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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. **How should the nurse calculate a client's fluid output if it includes various forms of output?**

   A. Add each form of output together

   B. Estimate based on previous outputs

   C. Record only the largest measurement

   D. Ignore the JP drainage in the calculation

2. **A nurse is preparing a client for ambulation. Which of the following should the nurse take to determine the client's level of strength?**

   A. Ask the client to push her feet against the nurse's palms

   B. Have the client stand up without assistance

   C. Observe the client while walking

   D. Measure the client's muscle mass with a gauge

3. **What is one effective method for providing mid-range pain relief?**

   A. Encouraging relaxation techniques

   B. Administering analgesics as ordered

   C. Utilizing physical therapy techniques

   D. Creating distraction through conversation

4. **A nurse is caring for a client who reports difficulty sleeping while in the hospital. Which of the following actions taken by the assistive personnel (AP) while the client is sleeping should prompt the nurse to intervene?**

   A. Flushes the client's toilet after emptying the urinary catheter's drainage bag

   B. Plays soft music to help the client sleep

   C. Checks the client's vital signs during rest

   D. Rearranges the bedside table for convenience

5. **What is a common complication to monitor for in clients who have been on prolonged bedrest?**

   A. Deep vein thrombosis

   B. Septicemia

   C. Gastrointestinal hemorrhage

   D. Hypoglycemia

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6. A nurse is preparing to transfer a client from a bed to a chair. Which of the following actions should the nurse take first?

A. Determine if the client can bear weight

B. Explain the transfer process to the client

C. Gather the required equipment for the transfer

D. Ensure the chair is positioned close to the bed

7. What should the nurse advise a client with a recent ankle injury about managing pain and swelling?

A. Use heat therapy initially.

B. Apply ice consistently for the next few days.

C. Keep the ankle elevated but avoid movement.

D. Only rest the ankle without applying any therapy.

8. What should be included in a patient's discharge education related to comfort?

A. Prescription medication details only

B. Signs of complications, self-care techniques, and follow-up schedules

C. Dietary restrictions and medication names

D. Emergency contact numbers only

9. Which action should a nurse take when providing nail care for a client?

A. Apply clear nail polish

B. Use scissors to trim nails

C. File the nails with a filer

D. Clean under the nail with an orange stick

10. During postmortem care, what should the nurse do first?

A. Determine whether the client will have an autopsy

B. Cover the body with a sheet

C. Remove all tubes from the body

D. Give the client's personal belongings to the family

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How should the nurse calculate a client's fluid output if it includes various forms of output?

A. Add each form of output together

B. Estimate based on previous outputs

C. Record only the largest measurement

D. Ignore the JP drainage in the calculation

To accurately calculate a client's fluid output, it is essential to add each form of output together. This approach ensures that all types of fluid loss are accounted for, including urine, wound drainage, and any other relevant sources. By aggregating each measurement, the nurse can provide a comprehensive overview of the client's status, which is critical for assessing hydration levels and guiding treatment decisions. In clinical practice, estimating based on previous outputs may not reflect the patient's current condition accurately, as it lacks real-time data. Recording only the largest measurement can overlook significant fluid losses from smaller outputs that may cumulatively indicate a concerning trend. Finally, ignoring any form of output, such as JP drainage, would result in an incomplete assessment, potentially compromising patient care and monitoring efforts. Therefore, adding each form of output together is the correct method, allowing for precise and effective clinical evaluation.

2. A nurse is preparing a client for ambulation. Which of the following should the nurse take to determine the client's level of strength?

A. Ask the client to push her feet against the nurse's palms

B. Have the client stand up without assistance

C. Observe the client while walking

D. Measure the client's muscle mass with a gauge

Asking the client to push her feet against the nurse's palms is an effective method to determine the client's level of strength, particularly in the lower extremities. This action allows the nurse to assess muscle strength and functional capability in a controlled manner. By providing resistance through their palms, the nurse can gauge the amount of force the client is able to exert, which is a direct indicator of muscle strength in the feet and legs. This type of strength testing is commonly used in clinical settings to evaluate a patient's ability to perform daily activities safely. It helps the nurse identify any deficits in strength that may impact the client's mobility and ambulation, enabling appropriate interventions and care planning. Other methods, while they can provide information about a client's overall mobility or endurance, do not specifically measure strength as directly. For instance, having the client stand without assistance can indicate balance and readiness to bear weight, but it does not provide specific data regarding muscle strength. Observing the client while walking helps assess gait and coordination but does not isolate strength. Measuring muscle mass with a gauge, although informative regarding body composition, does not reflect the functional strength available for movement or ambulation tasks.

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3. What is one effective method for providing mid-range pain relief?

A. Encouraging relaxation techniques

B. Administering analgesics as ordered

C. Utilizing physical therapy techniques

D. Creating distraction through conversation

Administering analgesics as ordered is an effective method for providing mid-range pain relief because medications are specifically designed to target and alleviate pain through various mechanisms. Analgesics, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or opioids, can help to reduce pain perception and enhance a patient's comfort level. When used appropriately and according to the prescribed regimen, these medications can provide significant relief for moderate pain. In addition, the clinical context of pain management recognizes that pharmacological interventions are often a cornerstone of effective pain relief strategies. While other methods, such as relaxation techniques, physical therapy, and distraction, can be valuable complementary approaches, they may not be sufficient on their own to address mid-range pain effectively. Therefore, administering analgesics as part of a comprehensive pain management plan is a critical component of providing relief to patients experiencing discomfort.

4. A nurse is caring for a client who reports difficulty sleeping while in the hospital. Which of the following actions taken by the assistive personnel (AP) while the client is sleeping should prompt the nurse to intervene?

A. Flushes the client's toilet after emptying the urinary catheter's drainage bag

B. Plays soft music to help the client sleep

C. Checks the client's vital signs during rest

D. Rearranges the bedside table for convenience

Flushing the client's toilet after emptying the urinary catheter's drainage bag can disrupt the client's sleep for several reasons. The act of flushing can create noise that may wake the client or disturb their rest, particularly if the flushing sound is loud or unexpected. In a hospital setting, maintaining a quiet environment is essential for promoting sleep and recovery, as patients may already be facing challenges with rest due to their condition, unfamiliar surroundings, and frequent interruptions from staff. The other actions taken by the assistive personnel while the client is sleeping serve to enhance care without significant disruption. Playing soft music can create a calming atmosphere that may actually help the client feel more relaxed and fall asleep. Checking vital signs is a routine procedure that can be done quietly and is essential for monitoring the client's condition, while rearranging the bedside table can help improve access to personal items without creating excessive noise. Each of these actions is aligned with promoting the client's comfort and overall well-being in a hospital setting.

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5. What is a common complication to monitor for in clients who have been on prolonged bedrest?

A. Deep vein thrombosis

B. Septicemia

C. Gastrointestinal hemorrhage

D. Hypoglycemia

Prolonged bedrest can lead to several complications due to immobility, but deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is particularly significant and common. When a patient is immobile for an extended period, blood flow decreases in the veins of the legs. This stagnation can lead to the formation of blood clots, particularly in the deep veins of the lower extremities. DVT can occur due to a combination of factors associated with prolonged bedrest, including venous stasis (slow blood flow in the veins), changes in blood coagulability, and endothelial injury. Monitoring for signs of DVT, such as swelling, pain, warmth, and redness in the affected limb, is critical in patients who have been immobilized for long periods. Other options, while they can be related to bedrest, do not present as immediate or common complications. Septicemia typically relates to infections rather than immobility. Gastrointestinal hemorrhage can occur due to various medical conditions or medications rather than prolonged inactivity. Hypoglycemia, while possible in certain patient populations (particularly those with diabetes), is not a typical complication specifically associated with prolonged bedrest. Therefore, continuous monitoring for DVT is a prioritization in the care of patients who have experienced

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A. Determine if the client can bear weight

B. Explain the transfer process to the client

C. Gather the required equipment for the transfer

D. Ensure the chair is positioned close to the bed

Determining if the client can bear weight is a crucial first step in the transfer process. This assessment is important because it informs the nurse about the client's ability to assist in the transfer and indicates whether additional help or equipment is needed for safe maneuvering. Understanding the client's capacity for weight-bearing helps in evaluating the level of assistance the nurse will need to provide, thus minimizing the risk of injury to both the client and the nurse during the transfer. If the client cannot bear weight, alternative transfer methods or additional support may be required, necessitating a different approach to ensure safety. While explaining the transfer process, gathering equipment, and positioning the chair are all important actions in the transfer process, they should occur after it is confirmed that the client is able to bear weight. This ensures that the transfer will proceed smoothly and safely, taking the client's capabilities into account first.

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7. What should the nurse advise a client with a recent ankle injury about managing pain and swelling?

A. Use heat therapy initially.

B. Apply ice consistently for the next few days.

C. Keep the ankle elevated but avoid movement.

D. Only rest the ankle without applying any therapy.

Applying ice consistently for the next few days is the correct approach for managing pain and swelling in a recent ankle injury. Ice therapy is effective in reducing inflammation and numbing the pain, which can significantly enhance comfort during the early stages of recovery. Typically, it is recommended to apply ice for 15 to 20 minutes every hour as needed, especially during the first 48 hours post-injury. This practice helps to constrict blood vessels, lessen swelling, and decrease muscle spasms, making it an important component of the RICE (Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation) method for managing soft-tissue injuries. Utilizing heat therapy initially could exacerbate swelling, as heat typically promotes blood flow to the area, which is not desirable right after an injury. Elevating the ankle is beneficial, but complete immobilization and avoiding movement may lead to stiffness and hinder recovery. While rest is essential, it should be coupled with appropriate therapy measures for optimal healing.

8. What should be included in a patient's discharge education related to comfort?

A. Prescription medication details only

B. Signs of complications, self-care techniques, and follow-up schedules

C. Dietary restrictions and medication names

D. Emergency contact numbers only

When providing discharge education related to comfort, it is essential to include comprehensive information that empowers the patient to manage their health effectively after leaving the healthcare facility. Including signs of complications, self-care techniques, and follow-up schedules in the discharge plan ensures that the patient is aware of what to monitor in their recovery process. By discussing signs of complications, patients can recognize any potential issues and seek medical help promptly, which is crucial for preventing more serious health problems. Self-care techniques equipped patients with practical ways to manage their symptoms and promote comfort at home, fostering independence and confidence in their care. Furthermore, follow-up schedules remind patients of necessary appointments, reinforcing the importance of continuity in their healthcare and allowing for timely interventions if needed. The other options lack the depth needed for a comprehensive discharge education. Focusing solely on medication details or emergency contact numbers does not provide the necessary guidance for ongoing self-management and awareness of health changes. Dietary restrictions are important but do not encompass the full scope of education needed for patient comfort and safety post-discharge.

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9. Which action should a nurse take when providing nail care for a client?

A. Apply clear nail polish

B. Use scissors to trim nails

C. File the nails with a filer

D. Clean under the nail with an orange stick

When providing nail care for a client, cleaning under the nails with an orange stick is an important practice. This action helps to remove debris and buildup of dirt that can accumulate beneath the nails. Such cleanliness is essential for maintaining good hygiene and preventing infections, especially for clients who may have compromised immune systems or conditions affecting nail health. Using an orange stick is a gentle method for cleaning beneath the nail, as it is designed to be non-invasive and minimizes the risk of injury or damage to the surrounding skin. This technique is typically part of a comprehensive nail care routine that promotes comfort, prevents issues like ingrown nails, and enhances overall client care. Other actions, such as trimming nails with scissors or applying nail polish, may not be appropriate for every patient. For example, trimming nails may require specific techniques or tools, especially for clients with certain medical conditions, and application of polish may not be advisable if there are concerns about nail integrity or underlying health issues. Therefore, focusing on cleaning under the nails is a fundamental aspect of effective nail care.

10. During postmortem care, what should the nurse do first?

A. Determine whether the client will have an autopsy

B. Cover the body with a sheet

C. Remove all tubes from the body

D. Give the client's personal belongings to the family

Determining whether the client will have an autopsy is the most appropriate first step in postmortem care. This action is crucial because it influences the subsequent steps that follow. If an autopsy is to be performed, certain procedures must be adhered to, such as leaving any tubes or lines in place and avoiding alterations to the body that could interfere with the examination. Understanding the need for an autopsy ensures that the nurse acts in accordance with legal and medical requirements, preserving the integrity of the investigation while also respecting the wishes of the deceased and their family. Furthermore, this step sets the stage for all other postmortem care activities. Once the decision regarding the autopsy is confirmed, the nurse can then proceed with other care measures, such as preparing the body respectfully and following policies related to handling personal belongings. This attentive approach demonstrates both professionalism and compassion in managing the sensitive situation.

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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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