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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. What does neutralization chemically accomplish?

A. It melts the keratin in the hair to allow curl.

B. It oxidizes and rebuilds disulfide bonds to stabilize the new curl shape and stops processing.

C. It adds dye molecules to the cortex.

D. It soaks up excess moisture.

2. Compared with lye-based relaxers, no-lye relaxers typically have which characteristic?

A. They often require a base cream and have different residue profiles.

B. They do not require any protective base.

C. They always produce the same texture as lye.

D. They are always gentler on all hair types.

3. Which chemical is commonly used in no-mix-no-lye relaxers?

A. Potassium hydroxide

B. Sodium hydroxide

C. Calcium hydroxide

D. Ammonium thioglycolate

4. To avoid over-processing and scalp irritation in a virgin relaxer application, start at least

A. 1/8 inch

B. 1/4 inch

C. 1/2 inch

D. 1 inch

5. During a retouch relaxer application, to avoid over processing or hair breakage, do not?

A. Overlap relaxer

B. Apply heat

C. Use conditioner

D. Section hair evenly

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6. Weak physical side bonds that are the result of an attraction between negative and positive electrical charges are

A. Hydrogen bonds

B. Salt bonds

C. Peptide bonds

D. Disulfide bonds

7. All perm wraps begin by dividing the hair into what?

A. Panels

B. Sections

C. Pieces

D. Divisions

8. The tough exterior layer of the hair structure is called the

A. Cuticle

B. Cortex

C. Medulla

D. Fibril

9. A strand test result showing the hair continues to curl indicates which condition?

A. Insufficiently relaxed

B. Over processed

C. Fully relaxed

D. Slightly relaxed

10. The layer that houses the side bonds which determine curl and wave is?

A. Cortex

B. Cuticle

C. Medulla

D. Epithelium

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What does neutralization chemically accomplish?

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C. It adds dye molecules to the cortex.

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Neutralization's job is to lock in the new shape by reforming the hair's disulfide bonds after they've been broken during the waving process. The reducing step first breaks those bonds so the hair can take on a new curl or straightened form. The neutralizer then oxidizes the newly formed sulfhydryl groups back into disulfide bonds, stabilizing the curl and stopping further chemical action. This re-bridging of bonds is what keeps the hair in its new shape. The other options don't describe this bonding reformation or the stopping of processing.

2. Compared with lye-based relaxers, no-lye relaxers typically have which characteristic?

A. They often require a base cream and have different residue profiles.

B. They do not require any protective base.

C. They always produce the same texture as lye.

D. They are always gentler on all hair types.

The main idea is how the formulation of the relaxer affects scalp protection. Lye-based relaxers use a strong alkali (sodium hydroxide), which is highly caustic and can irritate or burn the scalp. To shield the skin from this harsh chemical, a protective base cream is traditionally applied. No-lye relaxers are formulated to be milder and are marketed as not requiring a separate base, so they can be used directly on the scalp in many professional settings. That difference in how they are applied and protected on the scalp is what sets them apart. So, no-lye relaxers typically do not require any protective base. However, this doesn't mean they're automatically gentler for every hair type or scalp, and residues or other care considerations can still come into play, depending on the product.

3. Which chemical is commonly used in no-mix-no-lye relaxers?

A. Potassium hydroxide

B. Sodium hydroxide

C. Calcium hydroxide

D. Ammonium thioglycolate

No-mix-no-lye relaxers work by using a thioglycolate compound as the active reducing agent. This chemistry breaks the hair's disulfide bonds, allowing the strands to be reshaped into a straight form, and then a neutralizer helps re-set the bonds in the new configuration. The chemical most commonly used in these pre-mixed, no-lye systems is ammonium thioglycolate. This stands in contrast to lye relaxers, which rely on strong hydroxide bases like sodium or potassium hydroxide, and even though some no-lye formulas employ calcium-based systems, ammonium thioglycolate is the standard example of the active ingredient in many no-mix-no-lye relaxers.

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4. To avoid over-processing and scalp irritation in a virgin relaxer application, start at least

A. 1/8 inch

B. 1/4 inch

C. 1/2 inch

D. 1 inch

Starting the virgin relaxer at least a quarter inch away from the scalp is about controlling how quickly the chemical encounters the sensitive scalp area. The scalp is warm and more reactive, so applying relaxer directly to it can cause irritation and lead to uneven or over-processed roots. Keeping a quarter-inch buffer lets the product begin processing a bit down the hair shaft, giving you more control over timing and helping achieve a smoother, more even result along the length. If you start closer than that, irritation and rapid processing at the roots are more likely; starting farther away can slow things and cause uneven results. So the recommended minimum distance is a quarter inch.

5. During a retouch relaxer application, to avoid over processing or hair breakage, do not?

A. Overlap relaxer

B. Apply heat

C. Use conditioner

D. Section hair evenly

During a retouch relaxer, the aim is to treat only the new growth and avoid reprocessing the already relaxed hair. Overlapping relaxer re-exposes the finished ends to a second round of chemical processing, which can over-soften and weaken the hair at the line where the new growth met the old, leading to breakage. So, do not overlap the relaxer onto the previously relaxed portion. Other steps help protect hair: avoiding heat during processing prevents extra stress and possible damage; using conditioner provides moisture and resilience; and sectioning evenly ensures precise, controlled application so you don't accidentally contact ends.

6. Weak physical side bonds that are the result of an attraction between negative and positive electrical charges are

A. Hydrogen bonds

B. Salt bonds

C. Peptide bonds

D. Disulfide bonds

Ionic interactions between opposite charges on amino acid side chains create the salt bonds. These are weak, noncovalent attractions that form when a positively charged side chain (like lysine) meets a negatively charged one (like aspartate or glutamate). Because they rely on electrical attraction rather than sharing electrons, they're easily disrupted by changes in pH or by moisture, which is why altering the environment can temporarily alter the shape of the structure they stabilize. Hydrogen bonds are also electrostatic, but they involve partial charges and are even more fragile; peptide bonds link amino acids covalently in a chain, and disulfide bonds are covalent cross-links between cysteine residues. The description given matches salt bonds because of the charge-based, weaker ionic interaction.

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7. All perm wraps begin by dividing the hair into what?

A. Panels

B. Sections

C. Pieces

D. Divisions

The main idea being tested is that perm wraps begin by laying out large, planful divisions of the hair called panels. Establishing panels first creates the overall framework and direction for the wrap, helping you distribute density and control the curl pattern across the head. Once the panels are in place, you then subdivide each panel into smaller sections to wrap around the rods precisely. So, panels serve as the initial structural divisions, guiding how the rest of the wrap is planned. The smaller subdivisions within each panel are called sections, which is why sections come after panels in the process. Pieces or divisions aren't the standard terms used for the starting division in perm wrapping.

8. The tough exterior layer of the hair structure is called the

A. Cuticle

B. Cortex

C. Medulla

D. Fibril

The tough exterior layer is the cuticle. Hair has three main layers: the outermost cuticle, the middle cortex, and the central medulla. The cuticle is made of flat, scale-like cells that overlap like shingles, forming a protective shield for the inner cortex and medulla. When these scales lie flat and intact, hair looks smooth, shiny, and resists damage. If the cuticle is damaged or lifted, the hair surface becomes rough and dull because the protective barrier is compromised, allowing moisture and chemicals to penetrate more easily. The cortex provides strength and color, while the medulla is the central core in thicker hairs, not always present. Fibril isn't a standard term for a hair layer.

9. A strand test result showing the hair continues to curl indicates which condition?

A. Insufficiently relaxed

B. Over processed

C. Fully relaxed

D. Slightly relaxed

The strand test is used to verify whether the chemical relaxer has been left on long enough to break the hair's curl pattern. If the strand still curls after processing, it means not enough time or product has been applied to fully relax the strand—the curl remains. In other words, the hair is insufficiently relaxed, so you'd reapply or extend processing under the same procedure until it straightens. This result isn't due to over-processing (which would often produce hair that's too straight or damaged), and it isn't fully relaxed (no curl) or slightly relaxed (only a small amount of curl remains).

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10. The layer that houses the side bonds which determine curl and wave is?

A. Cortex

B. Cuticle

C. Medulla

D. Epithelium

Curl and wave come from the bonds that hold the hair's keratin fibers together inside the cortex. The cortex is where the side bonds—hydrogen bonds, salt bonds, and especially disulfide bonds—live and determine the shape and elasticity of the hair. Chemical services work by breaking and reforming these bonds in the cortex to create or set a curl. The outer layer, the cuticle, protects the cortex and doesn't determine curl; the medulla is the central core present in some hairs and isn't responsible for curl; epithelium isn't a hair layer involved in shaping curl. So the layer that houses the side bonds determining curl and wave is the cortex.

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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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