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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 principle is most associated with ethical procurement in USACE contracting?

A. Speed of procurement above all else.

B. Fair competition and avoidance of conflicts of interest.

C. Secrecy of contractor identities at all times.

D. Minimizing documentation requirements.

2. What is the significance of 'uniformity and discipline' in the Army's ethos?

A. It fosters unit cohesion, readiness, and trust among soldiers

B. It discourages initiative

C. It reduces safety

D. It delays missions

3. When should a salute be rendered?

A. Outdoors in uniform, in the presence of a commissioned or warrant officer of higher rank

B. Indoors or in civilian clothing

C. In a no-salute zone

D. While driving a vehicle

4. Which medal is identified as the first medal awarded in the Army?

A. Medal of Honor

B. Band of Merit

C. Good Conduct Medal

D. Purple Heart

5. Which element is included in a formal memo header only if applicable?

A. Reference (if applicable)

B. Date

C. To/From

D. Subject

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6. Which of the following is NOT a core Army Value?

A. Teamwork

B. Loyalty

C. Duty

D. Respect

7. How many steps are there between platoons?

A. 4 steps

B. 6 steps

C. 5 steps

D. 3 steps

8. Which act is primarily concerned with water quality and regulating discharges?

A. Clean Water Act

B. National Environmental Policy Act

C. Endangered Species Act

D. Clean Air Act

9. What is the purpose of visits of courtesy in protocol?

A. To celebrate national holidays with pomp.

B. To honor visiting officials and maintain proper ceremonial procedures and respect.

C. To document attendance at official functions.

D. To announce new policies publicly.

10. Which Army Regulation covers SHARP?

A. AR 670-1

B. AR 350-1

C. AR 600-52

D. AR 600-20

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which principle is most associated with ethical procurement in USACE contracting?

A. Speed of procurement above all else.

B. Fair competition and avoidance of conflicts of interest.

C. Secrecy of contractor identities at all times.

D. Minimizing documentation requirements.

Ethical procurement centers on fairness, transparency, and keeping decision-makers free from improper influence. In USACE contracting, open competition ensures bidders have an equal chance and that awards reflect objective criteria and best value to the government. Avoiding conflicts of interest safeguards that process: officials must disclose any personal or financial interests and recuse themselves if needed, so decisions aren't swayed by relationships or outside incentives. This combination maintains trust, accountability, and integrity in how taxpayer funds are spent. Opposing ideas undermine those guardrails: rushing a contract can invite bias or low standards; keeping contractor identities secret erodes transparency and oversight; and cutting down on documentation makes it hard to prove the process was fair and compliant.

2. What is the significance of 'uniformity and discipline' in the Army's ethos?

A. It fosters unit cohesion, readiness, and trust among soldiers

B. It discourages initiative

C. It reduces safety

D. It delays missions

Uniformity and discipline create predictable, coordinated action within the unit. When soldiers adhere to the same standards, procedures, and drill, tasks flow smoothly, misunderstandings shrink under stress, and responses are swift and synchronized. This shared reliability builds unit cohesion because each member can trust that teammates will perform to the same level and depend on one another, which is essential for effective teamwork in challenging environments. Discipline translates training into consistent, ready performance; it keeps soldiers prepared to execute missions, maintain safety, and adapt as needed without unnecessary delays. It's not about stifling initiative—discipline supports disciplined initiative within the command framework, ensuring actions are purposeful and coordinated. In short, uniformity and discipline reinforce cohesion, readiness, and trust among soldiers.

3. When should a salute be rendered?

A. Outdoors in uniform, in the presence of a commissioned or warrant officer of higher rank

B. Indoors or in civilian clothing

C. In a no-salute zone

D. While driving a vehicle

The timing for a salute follows a simple standard: you render the salute outdoors, while in uniform, to a commissioned or warrant officer who is senior to you and is in view. This practice is the visible sign of respect and recognition of rank that governs military courtesy. When you meet or pass such an officer outdoors, you come to attention, raise your hand in the proper salute, and hold it until the officer returns the salute or acknowledges you, then lower and resume your duty. Why the other situations aren't appropriate: indoors or in civilian clothing, the formal outdoor salute isn't performed because it's tied to being in uniform and outdoors. In a no-salute zone, saluting is prohibited. And while driving a vehicle, saluting isn't appropriate because you're not in a position to perform the gesture safely or observe the officer's response properly.

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4. Which medal is identified as the first medal awarded in the Army?

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Understanding this item means looking at the historical timeline of Army decorations. The first recognition for merit in the U.S. Army was the Badge of Military Merit, established by General George Washington in 1782. In some references this early award is described as a Band of Merit, serving as the precursor to later medals. Because it dates back to the 18th century, it comes before the Medal of Honor (Civil War era), the Good Conduct Medal (mid-19th century), and the Purple Heart (1932). So the Band of Merit is identified as the first medal awarded in the Army. The other awards, while significant, were established later and recognize different criteria (valor for the Medal of Honor, conduct for long service, and wounds/kills in action for the Purple Heart).

5. Which element is included in a formal memo header only if applicable?

A. Reference (if applicable)

B. Date

C. To/From

D. Subject

In a formal memo header, only items that actually apply are included. The Reference line is used to point to a prior document, directive, or memo, so it should appear only when there is something to reference. When no previous document needs to be cited, this line is omitted to keep the header concise and focused. By contrast, elements like To, From, Date, and Subject are routinely present because they provide essential routing, identification, and topic information for the memo. So the Reference line is included only if there is a relevant reference to cite.

6. Which of the following is NOT a core Army Value?

A. Teamwork

B. Loyalty

C. Duty

D. Respect

Teamwork is not one of the officially listed core Army Values. The seven core values are Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Among the options, Loyalty, Duty, and Respect are part of that core set, while Teamwork, though highly valued and essential for mission success, isn't a formal core value. It's a critical behavior that helps embody the core values in practice, but it isn't counted among the official core values themselves.

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7. How many steps are there between platoons?

A. 4 steps

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C. 5 steps

D. 3 steps

Spacing in drill is measured in steps, not feet. Between platoons the standard distance is five steps. Since one step in drill is 30 inches, five steps give about 12.5 feet of separation. This gap keeps the formations visually balanced and gives room for the platoons to maneuver and respond to commands while staying aligned as a unit. Using fewer steps would crowd the formation and hinder control, while more steps would look inconsistent and delay movement. Five steps is the established, codified spacing for platoon separation.

8. Which act is primarily concerned with water quality and regulating discharges?

A. Clean Water Act

B. National Environmental Policy Act

C. Endangered Species Act

D. Clean Air Act

The Clean Water Act focuses on keeping water clean and controlling what can enter it. It creates a nationwide framework to regulate pollutants discharged into rivers, lakes, and coastal areas by requiring permits for discharges from point sources and setting specific effluent limits. States develop water quality standards under the act with EPA oversight, all aimed at restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters. In contrast, other acts address different concerns: a law requiring environmental impact analyses for federal actions, another protecting endangered species, and a different one regulating air pollutants. So, for water quality and discharge control, the Clean Water Act is the primary statute.

9. What is the purpose of visits of courtesy in protocol?

A. To celebrate national holidays with pomp.

B. To honor visiting officials and maintain proper ceremonial procedures and respect.

C. To document attendance at official functions.

D. To announce new policies publicly.

Visits of courtesy are ceremonial acts designed to show respect for the visitor and to uphold the standards of protocol in official interactions. The purpose is to honor visiting officials and ensure proper ceremonial procedures and mutual respect are observed, which helps maintain good relations and trust. They are not primarily about celebrating holidays, documenting attendance, or announcing new policies; those tasks fall under other types of official functions, administrative duties, or policy communications.

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10. Which Army Regulation covers SHARP?

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The regulation that covers SHARP is AR 600-20, Army Command Policy. This policy establishes the Army-wide framework for prevention, reporting, and response to sexual harassment and sexual assault, outlining commander and leadership responsibilities, victim support, confidential reporting options, and protections against retaliation. It ties SHARP into the broader Equal Opportunity and command policy structure, ensuring a consistent approach across the Army. The other regulations focus on different areas—such as uniform wear, training policies, or other topics—and do not govern SHARP policy, so AR 600-20 is the one that provides the SHARP framework you're studying.

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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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