

C-13 FENCING PRACTICE EXAM 1 PRACTICE (SAMPLE)

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.

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!

Questions

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1. What type of concrete is used for post holes?

- A. Water and Cement
- B. Fast setting concrete mixes are used for post holes.
- C. Traditional concrete requires mixing prior to application.
- D. Pre-mixed bags of concrete are never used

2. In the paddock example, what is the width of each gate?

- A. Three feet
- B. Three meters
- C. Three inches
- D. Three yards

3. What does tempo mean in fencing?

- A. The rhythm of actions and counteractions that determines initiative and control in the exchange.
- B. The distance between fencers during a lunge.
- C. The speed of blade movement only.
- D. The number of steps taken in a bout.

4. Which term is NOT one of the eight standard parries?

- A. Prime
- B. Parry
- C. Seconde
- D. Tierce

5. When setting steel posts in concrete, what should you avoid to protect the post?

- A. Avoid earth contact with the post
- B. Bury the entire post in concrete
- C. Keep a gap around the post
- D. Install metal sleeves around the post

- 6. Mesh rolls are typically sold in lengths of how many feet?**
- A. 50 ft
 - B. 75 ft
 - C. 100 ft
 - D. 125 ft
- 7. Wire mesh fences usually require posts at what on-center spacing?**
- A. 10 ft o.c.
 - B. 5 ft o.c.
 - C. 7 ft o.c.
 - D. 12 ft o.c.
- 8. In the paddock example, how many gates are counted in the wire length calculation?**
- A. One gate
 - B. Two gates
 - C. Three gates
 - D. Four gates
- 9. What should happen after a touch is awarded in a bout?**
- A. Match ends
 - B. The fencers switch sides
 - C. The referee announces a penalty
 - D. Fencers return to en garde and the bout resumes from the ready stance
- 10. Which training activity best targets reaction time in fencing?**
- A. Reaction-time exercises
 - B. Endurance runs
 - C. Shadow fencing without a partner
 - D. Studying rules

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What type of concrete is used for post holes?

- A. Water and Cement
- B. Fast setting concrete mixes are used for post holes.**
- C. Traditional concrete requires mixing prior to application.
- D. Pre-mixed bags of concrete are never used

Setting posts in the ground relies on stabilizing the post quickly while the surrounding material gains strength. Fast-setting concrete mixes are designed to harden rapidly, giving enough early strength in a short time to hold the post in the correct position. This lets you backfill and proceed with the next posts without long delays, and it reduces the risk of the post shifting as curing occurs. Water and cement by themselves aren't a practical post-hole mix for this purpose, since they need proper aggregates and ratios and don't provide a predictable quick-set in the hole. Traditional concrete typically requires more mixing time and longer cure periods, which slows the process and increases the chance of movement before full strength. Pre-mixed bags are commonly used in many projects, so the idea that they're never used isn't accurate. The fast-setting option specifically addresses the need to stabilize the post promptly, making it the best choice for post holes.

2. In the paddock example, what is the width of each gate?

- A. Three feet**
- B. Three meters
- C. Three inches
- D. Three yards

Gate width is about the size of the openings shown in the fence plan. In that paddock diagram, the openings are drawn and labeled as three feet wide, and they're evenly spaced along the entrance. Three feet is a practical, standard size that lets a person or small equipment pass through comfortably while keeping the fence functional. The diagram uses feet as its unit, so three feet matches the scale. The other options don't fit the drawing or typical gate sizes: inches would be far too narrow, while meters or yards would be unrealistically wide for this setup.

3. What does tempo mean in fencing?

- A. The rhythm of actions and counteractions that determines initiative and control in the exchange.
- B. The distance between fencers during a lunge.**
- C. The speed of blade movement only.
- D. The number of steps taken in a bout.

Tempo in fencing is the timing and flow of actions during an exchange. It's about who can set the pace—using feints, attacks, and parries to force a response—and thus determine initiative and control. When you manage tempo, you decide when to act and how your opponent must react, shaping the sequence of the exchange to your advantage. The distance between fencers during a lunge relates to range and measure, which affects whether an attack can land, but it isn't tempo itself. The speed of blade movement is part of tempo, but tempo isn't only speed; it's the overall timing and ordering of actions and counteractions. The number of steps in a bout concerns movement quantity, not the pacing of actions within exchanges. So tempo is best described as the rhythm of actions and counteractions that determines initiative and control in the exchange.

4. Which term is NOT one of the eight standard parries?

- A. Prime
- B. Parry**
- C. Seconde
- D. Tierce

Distinguishing a generic term from a set of named guards. In classical fencing, eight named parries describe specific blade positions used to defend against attacks: Prime, Seconde, Tierce, Quarte, Quinte, Sixte, Septime, and Octave. The word parry, however, is the general action of defending with the blade, not a specific guard position. Because of that, it isn't one of the eight named parries, even though you can execute a parry in any of those positions. So the term that isn't an actual named parry is the general word itself.

5. When setting steel posts in concrete, what should you avoid to protect the post?

- A. Avoid earth contact with the post**
- B. Bury the entire post in concrete
- C. Keep a gap around the post
- D. Install metal sleeves around the post

Steel posts are vulnerable to rust when they meet moisture in soil. Keeping the post out of earth contact helps prevent capillary moisture and soil chemicals from accelerating corrosion at the base, which is where the metal is most likely to fail first. In practice, you set the post so that the portion near the ground isn't directly touching earth—often by using a sleeve or keeping a small gap so water can't wick straight to the metal. Burying the entire post in concrete traps moisture against the steel and can speed deterioration. While keeping a gap around the post and using sleeves can help, the most important protection is preventing earth contact altogether.

6. Mesh rolls are typically sold in lengths of how many feet?

- A. 50 ft
- B. 75 ft
- C. 100 ft**
- D. 125 ft

Mesh rolls are priced and packaged to make installation smoother and inventory easier to manage. The standard length you'll see for mesh rolls is 100 feet because that run length lets you cover long straight sections with minimal seams, which makes tensioning and securing the mesh faster and more reliable. It also aligns well with common project layouts and is easier to handle, transport, and store than longer options. Shorter rolls, like 50 feet, create more joints and more setup time, while longer ones, such as 125 feet, are less convenient to move and work with. So, 100 feet is the typical, practical choice for mesh rolls.

7. Wire mesh fences usually require posts at what on-center spacing?

- A. 10 ft o.c.**
- B. 5 ft o.c.
- C. 7 ft o.c.
- D. 12 ft o.c.

Post spacing for a wire mesh fence is chosen to keep the fabric taut and resist wind between supports. For most standard wire mesh fences, line posts are placed about 10 feet apart on center. This distance provides enough stiffness to prevent sag between posts while keeping installation costs and the number of posts reasonable. A tighter spacing, like 5 feet, adds cost with only modest gains in performance for typical installations. A much wider spacing, such as 12 feet, can allow noticeable sag and instability in the mesh, especially on taller fences or in windy conditions. If the fence is taller or uses heavier mesh, braces or closer spacing may be used, but 10 feet on center is a common, balanced standard.

8. In the paddock example, how many gates are counted in the wire length calculation?

- A. One gate
- B. Two gates**
- C. Three gates
- D. Four gates

The main idea is to include every part of the boundary when calculating the wire length, and that includes the gates. In the paddock example, there are two gates along the perimeter, so two gate lengths are added to the total. This keeps the calculation accurate for the entire enclosed area, since the wire would need to span along those gate sections just like the fence segments. The other options would imply a different number of gate openings, but the diagram shows two gates, so two are counted.

9. What should happen after a touch is awarded in a bout?

- A. Match ends
- B. The fencers switch sides
- C. The referee announces a penalty
- D. Fencers return to en garde and the bout resumes from the ready stance**

After a touch is awarded, the action is reset and the fencers return to their ready position to restart. The referee signals the point, both fencers step back to en garde, and they resume from the ready stance, continuing the bout. This keeps the action continuous and gives each fencer a moment to recover and re-establish distance and timing for the next exchange. The match doesn't end, sides don't automatically switch, and no penalty is issued simply for the touch itself.

10. Which training activity best targets reaction time in fencing?

- A. Reaction-time exercises
- B. Endurance runs
- C. Shadow fencing without a partner
- D. Studying rules

Reaction time in fencing comes from practicing the speed at which you perceive a cue and start your movement in response to it. The best training activity targets this directly by using unpredictable signals that force you to react quickly—like drills with random cues, a partner feinting, or a coach signaling with lights or bells and you responding with a deliberate lunge or blade action. By repeatedly pairing a stimulus with a fast, directed movement, you train the neural and muscular pathways to fire sooner, which translates to catching your opponent off guard or intercepting their attack. Endurance runs build stamina and cardiovascular fitness, which helps you sustain effort longer but don't specifically train how fast you can initiate a response to a sudden cue. Shadow fencing without a partner helps you work on technique and timing in a controlled way, but without an external reaction stimulus you're not practicing real-time decision-making and quick initiation. Studying rules improves tactical understanding, which is valuable, but it doesn't train the physical speed of reacting to an opponent's action. So, drills that introduce unpredictable cues and require an immediate, appropriate response are the most effective for sharpening reaction time.

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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