DEAN VAUGHN MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY PRACTICE TEST (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. The prefix Lobo- is most closely associated with which meaning?

A. Lip

B. Section

C. Tail

D. Spinal column

2. Which prefix means Head?

A. Ambi-

B. Olfact-

C. Ger-

D. Capit-

3. The prefix meaning 'Labor, bring forth'?

A. Part-

B. Pod-

C. Tarso-

D. Somato-

4. Which prefix refers to 'back'?

A. Labi-

B. Grad-

C. Dors-

D. Peps-

5. -asthenia means which?

A. Weakness

B. Strength

C. Inflammation

D. Pain

6. Which prefix means 'Good'?

A. Flat

B. Heter-

C. Amphi-

D. Eu-

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7. Which prefix means Old?

A. Ger-

B. Capit-

C. Clas-

D. Cau-

8. The prefix Mamm- means which term?

A. Breast

B. Stomach

C. Arm

D. Leg

9. What does the root Glyco- refer to?

A. Sweet

B. Bitter

C. Sour

D. Salty

10. Acoust(i)- denotes which sense?

A. Sight

B. Hearing

C. Smell

D. Taste

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. The prefix Lobo- is most closely associated with which meaning?

A. Lip

B. Section

C. Tail

D. Spinal column

Lobo- points to a lobe, which is a distinct division of an organ. In anatomy, organs like the brain and lungs are described as having lobes, such as the frontal lobe or the lung lobes, and terms built with lobo- convey that idea of a lobed section rather than a simple surface or a whole organ. That's why this prefix is most closely tied to the concept of a lobe. If you were thinking about the other options: lip would be represented by labio- or cheilo-, section would use sect- or segment-, tail isn't described with lobo- (it would be terms related to caudal or tail-like structures), and the spinal column involves vertebr- or spondyl- rather than lobe-related language. So the best match for lobo- is lobe.

2. Which prefix means Head?

A. Ambi-

B. Olfact-

C. Ger-

D. Capit-

The idea being tested is recognizing which prefix carries the meaning of "head." The form capit- comes from the Latin caput, meaning head, and in medical terms it signals something related to the head or the top of something. You'll see it in words like capital (head or main), capital city (the head city), and per capita (by head). The other options map to different ideas: ambi- means both sides, olfact- relates to smell, and ger- (or geri-) relates to old age. So capit- is the prefix that means head.

3. The prefix meaning 'Labor, bring forth'?

A. Part-

B. Pod-

C. Tarso-

D. Somato-

Labor or bringing forth is expressed by the prefix part-. It comes from Latin partus meaning birth, as seen in terms like parturition (the act of giving birth) and postpartum (after birth). The other prefixes point to different body parts: pod- refers to the foot, tarso- to the ankle (tarsus), and somato- to the body.

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4. Which prefix refers to 'back'?

A. Labi-

B. Grad-

C. Dors-

D. Peps-

The main concept here is how prefixes indicate location on the body. The prefix that means back is dors-. It appears in words like dorsal, which describes the backside or back surface, and dorsum, the anatomical back. The other prefixes point to different things: labi- refers to the lip, grad- relates to steps or degrees, and peps- concerns digestion or the stomach. So dors- is the one that correctly denotes the back.

5. -asthenia means which?

A. Weakness

B. Strength

C. Inflammation

D. Pain

The main idea here is understanding medical suffixes that describe a condition. -asthenia denotes weakness or debility. The prefix a- means without, and sthenia comes from a Greek root for strength, so together they express a lack of strength. That's why the meaning is weakness, and you'll see it in terms like myasthenia gravis, which centers on muscle weakness. Inflammation is indicated by -itis, and pain by -algia or -odynia, so those don't match the concept of lacking strength.

6. Which prefix means 'Good'?

A. Flat

B. Heter-

C. Amphi-

D. Eu-

The meaning being tested is recognizing a prefix that conveys positivity. The prefix eu- comes from Greek and means good, well, or true, which is why it fits the idea of "Good." You'll see it in terms like eupnea (normal breathing) or euthanasia (a "good/death" in a merciful sense). Among the options, the one that reflects a positive sense is eu-. The other options point to different ideas: something like heter- means different, amphi- means both sides or around, and flat isn't a medical prefix. So Eu- is the correct choice because it directly means good.

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7. Which prefix means Old?

A. Ger-

B. Capit-

C. Clas-

D. Cau-

The main idea is recognizing a prefix that signals aging. Ger- comes from Greek geros, meaning old, and appears in terms like geriatric, geriatrics, and gerontology. That direct link to aging is why ger- is the best fit for "Old." Capit- points to the head (caput), so it would be for things related to the head. Clas- relates to breaking or fracture (seen in terms like osteoclasis). Cau- doesn't denote aging; it's used in different medical contexts unrelated to age.

8. The prefix Mamm- means which term?

A. Breast

B. Stomach

C. Arm

D. Leg

Mamm- means breast. This prefix comes from Latin mamma and appears in terms that relate to breast anatomy or procedures, such as mammogram, mammoplasty, and mammary gland. The other body parts use different prefixes—stomach is indicated by gastr- or gastro-, arm by brachi- or brach/o-, and leg by crur- (or related forms)—so mamm- is specifically tied to the breast.

9. What does the root Glyco- refer to?

A. Sweet

B. Bitter

C. Sour

D. Salty

Glyco- comes from Greek glykys, meaning sweet. In medical terminology it signals something related to sugar or sweetness—think glycoprotein (protein with sugar groups) or glycogen (a sugar storage form). It isn't about taste sensations like bitterness, sourness, or saltiness, so the root's meaning is best captured by Sweet.

10. Acoust(i)- denotes which sense?

A. Sight

B. Hearing

C. Smell

D. Taste

Acoust- comes from the Greek akouein, meaning to hear, and in medical terminology it denotes the sense of hearing. You'll see it appear in terms related to sound perception and the auditory system. The other senses have different roots (sight with optic/ocul-, smell with olfact-, taste with gust-), so acoust- is specifically tied to hearing.

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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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