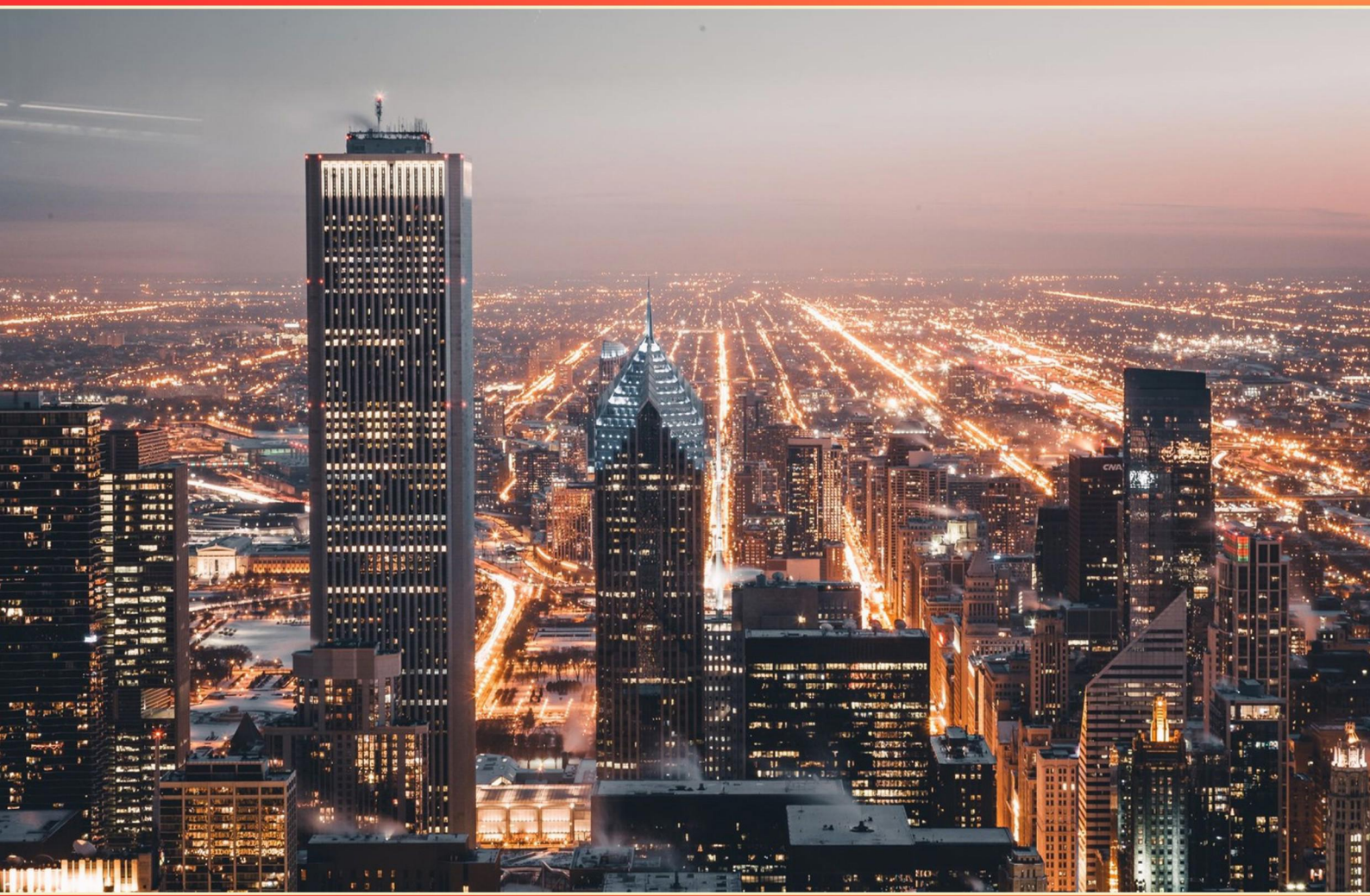
CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

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.

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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 is an indication of low air in an SCBA?**

   A. Increased heart rate

   B. Noise from the air cylinder

   C. Vibration of the mask

   D. Decrease in air pressure gauge reading

2. **During patient transport, when can CFD personnel remove their seat safety belts?**

   A. For any reason during transport

   B. Only during critical emergencies

   C. To perform non-critical medical care procedures

   D. When in a non-moving vehicle

3. **What should be done if a company officer discovers a member has the same surname as another member in their company?**

   A. Reassign them immediately

   B. Notify human resources

   C. Contact the battalion chief

   D. Conduct an investigation

4. **Why is it important to ensure safety before the Roof Team begins ventilation?**

   A. To prevent damage to the roof

   B. To allow time for equipment setup

   C. To ensure structural integrity and safety for personnel

   D. To avoid causing smoke accumulation

5. **Which buildings require a fail-safe electronic lock release system for stairwell enclosure doors?**

   A. Buildings with 2 or fewer stories

   B. Buildings that are 3 or more stories high

   C. All residential buildings

   D. Commercial buildings only

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6. When must ranking fire chief officers notify the Command Van of their arrival?

A. Only if they are replacing another officer

B. Upon their arrival at the scene

C. After assessing the situation

D. When all personnel are accounted for

7. What does it indicate if the CTA Rail System motors are not running?

A. The 600VDC system is energized.

B. The third rail is energized.

C. The 600VDC system has been shut down.

D. The system is in standby mode.

8. What constitutes a dangerous building fire?

A. A fire in a structure that poses minimal risks

B. A fire that threatens the structure but not firefighters

C. A fire in a structure that poses significant risk to firefighters

D. A controlled burn in a designated area

9. What is the maximum time frame for a parent to return after relinquishing an infant?

A. 48 hours

B. 72 hours

C. 1 week

D. 10 days

10. If a CFD member suspects radiation exposure, what should they do?

A. Evacuate the area immediately

B. Wait until symptoms present

C. Call for support teams

D. Report the incident to a supervisor

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is an indication of low air in an SCBA?

A. Increased heart rate

B. Noise from the air cylinder

C. Vibration of the mask

D. Decrease in air pressure gauge reading

A decrease in the air pressure gauge reading is a clear indication of low air in a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The air pressure gauge is specifically designed to provide real-time feedback on the amount of air remaining in the cylinder. As the air is consumed, the pressure will decrease, reflecting the diminishing supply. This drop in pressure helps firefighters gauge when they need to exit a hazardous environment to refill or replace their SCBA. While increased heart rate, noise from the air cylinder, and mask vibration can be physiological responses or indicators in other situations, they are not direct, measurable signs of low air in the SCBA system. Therefore, monitoring the air pressure gauge is the most reliable method for ensuring adequate air supply during operations.

2. During patient transport, when can CFD personnel remove their seat safety belts?

A. For any reason during transport

B. Only during critical emergencies

C. To perform non-critical medical care procedures

D. When in a non-moving vehicle

The correct rationale centers around the situation in which CFD personnel can safely remove their seat safety belts during patient transport without compromising safety. In this context, personnel may need to provide necessary medical care to the patient, which is crucial during transport. When performing non-critical medical care procedures, it is often necessary for the responder to be closer to the patient or to access medical equipment more effectively. However, it's important that this action is taken in a controlled manner that ensures the safety of both the patient and the personnel involved. Thus, during non-critical procedures, if it is deemed safe, personnel can remove their seat belts to administer care. Removing seat belts for any reason during transport would violate safety protocols, as it increases the risk of injury in the event of an accident. Similarly, only removing seat belts during critical emergencies lacks the nuance of prioritizing safety while still allowing for patient care. Lastly, the allowance for seat belts to be removed in a non-moving vehicle pertains more to vehicular safety practices rather than the context of transport procedures specifically tied to patient care and urgency.

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3. What should be done if a company officer discovers a member has the same surname as another member in their company?

A. Reassign them immediately

B. Notify human resources

C. Contact the battalion chief

D. Conduct an investigation

When a company officer discovers that a member has the same surname as another member in their company, contacting the battalion chief is the appropriate action. This step ensures that leadership is aware of the situation and can provide guidance or intervention if necessary. The presence of members sharing the same surname may lead to confusion in communication, command, or accountability matters. Involving the battalion chief allows for an organized approach to address any potential issues that may arise from this scenario, such as ensuring that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined to avoid misunderstandings among personnel. Engaging other options like reassigning the members immediately or notifying human resources might not address the specific nuances of the situation effectively. Furthermore, conducting an investigation may be premature unless there are concerns about the relationships between the personnel involved that require deeper inquiry. Therefore, reaching out to the battalion chief is the more prudent first step.

4. Why is it important to ensure safety before the Roof Team begins ventilation?

A. To prevent damage to the roof

B. To allow time for equipment setup

C. To ensure structural integrity and safety for personnel

D. To avoid causing smoke accumulation

Prioritizing safety before the Roof Team begins ventilation is crucial in fire operations. Ensuring the structural integrity and safety for personnel is paramount because firefighters operate in conditions that can quickly change and become hazardous. Before any ventilation efforts, it is essential to assess the building's structural stability, as the roof may be compromised due to fire or heat exposure. Evaluating these factors helps prevent injuries or fatalities among firefighters who might be on or near the roof during ventilation efforts. Safe practices include conducting a thorough size-up of the situation, utilizing thermal imaging, and coordinating with incident command to confirm that conditions are appropriate for proceeding with ventilation. By focusing on safety in this manner, teams can effectively reduce risks and enhance their operational effectiveness.

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5. Which buildings require a fail-safe electronic lock release system for stairwell enclosure doors?

A. Buildings with 2 or fewer stories

B. Buildings that are 3 or more stories high

C. All residential buildings

D. Commercial buildings only

In determining which buildings require a fail-safe electronic lock release system for stairwell enclosure doors, the key factor is the height of the building. For buildings that are 3 or more stories high, implementing a fail-safe electronic lock release system is crucial for enhancing safety and ensuring effective evacuation during emergencies. When a fire occurs, it's essential that stairwell doors can be easily accessed and utilized by firefighters and occupants, even if they are locked under normal circumstances. A fail-safe electronic lock release system allows for the quick and reliable unlocking of these doors in an emergency, facilitating movement and allowing for a safe escape route. This requirement is in place to protect the lives of both building occupants and emergency responders. In contrast, buildings with 2 or fewer stories typically do not pose the same level of risk related to evacuation, and therefore, may not require such a system. Not all residential or commercial buildings are automatically subjected to this requirement; it specifically applies to those that meet the height criteria due to the increased need for safety measures in taller structures.

6. When must ranking fire chief officers notify the Command Van of their arrival?

A. Only if they are replacing another officer

B. Upon their arrival at the scene

C. After assessing the situation

D. When all personnel are accounted for

Ranking fire chief officers must notify the Command Van of their arrival upon reaching the scene as it is a crucial part of the incident command system. This communication ensures that the command structure is maintained and that all parties are aware of the current leadership on the ground. By notifying the Command Van immediately, officers facilitate effective coordination and resource allocation among different units operating at the incident. This prompt communication is essential for overall situational awareness and helps in the management of the incident, allowing for timely updates and strategic decision-making. The other options suggest actions that would delay this important notification, thereby potentially compromising the efficiency and safety of operations at the scene. By establishing a clear protocol for when to make this notification, the department ensures that command officers can efficiently integrate into the incident operations right from their arrival.

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7. What does it indicate if the CTA Rail System motors are not running?

A. The 600VDC system is energized.

B. The third rail is energized.

C. The 600VDC system has been shut down.

D. The system is in standby mode.

Indicating that the 600VDC system has been shut down makes sense in the context of the CTA Rail System, as this system requires a continuous supply of voltage for the motors to operate. If the motors are not running, it suggests that they do not have the electrical energy necessary to power them, which directly points to the 600VDC supply being off. For the system to function properly, the motors need to be connected to an energized power source; thus, if they are inactive, it can be inferred that there is a lack of power supply, ensuring that the 600VDC system is indeed shut down. In other situations, like the third rail being energized or the system being in standby mode, the motors would still be able to run or be ready for operation. Understanding how these different operational states of the rail system relate to power availability is essential for effective troubleshooting and response in the rail transit environment.

8. What constitutes a dangerous building fire?

A. A fire in a structure that poses minimal risks

B. A fire that threatens the structure but not firefighters

C. A fire in a structure that poses significant risk to firefighters

D. A controlled burn in a designated area

A dangerous building fire is characterized by significant risks to firefighters, which is why this choice is the correct answer. In firefighting, any situation where there is a substantial threat to the life and safety of first responders—due to factors like building instability, hazardous materials, or the potential for rapid fire spread—meets the criteria for a dangerous fire. When assessing a building fire, firefighters must consider elements such as structural integrity, occupancy type, and fire behavior. Fires that pose serious risks often involve conditions that can lead to sudden changes in the situation, such as flashover or backdraft, requiring firefighters to take extra precautions and potentially alter their attack strategies. In contrast, a fire with minimal risks or one that only threatens the structural integrity without endangering firefighters does not fit this criterion. Similarly, controlled burns, which are typically managed and regulated to reduce risk, do not represent dangerous fires. Understanding the specific characteristics that define a dangerous fire helps ensure that appropriate safety measures are taken to protect all personnel involved in firefighting operations.

9. What is the maximum time frame for a parent to return after relinquishing an infant?

A. 48 hours

B. 72 hours

C. 1 week

D. 10 days

The maximum time frame for a parent to return after relinquishing an infant is set at 72 hours. This time frame is part of various laws and practices regarding safe haven laws, which allow parents to safely surrender their newborns at designated locations, like hospitals or fire stations, without facing legal consequences. The 72-hour period is significant because it allows parents a manageable window during which they can change their minds about relinquishing their child and reclaim them. This supports the idea of ensuring that if a parent feels overwhelmed, they have a defined, reasonable period to reconsider their decision and reunite with the child.

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10. If a CFD member suspects radiation exposure, what should they do?

A. Evacuate the area immediately

B. Wait until symptoms present

C. Call for support teams

D. Report the incident to a supervisor

The best course of action when a CFD member suspects radiation exposure is to report the incident to a supervisor. This choice empowers the member to ensure that proper protocols are followed, allowing for appropriate measures to assess the situation and respond accordingly. Immediate reporting initiates the emergency response process, bringing in trained personnel who can evaluate the potential risks and take necessary actions, such as assessing radiation levels and providing medical assistance if needed. While evacuating the area might seem like a logical option, it can lead to chaotic situations where individuals may not be properly accounted for, and critical communications could be interrupted. Waiting for symptoms to present can delay the response to potential exposure, which is crucial in minimizing health risks. Calling for support teams is an important step, but this should also occur after notifying a supervisor, who can coordinate the response effectively. Therefore, reporting the incident not only aligns with safety protocols but also maximizes the efficiency of the response to potential radiation exposure.

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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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