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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. If a patient was overcharged for services, the appropriate procedure is to

A. tell the patient to pay the current bill and a refund will be mailed

B. give the patient a credit toward future services

C. ask the patient to wait for a corrected statement before sending payment

D. apologize, but tell the patient that nothing can be done.

2. What does the prefix "gastro-" refer to?

A. Heart

B. Stomach

C. Liver

D. Kidneys

3. What does the suffix -pathy mean?

A. Treatment

B. Disease

C. Condition

D. Inflammation

4. What does ABG stand for in laboratory tests?

A. Atrial blood gases

B. Arterial blood gases

C. Acid-base gases

D. Aerobic blood gases

5. Determining how long to keep patient records in the office after they have become inactive or closed is called

A. record management

B. a retention schedule

C. a numeric filing system

D. an alphabetic filing system

6. The suffix -al is used to mean what?

A. Pertaining to

B. Like, resembling

C. Condition of

D. Process

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7. What term describes the amount a patient owes after the insurance company has settled a claim?

A. Coinsurance

B. Deductible

C. Subscriber liability

D. Copayment

8. Which disease is characterized by muscular weakness?

A. Multiple sclerosis

B. Myasthenia gravis

C. Muscular dystrophy

D. Fibromyalgia

9. What does ecchymosis refer to?

A. A bruise

B. A cut

C. A burn

D. A rash

10. What does the suffix -oma signify in medical terminology?

A. Condition of

B. Inflammation

C. Tumor

D. Pertaining to

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. If a patient was overcharged for services, the appropriate procedure is to

A. tell the patient to pay the current bill and a refund will be mailed

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When a patient is overcharged for services, asking them to wait for a corrected statement before sending payment is the proper procedure because it ensures that the billing is accurate before any payment is processed. This approach is beneficial for both the patient and the medical office; it prevents any confusion or frustration related to overpayments and refunds, and it also upholds the office's integrity by acknowledging the mistake and addressing it promptly. By taking this action, the office demonstrates accountability, maintains trust with the patient, and provides an opportunity to review the charges to ensure that the patient is only responsible for the correct amount owed. This practice also aligns with ethical billing standards, ensuring transparency in financial transactions within the healthcare setting.

2. What does the prefix "gastro-" refer to?

A. Heart

B. Stomach

C. Liver

D. Kidneys

The prefix "gastro-" specifically refers to the stomach. It derives from the Greek word "gaster," which means stomach or belly. This prefix is commonly used in medical terminology to form various terms related to the stomach, such as gastritis (inflammation of the stomach lining) and gastroenterology (the study of the stomach and intestines). Understanding the meaning of this prefix is crucial for comprehending various medical terms as they relate to the digestive system. Each of the other options pertains to different anatomical structures, which is why they do not align with the definition of "gastro-".

3. What does the suffix -pathy mean?

A. Treatment

B. Disease

C. Condition

D. Inflammation

The suffix -pathy comes from the Greek word "pathos," which means suffering or disease. When it is used in medical terminology, it typically denotes a condition that involves disease or disorder. For example, in terms like "neuropathy," it refers to conditions affecting the nerves, highlighting the aspect of disease associated with those nerves. Thus, understanding that -pathy signifies a disease helps clarify its use in various medical terms, emphasizing the nature of the condition being described.

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4. What does ABG stand for in laboratory tests?

A. Atrial blood gases

B. Arterial blood gases

C. Acid-base gases

D. Aerobic blood gases

ABG stands for Arterial Blood Gases, which are a critical set of laboratory tests used primarily to measure the amounts of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the blood, as well as the pH level. These measurements provide essential information about a patient's respiratory and metabolic status. The term "arterial" indicates that the blood sample is taken from an artery, giving a direct indication of the gas exchange occurring in the lungs as opposed to venous blood, which may carry mixed gas levels from various tissues. This distinction is crucial for diagnosing and managing conditions such as respiratory failure, metabolic disorders, and assessing the effectiveness of oxygen therapy. Each component of the ABG test serves a specific purpose. For instance, the partial pressure of oxygen (PaO2) indicates how well oxygen is able to move from the lungs to the blood, while the partial pressure of carbon dioxide (PaCO2) reflects how well carbon dioxide is able to move out of the blood. The pH level informs about the acid-base balance of the body, which is vital for determining whether the body is in an acidotic or alkalotic state. Understanding this terminology and the implications of arterial testing is essential for healthcare providers to appropriately interpret test results and provide effective patient

5. Determining how long to keep patient records in the office after they have become inactive or closed is called

A. record management

B. a retention schedule

C. a numeric filing system

D. an alphabetic filing system

The process of determining how long to keep patient records after they are no longer active or have been closed is referred to as a retention schedule. A retention schedule outlines the specific time frames for which various types of medical records should be maintained before they can be safely disposed of. This is essential for both legal compliance and ensuring that patient information is managed properly according to regulatory standards. Record management encompasses broader practices related to the organization and upkeep of records, but it does not specifically focus on the duration for which records should be retained. Numeric and alphabetic filing systems pertain to the methods used to organize and retrieve records rather than the policies governing their retention. Therefore, the retention schedule is the correct term that specifically addresses the duration for which patient records should be maintained in the office.

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6. The suffix -al is used to mean what?

A. Pertaining to

B. Like, resembling

C. Condition of

D. Process

The suffix -al is used in medical terminology to indicate a relationship to or a characteristic of something, which is described as "pertaining to." This suffix is commonly found in various medical terms, such as "renal," which refers to the kidneys, and "cardiac," which relates to the heart. By using -al, it clarifies that the word describes something associated with the noun it modifies. The other options focus on different meanings that are not conveyed directly by the suffix -al. For instance, "like" or "resembling," refers to the suffix -oid, such as in "humanoid." "Condition of" is often indicated by suffixes like -osis or -itis, which denote a state or condition. "Process" may be represented by suffixes such as -ation or -ism, which indicate actions or processes. Understanding these distinctions helps clarify the specific meanings conveyed by different suffixes in medical terminology.

7. What term describes the amount a patient owes after the insurance company has settled a claim?

A. Coinsurance

B. Deductible

C. Subscriber liability

D. Copayment

The amount a patient owes after the insurance company has settled a claim is accurately described by the term "subscriber liability." This term refers specifically to the financial responsibility that a patient has towards their healthcare expenses once the insurance has processed the claim. It encompasses the remaining balance that a patient must pay, which can include various costs such as coinsurance, deductibles, or copayments, depending on the specific policy and type of services received. In contrast, coinsurance refers to the percentage of costs that the insured is responsible for paying after the deductible has been met, while a deductible is a predetermined amount that the insured must pay out-of-pocket before the insurance coverage begins. Copayment, on the other hand, is a fixed amount that a patient pays at the time of service, typically for common visits or treatments. Each of these terms describes specific parts of the patient's financial obligation, but "subscriber liability" provides a broader context of total responsibility after insurance adjustments.

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8. Which disease is characterized by muscular weakness?

A. Multiple sclerosis

B. Myasthenia gravis

C. Muscular dystrophy

D. Fibromyalgia

Myasthenia gravis is characterized by muscular weakness due to a defect in the transmission of nerve impulses to muscles. This condition occurs because the immune system mistakenly produces antibodies that block or destroy the communication between nerves and muscles at the neuromuscular junction. As a result, patients often experience muscle weakness that tends to worsen with activity and improve with rest, significantly affecting various muscle groups, including those that control eye movements, facial expressions, and swallowing. In comparison, while multiple sclerosis also leads to muscle weakness, it is primarily associated with damage to the central nervous system rather than a direct issue with the neuromuscular junction. Muscular dystrophy refers to a group of genetic disorders that cause progressive muscle weakness and degeneration, but the underlying mechanisms differ from the autoimmune nature of myasthenia gravis. Fibromyalgia, on the other hand, is characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain and fatigue, rather than distinct muscle weakness attributable to a neuromuscular disorder. Thus, myasthenia gravis presents with key symptoms that centralize around muscle weakness resulting from a specific autoimmune process.

9. What does ecchymosis refer to?

A. A bruise

B. A cut

C. A burn

D. A rash

Ecchymosis refers to the medical term for a bruise, which is characterized by the discoloration of the skin due to the leakage of blood from damaged blood vessels into the surrounding tissue. When a person experiences trauma to an area of the body, small blood vessels can break, leading to the accumulation of blood beneath the skin's surface. This results in a visible mark that often changes color over time as the body heals. Understanding the terminology associated with bruising, such as "ecchymosis," is crucial in medical contexts, as it allows healthcare providers to accurately describe and assess injuries. Knowledge of this term is essential for various medical professions, as it helps in documenting patient conditions and symptoms effectively.

10. What does the suffix -oma signify in medical terminology?

A. Condition of

B. Inflammation

C. Tumor

D. Pertaining to

The suffix -oma is commonly used in medical terminology to denote a tumor or neoplasm. This means that when you encounter a word that ends with -oma, it typically refers to a mass of tissue that arises from abnormal growth of cells. For example, in the term "melanoma," -oma indicates that it is a tumor derived from melanocytes, the cells that produce pigment in the skin. This suffix is significant because it helps healthcare professionals communicate clearly about different types of tumors and their nature. Understanding this suffix is crucial for medical practitioners, as it aids in the diagnosis and discussion of various medical conditions that involve abnormal growths.

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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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