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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 is the median of the data set: {3, 7, 9, 5, 1}?

A. 5

B. 3

C. 4

D. 6

2. A dress costing $180 is on sale with a 10% discount. What is the amount of the discount?

A. $12

B. $15

C. $18

D. $20

3. In a statistical distribution, which measure is defined as the score that occurs most frequently?

A. Median

B. Mode

C. Mean

D. Range

4. Which statement about fractions is true regarding 0.12?

A. It can be simplified to 2/15

B. It equals 1/5

C. It is equivalent to 3/25

D. It is greater than 1/4

5. What is the sum of the integers from 1 to 100?

A. 5050

B. 4900

C. 5000

D. 5100

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6. What is the greatest common divisor (GCD) of 8 and 12?

A. 2

B. 4

C. 6

D. 8

7. Solve for x in the equation 5x - 15 = 0.

A. x = 1

B. x = 2

C. x = 3

D. x = 4

8. Solve for x in the equation x/3 + 1 = 5.

A. 10

B. 12

C. 9

D. 15

9. A rectangle has a length of 12 cm and a width of 5 cm. What is its perimeter?

A. 34 cm

B. 40 cm

C. 28 cm

D. 25 cm

10. If a car travels 120 km in 2 hours, what is its speed in km/h?

A. 50 km/h

B. 55 km/h

C. 60 km/h

D. 65 km/h

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the median of the data set: {3, 7, 9, 5, 1}?

A. 5

B. 3

C. 4

D. 6

To find the median of a data set, the first step is to arrange the numbers in ascending order. In this case, the data set {3, 7, 9, 5, 1} is arranged as {1, 3, 5, 7, 9}. The median is defined as the middle value in a sorted list. Since there are five numbers in this data set, which is an odd number, the median will be the value located at the third position—the middle number. After sorting, the third number in the ordered list {1, 3, 5, 7, 9} is 5. Thus, the median of the data set is 5. This reflects the central tendency of the data, providing a measure of the middle point around which the other values are distributed. The choice of 5 accurately represents this middle position in the sorted list, confirming its validity as the median.

2. A dress costing $180 is on sale with a 10% discount. What is the amount of the discount?

A. $12

B. $15

C. $18

D. $20

To determine the amount of the discount on a dress costing $180 with a 10% discount, you need to calculate 10% of the original price. First, convert the percentage discount to a decimal. This is done by dividing 10 by 100, which gives you 0.10. Next, multiply this decimal by the original price of the dress: \[0.10 \times 180 = 18 \] Therefore, the amount of the discount is $18. This means that when the dress is sold at a 10% discount, the reduction in price is $18 from the original cost. This calculation shows why the answer indicating the discount amount as $18 is the correct choice.

3. In a statistical distribution, which measure is defined as the score that occurs most frequently?

A. Median

B. Mode

C. Mean

D. Range

In a statistical distribution, the mode is defined as the score that occurs most frequently. Understanding the mode is essential in statistics because it provides insight into which value or category appears most often in a dataset. This can be particularly useful for identifying trends or common characteristics within the data. For example, if you have a dataset representing the number of pets owned by a group of people, the mode would represent the most common number of pets owned. If five people own one dog, three own two dogs, and two own three dogs, the mode would be one dog, as it is the most frequently occurring score. Other measures such as the median and mean serve different purposes. The median indicates the middle value when data is ordered, while the mean calculates the average of all values. The range provides a measure of the spread of values by calculating the difference between the highest and lowest scores. These measures enhance the overall understanding of the dataset but do not identify the most common score, which is the role of the mode.

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4. Which statement about fractions is true regarding 0.12?

A. It can be simplified to 2/15

B. It equals 1/5

C. It is equivalent to 3/25

D. It is greater than 1/4

To understand why the statement about 0.12 being equivalent to 3/25 is accurate, we can convert the decimal into a fraction. The decimal 0.12 can be expressed as 12/100, because the digits after the decimal point represent hundredths. Next, we simplify 12/100 by finding the greatest common divisor (GCD) of the numerator and denominator. The GCD of 12 and 100 is 4. Dividing both the numerator and the denominator by 4 gives us: 12 ÷ 4 = 3 100 ÷ 4 = 25 Thus, 12/100 simplifies to 3/25, confirming that 0.12 is indeed equivalent to 3/25. This understanding allows us to see why this statement is true without needing to compare it against the other claims about 0.12 made in the question. The conversion and simplification method used further clarifies the relationship between the decimal and its fractional representation.

5. What is the sum of the integers from 1 to 100?

A. 5050

B. 4900

C. 5000

D. 5100

To find the sum of the integers from 1 to 100, you can use the formula for the sum of an arithmetic series. The formula is given by: \[S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a + l) \] where \(S_n \) is the sum of the first \(n \) terms, \(a \) is the first term, \(l \) is the last term, and \(n \) is the number of terms. In this case, the first term \(a \) is 1, the last term \(l \) is 100, and the number of terms \(n \) is 100. Plugging these values into the formula: \[S_{100} = \frac{100}{2} (1 + 100) = 50 \times 101 = 5050 \] This shows that the total sum of the integers from 1 to 100 is indeed 5050. It utilizes the fact that the series (1 to 100) forms a symmetrical structure where pairs of numbers from the ends add up to the same total (1 + 100, 2 + 99, and so on). Hence, the

6. What is the greatest common divisor (GCD) of 8 and 12?

A. 2

B. 4

C. 6

D. 8

To determine the greatest common divisor (GCD) of 8 and 12, it is helpful to list the factors of each number: For 8, the factors are: 1, 2, 4, 8 For 12, the factors are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12 Next, we identify the common factors between the two sets. The common factors of 8 and 12 are: 1, 2, and 4. Out of these common factors, the greatest one is 4. Therefore, the GCD of 8 and 12 is indeed 4. This is why 4 is the correct answer. It represents the largest number that can evenly divide both 8 and 12 without leaving any remainder. Understanding the GCD is important in simplifying fractions, finding common denominators, and solving problems related to number theory.

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7. Solve for x in the equation 5x - 15 = 0.

A. x = 1

B. x = 2

C. x = 3

D. x = 4

To solve the equation \(5x - 15 = 0\), you start by isolating \(x\). First, you can add 15 to both sides of the equation to eliminate the constant term on the left side: \[5x - 15 + 15 = 0 + 15\] This simplifies to: \[5x = 15\] Next, to get \(x\) by itself, divide both sides of the equation by 5: \[\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{15}{5}\] This results in: \[x = 3\] Thus, the solution to \(5x - 15 = 0\) is \(x = 3\). This means that option C is the correct answer.

8. Solve for x in the equation x/3 + 1 = 5.

A. 10

B. 12

C. 9

D. 15

To solve the equation \(\frac{x}{3} + 1 = 5 \), the first step is to isolate the term involving \(x \). Start by subtracting 1 from both sides of the equation: \[\frac{x}{3} + 1 - 1 = 5 - 1 \] This simplifies to: \[\frac{x}{3} = 4 \] Next, to eliminate the fraction, multiply both sides of the equation by 3: \[3 \times \frac{x}{3} = 3 \times 4 \] This results in: \[x = 12 \] Thus, the value of \(x \) is 12. The calculation shows that when you isolate \(x \) and solve carefully, you arrive at the correct answer of 12, confirming it satisfies the original equation. Understanding this process of isolating the variable and performing operations step-by-step is crucial in solving linear equations effectively.

9. A rectangle has a length of 12 cm and a width of 5 cm. What is its perimeter?

A. 34 cm

B. 40 cm

C. 28 cm

D. 25 cm

To find the perimeter of a rectangle, you use the formula: \[\text{Perimeter} = 2 \times (\text{Length} + \text{Width}) \] In this case, the length of the rectangle is 12 cm and the width is 5 cm. Plugging these values into the formula: \[\text{Perimeter} = 2 \times (12 \, \text{cm} + 5 \, \text{cm}) \] First, calculate the sum of the length and the width: \[12 \, \text{cm} + 5 \, \text{cm} = 17 \, \text{cm} \] Now, multiply this sum by 2: \[\text{Perimeter} = 2 \times 17 \, \text{cm} = 34 \, \text{cm} \] Thus, the perimeter of the rectangle is 34 cm. This demonstrates the application of the formula in calculating the perimeter based on the given dimensions of the rectangle.

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10. If a car travels 120 km in 2 hours, what is its speed in km/h?

A. 50 km/h

B. 55 km/h

C. 60 km/h

D. 65 km/h

To find the speed of the car in kilometers per hour (km/h), you can use the formula for speed, which is given by the distance traveled divided by the time taken. In this scenario, the car travels a distance of 120 kilometers in a time of 2 hours. To calculate the speed, you would perform the following calculation: Speed = Distance / Time Speed = 120 km / 2 hours = 60 km/h This calculation shows that the car's speed is indeed 60 km/h, which is why this answer is the correct one. Understanding this formula is fundamental in solving problems related to speed, distance, and time, allowing for practical application in various contexts involving motion.

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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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