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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. Which criticism relates to the imbalance of power in the IMF?

A. Balanced representation.

B. Global consensus on policy.

C. Imbalance of power.

D. Transparent governance.

2. Which statement best defines individualism?

A. A preference for a loosely-knit social framework where individuals take care of themselves and their immediate families (e.g., USA)

B. A preference for collective decision making

C. A preference for a tightly-knit framework where individuals expect their in-group to look after them (e.g., China)

D. A preference for collectivism

3. What does restraint do in cultural dimensions?

A. Suppresses gratification of needs and regulates it by strict social norms.

B. Encourages impulsive consumer behavior.

C. Promotes unlimited leisure.

D. Leads to universal individualism.

4. What does Global Strategic Rivalry Theory emphasize about firms?

A. MNCs use R&D, IP, and economies of scale to gain competitive advantage.

B. Tariffs determine firm strategy.

C. Exchange rate movements determine all firm decisions.

D. Cultural differences are the primary driver of market success.

5. Which of the following represents compliance with the FCPA?

A. Bribing a foreign official to obtain business.

B. Providing accurate and lawful records of payments to foreign officials.

C. Disguising payments as legitimate fees.

D. Paying a consultant to influence officials.

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6. What is globalization?

A. The trend toward greater economic, cultural, political, and technological interdependence among national institutions and economies.

B. A policy to isolate economies.

C. The process of colonization.

D. A single global currency.

7. What is a matrix structure?

A. A hierarchical structure with a single reporting line.

B. A hybrid structure where employees report to two managers.

C. A divisional structure organized by geography.

D. A flat structure with no management layers.

8. Which statement best describes the general effect of tariffs and quotas on markets?

A. They lower prices and increase quantities.

B. They have no impact on prices or quantities.

C. They raise prices and lower quantities.

D. They only affect export levels.

9. Brownfield FDI is best described as

A. Establishing a brand-new operation from the ground up in a foreign country.

B. Investing in a foreign operation that sells or distributes the firm's products.

C. Acquiring or leasing an existing business or facility in a foreign country.

D. A company that operates in one country only.

10. Which institution's mandate includes ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity in developing nations?

A. IMF

B. WTO

C. World Bank

D. Asian Development Bank

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which criticism relates to the imbalance of power in the IMF?

A. Balanced representation.

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D. Transparent governance.

Imbalance of power is the exact issue critics point to when discussing the IMF. The institution's governance relies on quotas that determine voting power, and these quotas have historically given outsized influence to a few wealthy economies. That means a small number of members can steer decisions, shape policy conditions, and block reforms, while developing and smaller economies are underrepresented. This mismatch between actual global economic weight and who holds decision-making power is the core concern, making that choice the best fit. The other phrases describe different ideas. Balanced representation would imply equal influence for all, which is the opposite of what critics say about IMF governance. A global consensus on policy refers to broad agreement, not who has power. Transparent governance focuses on openness and accountability, which is related but doesn't capture the fundamental issue of power concentration.

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Individualism centers on independence and personal autonomy. The statement describing a loosely-knit social framework where individuals take care of themselves and their immediate families best captures that idea, because it emphasizes personal responsibility and limited obligation to extended groups. In such cultures, goals are often pursued by individuals rather than by the group, and self-reliance is valued. The other statements describe collectivist patterns—group or in-group decision making, expectations that the in-group will look after members, or an explicit preference for collectivism—where interdependence and group goals take precedence over individual choices. Hence, the loosely-knit, self-reliant description is the best definition.

3. What does restraint do in cultural dimensions?

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Restraint in cultural dimensions describes societies that suppress the gratification of desires and regulate it through strict social norms. This means people are guided to delay gratification, follow rules, and prioritize duty and self-control over spontaneous indulging. So, the best description is that restraint suppresses gratification and regulates it by strict social norms. It does not align with impulsive consumer behavior, unlimited leisure, or universal individualism, which are more characteristic of indulgent, freedom-loving, or individual-focused cultures.

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Global Strategic Rivalry Theory explains how multinational firms gain an edge by leveraging strategic resources and global competition. The main emphasis is on how firms build and deploy assets that are hard for competitors to imitate, allowing them to outperform rivals across markets. The most powerful levers are research and development, which fuels ongoing innovation and keeps products ahead; intellectual property, which protects innovations and creates monetizable advantages; and economies of scale, which lower unit costs and strengthen bargaining power as output grows. When a firm combines strong R&D with protected IP and the cost advantages of scale, it can sustain superior performance globally, deterring entry and outperforming rivals. Tariffs, exchange rate movements, or cultural factors can influence strategy, but they are not the focus—the emphasis is on how firms use their strategic resources to win in competition across borders.

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The key idea being tested is how the FCPA defines compliance through two main pillars: avoiding improper payments to foreign officials and keeping accurate, transparent records. Providing accurate and lawful records of payments to foreign officials best fits compliance because it reflects the accounting provisions of the FCPA, which require truthful recording of all payments and strong internal controls. This transparency helps prevent hidden or illicit payments and demonstrates that the company can be audited and held accountable. Bribing a foreign official to obtain business violates the anti-bribery prohibition. Disguising payments as legitimate fees is an attempt to conceal improper payments, which still breaches the spirit and requirements of the act. Paying a consultant to influence officials also constitutes improper influence. The compliant approach centers on truthful records and lawful, transparent practices.

6. What is globalization?

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D. A single global currency.

Globalization is the trend toward greater interdependence among nations across economic, cultural, political, and technological dimensions. It means markets and firms operate worldwide, with more trade, cross-border investment, the movement of people, and the sharing of information and ideas. Advances in transport and communication make it easier for countries to connect, collaborate, and influence one another, often requiring coordinated policies and institutions. It's not simply about isolating economies, which would be the opposite of globalization; nor is it the process of colonization, which is a historical phenomenon rooted in domination. It's also not defined by having a single global currency, which is just one possible outcome rather than the defining feature of globalization itself.

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A matrix structure blends functional expertise with project-based authority, creating dual reporting lines. In this setup, an employee reports to a functional manager for their technical or specialist area and also to a project or product manager for the specific initiative they're working on. This dual authority lets resources be shared across projects and fosters cross-functional collaboration, which is why it's described as a hybrid structure. It's different from a traditional hierarchy with a single boss, a geography-based divisional setup, or a flat organization with few management layers, because those either concentrate authority in one line or organize around location or span fewer levels. So the description that captures a matrix structure is the one where employees report to two managers.

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Tariffs and quotas act as barriers to trade, limiting the flow of imports into a market. A tariff adds a tax on imported goods, which raises the price that buyers pay and reduces the quantity demanded and imported. A quota sets a hard limit on how much can be imported, so supply from abroad is restricted; with less available, the domestic price rises and the total traded quantity falls. In both cases, consumers face higher prices and purchase less, while domestic producers may gain from the higher price. There's also a loss of overall welfare due to the inefficiency created by restricting trade. So the general market effect is higher prices and lower quantities.

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D. A company that operates in one country only.

Brownfield FDI involves acquiring or leasing an existing facility in a foreign country. This mode lets a company enter a market by taking over an already operating plant, office, or factory, often enabling faster access to local resources and customers because the infrastructure and workforce are in place. It contrasts with starting a new operation from scratch, which would be greenfield FDI and requires more time to build up capacity. It also isn't simply investing in a foreign arm that only sells or distributes products; that describes a distribution or partnership arrangement rather than owning and operating a physical facility. Finally, operating only in one country isn't foreign direct investment at all.

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10. Which institution's mandate includes ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity in developing nations?

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The question tests knowledge of which international financial institution explicitly prioritizes reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity. The World Bank's mandate centers on ending extreme poverty within a generation and promoting shared prosperity for the bottom 40% of people in developing countries, achieved through development lending, policy advice, and knowledge sharing. This focus directly matches the stated goal. The IMF concentrates on macroeconomic stability and balance of payments issues, not a poverty-reduction mandate. The WTO handles trade rules and negotiations, not development-focused poverty alleviation. The Asian Development Bank targets development in Asia and the Pacific, but its mandate is regionally constrained rather than the broad global poverty and shared prosperity framing. So the World Bank is the institution aligned with that mandate.

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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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