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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. She went to the party _____ her dislike for the host.

A. Although

B. Even though

C. Despite of

D. In spite of

2. Identify the word that should be corrected in the sentence: Based on the principals of asepsis, the nurse should consider a sterile packet below waist level to be contaminated.

A. Principals

B. Asepsis

C. Nurse

D. Sterile

3. In the sentence: "The most important things in my life are making money, traveling abroad, and to live well," what is the grammatical error?

A. In

B. To live

C. The most

D. Are

4. The salesman recommended that he keeps his receipt for at least a month.

A. That

B. For

C. Keeps

D. At least

5. What is the appropriate usage for “less than”?

A. For countable nouns

B. For uncountable nouns

C. For emotions

D. For feelings

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6. Which option correctly completes the sentence? The student _____ for the final exam.

A. Didn't studied

B. Was studying

C. Studied hardly

D. Would have studied

7. What is the incorrect word in: "In the accident that destroyed his car, he had ten of his tooths mocked out."?

A. Tooths

B. Mocked out

C. His

D. Ten of

8. Identify the subject in the following sentence: The children played in the park.

A. The children

B. Played

C. In the park

D. The park

9. Which pronoun would correctly replace the noun in this sentence: The teacher gave the students instructions. The students were confused.

A. They

B. It

C. Them

D. Us

10. What is the grammatical mistake in this sentence: There is many options to choose from for the upcoming event?

A. Is

B. Many

C. Options

D. Choose from

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. She went to the party _____ her dislike for the host.

A. Although

B. Even though

C. Despite of

D. In spite of

The correct choice is "in spite of." This phrase is used to indicate that a particular outcome occurred regardless of adverse circumstances. In this context, it suggests that she attended the party despite having a dislike for the host, emphasizing the contradiction between her feelings and her action. "In spite of" functions as a prepositional phrase that directly highlights the unexpected nature of the action taken, which is attending the party. It conveys that her attendance did not align with her negative feelings towards the host. The other options do not fit properly in this context. "Although" and "even though" serve to introduce a contrast but require a complete clause to follow and do not directly convey the same meaning as "in spite of." "Despite of" is incorrect; the correct phrase is simply "despite," which similarly indicates that something happened regardless of an opposing factor, but does so less effectively than "in spite of."

2. Identify the word that should be corrected in the sentence: Based on the principals of asepsis, the nurse should consider a sterile packet below waist level to be contaminated.

A. Principals

B. Asepsis

C. Nurse

D. Sterile

The word that needs correction in the sentence is "principals." The correct word to use in this context is "principles." "Principles" refers to fundamental truths or propositions that serve as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior, which is appropriate when discussing the guidelines or standards of asepsis in a nursing context. "Principals," on the other hand, refers to individuals who hold a position of authority or leadership, which is not relevant to the subject of aseptic technique. Therefore, replacing "principals" with "principles" clarifies that the sentence is discussing the basic tenets of asepsis that the nurse should keep in mind regarding sterile practices.

3. In the sentence: "The most important things in my life are making money, traveling abroad, and to live well," what is the grammatical error?

A. In

B. To live

C. The most

D. Are

In the sentence, "The most important things in my life are making money, traveling abroad, and to live well," the phrase "to live well" creates a parallel structure error. The other elements in the list, "making money" and "traveling abroad," are gerunds, which are the -ing forms of verbs that function as nouns. For the list to be grammatically parallel, all items should maintain the same form. Using "to live well," which is an infinitive phrase, disrupts this parallelism since it does not match the gerund forms. Therefore, replacing "to live well" with "living well" would correct the error and maintain the consistency in structure among all components of the list. This emphasizes the importance of parallelism in lists for grammatical correctness and clarity in writing.

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4. The salesman recommended that he keeps his receipt for at least a month.

A. That

B. For

C. Keeps

D. At least

The correct choice is "keeps," which is an example of a subjunctive mood usage in English. In this context, the phrase "that he keeps his receipt" should actually utilize the base form of the verb following "that," so "keep" should replace "keeps." The subjunctive mood is used to express wishes, recommendations, or suggestions. Here, the recommendation from the salesman necessitates using the base form "keep" to indicate that it is not a statement of fact, but rather a suggestion or recommendation. The form "keeps" is in the present indicative, which is incorrect in this sentence because it implies certainty rather than a suggestion. Thus, the sentence should read: "The salesman recommended that he keep his receipt for at least a month."

5. What is the appropriate usage for “less than”?

A. For countable nouns

B. For uncountable nouns

C. For emotions

D. For feelings

"Less than" is correctly associated with uncountable nouns, which are nouns that cannot be counted individually or do not have a plural form, such as "water," "sugar," and "information." The phrase is utilized to indicate a quantity or amount that is smaller than a specified number or quantity. When discussing measurements, amounts, or degrees that are collective and not quantifiable in distinct individual units, "less than" is the appropriate choice. In contrast, the other options focus on countable nouns or abstract concepts like emotions and feelings, which do not apply to the usage of "less than" as effectively. Countable nouns would use "fewer than" to indicate a smaller number of distinct items. Hence, the use of "less than" aligns perfectly with the context of uncountable nouns, making it the correct choice.

6. Which option correctly completes the sentence? The student _____ for the final exam.

A. Didn't studied

B. Was studying

C. Studied hardly

D. Would have studied

The phrase "The student _____ for the final exam" requires a verb form that appropriately indicates the action of studying in the past or ongoing effort in relation to the final exam. The correct choice, "was studying," uses the past continuous tense, which conveys that the action of studying was in progress at some point in the past. This suggests that at the time of reference, the student was engaged in the study process. Using "was studying" effectively communicates an ongoing action, making it suitable for the context of the sentence, as it implies that the student was actively preparing for the exam during a specific time frame leading up to it. This tense also allows for flexibility in indicating that the studying could have taken place over a period of time, giving a clear picture of the student's efforts.

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7. What is the incorrect word in: "In the accident that destroyed his car, he had ten of his tooths mocked out."?

A. Tooths

B. Mocked out

C. His

D. Ten of

The term "tooths" is incorrect in this context because it is the wrong plural form of "tooth." The correct plural of "tooth" is "teeth." In English, irregular nouns like "tooth" often have unique plural forms that do not simply follow the standard rule of adding "s" or "es." Therefore, in this sentence, "tooths" should be replaced with "teeth" to convey the intended meaning properly. The other words in the sentence—"mocked out," "his," and "ten of"—are used appropriately, and do not present any grammatical issues.

8. Identify the subject in the following sentence: The children played in the park.

A. The children

B. Played

C. In the park

D. The park

The subject of a sentence is the person, animal, or thing that performs the action of the verb. In the sentence "The children played in the park," "The children" is the group performing the action of playing. This group is the focus of the sentence, indicating who is engaging in the activity. The word "played" serves as the verb and describes the action being performed, while "in the park" is a prepositional phrase providing additional context about where the action is taking place. "The park" alone, while it is a noun, does not serve as the subject as it does not indicate who is performing any action in this sentence. Therefore, "The children" accurately identifies the subject that is central to the meaning of the sentence.

9. Which pronoun would correctly replace the noun in this sentence: The teacher gave the students instructions. The students were confused.

A. They

B. It

C. Them

D. Us

The choice "They" is the correct pronoun to replace "the students" in the given context. This pronoun functions as a third-person plural pronoun that refers back to a specific group previously mentioned in the sentence—namely, "the students." Using "they" effectively captures the essential meaning, indicating that the students are the ones who were confused following the teacher's instructions. Since "students" is a plural noun, a plural pronoun like "they" is necessary to maintain grammatical consistency and clarity in the sentence. This helps to avoid repetition and enhances the flow of the narrative. Other options do not appropriately match the referential context of "the students." For example, "it" refers to singular nouns, "them" is an object pronoun that would require a different grammatical construction, and "us" implies inclusion that is not applicable in this scenario. Therefore, "they" is the only option that fulfills both the grammatical and contextual requirements of the sentence.

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10. What is the grammatical mistake in this sentence: There is many options to choose from for the upcoming event?

A. Is

B. Many

C. Options

D. Choose from

In the sentence "There is many options to choose from for the upcoming event," the word "is" is the grammatical mistake because it does not agree in number with the plural noun "options." Since "options" is plural, the correct form should be "are" instead of "is." Using "are" helps ensure subject-verb agreement, which is essential for constructing grammatically correct sentences. In this context, "are" corresponds appropriately to the plural subject "options," reflecting that there are multiple choices available for selection. Therefore, to correct the sentence, it should read: "There are many options to choose from for the upcoming event."

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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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