, Order, Route, Time

9. Which type is reconnaissance in force?

A. Attack

B. Security

C. Reconnaissance in force

D. Feint

10. Which weapon among the following is primarily used for sustained suppressive fire and is typically mounted on a tripod?

A. Light AT Rocket Launcher

B. Medium AT Missile Launcher (Javelin)

C. Heavy Machine Gun

D. 60's Mortar Cannon (Light)

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which unit is the next higher level above a platoon and includes multiple sections?

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Understand the unit hierarchy: a platoon is built from squads or sections, and the next level up that groups several platoons into one unit is a company. In artillery, the equivalent unit is a battery. So the best choice is company/battery because it specifically represents the level that contains multiple platoons. Going higher—battalion contains multiple companies, regiment contains multiple battalions, and brigade contains multiple regiments—would be a step above what's described. In Marine terms, this aligns with common sizes where a company is roughly a hundred-something Marines and a battalion contains several companies.

2. Which of the following is NOT part of the DRAWD acronym?

A. Defend

B. Withdraw

C. Observe

D. Delay

The situation tests your ability to recall the actions defined by the DRAWD framework, a quick decision sequence used to respond to contact or when halted. The five actions you would choose from are Defend the position, Reinforce or Relocate as needed, Assault (or Attack) to regain the initiative, Withdraw to safety, and Delay to slow the enemy and buy time. Observe, while important as a sustained duty during operations, is not one of the named responses in DRAWD. So while you should continually observe your surroundings, the framework itself specifies those five actions, and Observe isn't included among them.

3. A Strongpoint is a:

A. A mobile supply point.

B. An unprotected open area.

C. A temporary camp site.

D. A fortified position designed to defend a sector.

A strongpoint is a fortified position built to defend a specific sector of terrain. It concentrates weapons, troops, and protective cover to deny the enemy's ability to push through that area, provides clear fields of fire, and allows the defenders to observe and respond to threats within the sector. It's designed to absorb and slow an attack, sustain itself with prepared firing positions and obstacles, and maintain control of key approaches so neighboring positions can operate with coordinated fire and movement. The other options describe something that isn't a defensible, sector-focused position: a mobile supply point is about moving and resupplying assets, not holding ground; an unprotected open area offers no protection or fighting positions; a temporary camp site is for living quarters and logistics rather than permanent defense.

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4. Which term denotes the zone where the front-line units first engage the enemy and from which operations are conducted?

A. Checkpoint

B. Line of departure (LD)

C. Final protective fires (FPF)

D. Forward edge battle area

The key idea is the forward edge of the battle area—the boundary where friendly forces first meet the enemy and from which their operations begin. This zone marks where contact is initiated and where initial maneuver, assaults, and supporting fires are directed, shaping how the battle unfolds. This fits because it identifies the actual area of first engagement and the starting point for executing operations. It isn't the line of departure, which is just the point where an offensive action begins from a behind-the-line position; it isn't a final protective fire area, which is about protective fires to stop an enemy at specific moments, and it isn't a checkpoint, which is a security or control point. The forward edge battle area is the one that defines where combat starts and where advance actions originate.

5. What is the maximum effective range of the M136 (AT4)?

A. 200m

B. 300m

C. 350m

D. 400m

Maximum effective range is the distance at which you can reliably hit and affect a target with the weapon under normal conditions. The M136 AT4 is a disposable, unguided rocket that flies on a ballistic path and has no guidance system. Because it lacks guidance and must rely on a fixed trajectory, accuracy and energy delivery drop as range increases. Its warhead is designed to be effective up to about 300 meters, so beyond that distance the chances of a hit with meaningful damage become too low for practical use in standard engagements. The rocket can travel farther, but reliability and lethality diminish past roughly 300 meters, which is why that distance is considered its practical maximum.

6. Which term refers to explosive devices placed on or underground that detonate by pressure or tripwire?

A. Grenadier

B. Landmine

C. Forward Observer

D. Light machine gun

A landmine is an explosive device concealed in or on the ground that detonates when pressure is applied or a tripwire is triggered. This combination of concealment, placement on or under the surface, and actuation by pressure or a tripwire is what defines it. The other terms refer to a person who handles grenades (grenadier), a role in directing artillery (forward observer), or a weapon (light machine gun), none of which describe an explosive device that detonates by pressure or tripwire.

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7. EMLCOA stands for which of the following?

A. Exploitation Plan

B. Center of Gravity

C. Enemy Most Likely Course Of Action

D. Critical Vulnerability

EMLCOA describes the Enemy Most Likely Course Of Action. The idea here is to forecast the adversary's most probable decision path in a given situation so planners can anticipate moves, allocate resources, and shape operations to counter that path. This focus helps you prioritize intelligence collection and decision-making on the scenario the enemy is most likely to pursue, rather than chasing unlikely options or only reacting to what seems most obvious. Exploitation plan refers to how you take advantage of a favorable development after it occurs, not to predicting enemy behavior. Center of gravity is the enemy's primary source of strength that sustains their ability to fight, a concept about power and leverage rather than a predicted action. Critical vulnerability is a weakness that, if exploited, could cause significant effects, not a forecast of the enemy's next move. So the term that fits the idea of predicting what the enemy is most likely to do is the Enemy Most Likely Course Of Action.

8. MORT stands for:

A. Method, Objective, Route, Time

B. Mission, Objective, Route, Time

C. Method, Objective, Range, Time

D. Method, Order, Route, Time

MORT is a planning framework that focuses your task on four essential elements: Method, Objective, Route, Time. The idea is to spell out how you will do the task (Method), what you must achieve (Objective), the path you'll take to get there (Route), and when you must complete it (Time. This combination keeps the plan concrete and actionable, ensuring everyone understands the approach, the end state, the chosen route, and the timing—so coordination, tempo, and safety are maintained during execution. Think of the Method as the practical way you'll execute—your techniques, procedures, and sequence. The Objective is the specific end state you're aiming for, which keeps the team aligned on what success looks like. The Route lays out the planned path, considering terrain, obstacles, and security. The Time element imposes the schedule, deadlines, and pacing to synchronize actions across the unit. Other term selections would shift the emphasis (for example, changing the first term to something like Mission changes the focus away from the how-to approach), which is why this combination best fits the standard usage.

9. Which type is reconnaissance in force?

A. Attack

B. Security

C. Reconnaissance in force

D. Feint

Reconnaissance in force is a reconnaissance task conducted with enough combat power to contact and engage the enemy in order to obtain current, actionable information about their strength, disposition, and capabilities. The goal is to force a deliberate contact so the force can directly observe and assess the enemy rather than rely on distant or passive observation. This makes it different from a standard reconnaissance, which aims to observe with minimal contact; from security operations, which Center on protecting the unit and preventing surprise without seeking an overt fight; and from a feint, which is deception aimed at misdirecting the enemy about the main effort rather than gathering real-time information. In practice, you move toward likely enemy positions with sufficient force to trigger a response, and use that contact to reveal the enemy's composition and dispositions to guide the next steps.

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10. Which weapon among the following is primarily used for sustained suppressive fire and is typically mounted on a tripod?

A. Light AT Rocket Launcher

B. Medium AT Missile Launcher (Javelin)

C. Heavy Machine Gun

D. 60's Mortar Cannon (Light)

Sustained suppressive fire relies on a weapon that can deliver a high volume of rounds continuously while staying accurate and controllable. A heavy machine gun fits this role perfectly, especially when mounted on a tripod. The tripod provides a stable platform that minimizes weapon climb, allows easy traverse and elevation changes, and lets the crew keep a steady stream of fire on a target for extended periods. This stability and rate of fire are what make it ideal for keeping an enemy pinned and protecting advancing or maneuvering teams. The other options don't match this combination: a light anti-armor rocket launcher and a medium anti-armor missile launcher are typically used for targeted anti-armor shots and have limited, irregular fire rather than continuous suppression, and a light mortar fires indirectly from a bipod with a different firing profile and isn't normally mounted on a tripod.

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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.

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

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