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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. **If a non-registrant requests disposal of controlled substances, what must they submit?**

   A. A letter including name and address of the person, name and quantity of CS, how obtained, and name/address/reg number if known

   B. A Form 41

   C. An exception from the DEA

   D. A purchase order

2. **What is true about the final rule's take-back program?**

   A. It is voluntary, with costs and liability concerns

   B. It is mandatory for pharmacies to participate

   C. It prohibits take-back programs

   D. It requires all hospitals to implement on-site disposal

3. **Which information must be retrievable by prescription number for refills?**

   A. The name and dosage form of the controlled substance

   B. The prescriber's favorite color

   C. The pharmacy's street address

   D. The patient's insurance company

4. **Prescriptions by Schedule: Schedule III rules state that such prescriptions are valid for up to how many days or refills?**

   A. 180 days or up to five refills, up to 30-day supply, can be faxed but not emailed.

   B. 90 days with no refills.

   C. Email and fax allowed with unlimited refills.

   D. Only verbal prescriptions are allowed.

5. **Which statement about the CSA schedules is true?**

   A. There are four schedules

   B. The Act lists three schedules

   C. The Act lists six schedules

   D. The Act lists five schedules

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6. RCRA Hazardous Pharmaceutical waste is defined by which characteristics?

A. Biodegradability

B. Odor

C. Ignitability

D. Color

7. When was the U.S. Food and Drug Administration established?

A. 1906

B. 1880

C. 1920

D. 1990

8. What is the mission of the DEA?

A. To license pharmacists

B. To publish drug schedules in the Federal Register

C. To enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States

D. To inspect training programs for pharmacists

9. Which distribution describes how copies are sent with a DEA Form 222 when ordering?

A. The purchaser retains Copy 3; Copy 1 and Copy 2 are sent to the supplier

B. The supplier retains Copy 1

C. The purchaser retains Copy 1

D. All copies are sent to the supplier

10. Who is authorized to write a prescription for a controlled substance?

A. The pharmacist

B. The patient

C. The prescribing practitioner

D. The DEA administrator

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. If a non-registrant requests disposal of controlled substances, what must they submit?

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Disposal of controlled substances must go through DEA-approved channels with proper documentation. A non-registrant cannot directly destroy CS; to start the process, they should submit a written request that includes identifying details and specifics about the substances. That typically means providing their name and address, the names and quantities of the controlled substances, how they were obtained, and, if known, the registration number and the entity that holds the substances. This information helps the appropriate registered party coordinate disposal with a DEA-approved reverse distributor. The formal disposal document used by registrants is DEA Form 41, which is part of the authorized disposal workflow. A purchase order does not apply to disposal.

2. What is true about the final rule's take-back program?

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Take-back programs under the final rule are designed to provide safe disposal options for controlled substances, but participation is voluntary. The framework allows manufacturers and other authorized entities to establish or join take-back events or mail-back programs, yet it does not require pharmacies or other facilities to participate. Costs and liability concerns can influence whether an organization chooses to participate, since handling, storage, and destruction of controlled substances carry responsibilities and potential risks. The rule does not prohibit take-back programs, and it does not require all hospitals to implement on-site disposal. In short, participation is voluntary and shaped by practical considerations like cost and liability.

3. Which information must be retrievable by prescription number for refills?

A. The name and dosage form of the controlled substance

B. The prescriber's favorite color

C. The pharmacy's street address

D. The patient's insurance company

In pharmacy recordkeeping for controlled substances, the ability to pull up a prescription by its number hinges on clearly identifying exactly which drug was prescribed. Federal requirements require that the record show the substance being dispensed so the system can retrieve the correct item when refills are requested. The essential detail for this identification is the drug's name and its dosage form, which uniquely identifies what was prescribed and ensures the correct medication is dispensed on each refill. The other items listed—prescriber's favorite color, the pharmacy's street address, or the patient's insurance company—do not identify the medication and are not the data used to retrieve the prescription by number.

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Schedule III prescriptions follow a six-month time frame from the date written and allow up to five refills. In practice, each refill is generally limited to a 30-day supply, so the total window can span 180 days with up to five refills. Prescriptions for Schedule III drugs are commonly transmitted by fax to the pharmacy, whereas emailing them is not typically allowed for these controlled substances. So the best choice reflects a 180-day validity, up to five refills, up to a 30-day supply, and transmission by fax rather than email. The other options don't fit because they either shorten the valid period (90 days with no refills), claim unlimited refills, or limit to verbal prescriptions only, which isn't accurate for Schedule III substances.

5. Which statement about the CSA schedules is true?

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The CSA uses a five-tier system to classify drugs, labeled I through V, based on their potential for abuse and accepted medical use. This framework determines how each substance is regulated, prescribed, and dispensed. Therefore, the statement that the Act lists five schedules is true. There are not four, three, or six schedules in the CSA.

6. RCRA Hazardous Pharmaceutical waste is defined by which characteristics?

A. Biodegradability

B. Odor

C. Ignitability

D. Color

RCRA hazardous waste is defined by four characteristics that indicate how hazardous the waste is: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, and toxicity. Ignitability specifically refers to waste that can easily catch fire under normal conditions—for liquids, this means a flash point at or below 60°C (140°F); for certain solids, it means they can ignite through friction, heat, or shock. In pharmaceutical waste, flammable solvents or materials that can ignite fall into this category, making them hazardous. Biodegradability, odor, and color are not used by RCRA to define hazardous waste, so they don't determine whether a pharmaceutical waste is hazardous.

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7. When was the U.S. Food and Drug Administration established?

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The main concept here is the origins of federal food and drug regulation. The agency traces its establishment to the Pure Food and Drug Act passed in 1906, which created a federal mechanism to regulate safety and labeling for foods and medicines. That act marks the founding moment of federal oversight and the precursor to today's FDA. While the agency was later reorganized and officially named the FDA in 1927, 1906 is the year most references use for its establishment because that's when the regulatory framework began. The other years don't reflect the founding: 1880 relates to a predecessor agency (the Bureau of Chemistry), and the later dates aren't tied to the initial creation of the FDA.

8. What is the mission of the DEA?

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The DEA's mission is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States. This means upholding the Controlled Substances Act by regulating who can manufacture, distribute, prescribe, or dispense controlled substances, and by investigating violations and taking enforcement action to prevent drug diversion and trafficking. Licensing pharmacists is typically handled by state boards of pharmacy, scheduling actions and related regulatory work are broader regulatory functions that arise from enforcement but aren't the mission itself, and inspecting training programs for pharmacists falls outside the DEA's primary role.

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The form is designed so that three copies create a clear paper trail among the purchaser, the supplier, and the DEA for orders of Schedule I and II substances. The correct flow is that the purchaser keeps Copy 3 for their records, while Copies 1 and 2 are sent to the supplier. The supplier uses Copy 1 to confirm and process the order and then forwards Copy 2 to the DEA to document the transaction. This arrangement ensures the purchaser has a record of what was ordered, the supplier has the order documented and can report to the DEA, and the DEA receives the necessary information to monitor the transaction. Sending all copies to the supplier or having the supplier keep the copies without ensuring the purchaser has a Copy 3 would remove the purchaser's record and violate the intended trail.

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10. Who is authorized to write a prescription for a controlled substance?

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B. The patient

C. The prescribing practitioner

D. The DEA administrator

Prescriptions for controlled substances must come from someone who is authorized to diagnose and treat patients and to prescribe these drugs under both state and federal law. That person is the prescribing practitioner, such as a physician, dentist, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who is licensed and has the required DEA registration. Pharmacists don't create new prescriptions; they dispense medications based on a valid prescription written by an authorized prescriber. A patient cannot issue a prescription themselves, and the DEA administrator regulates and enforces the system rather than prescribing. So the prescribing practitioner is the one who can legally write a prescription for a controlled substance.

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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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