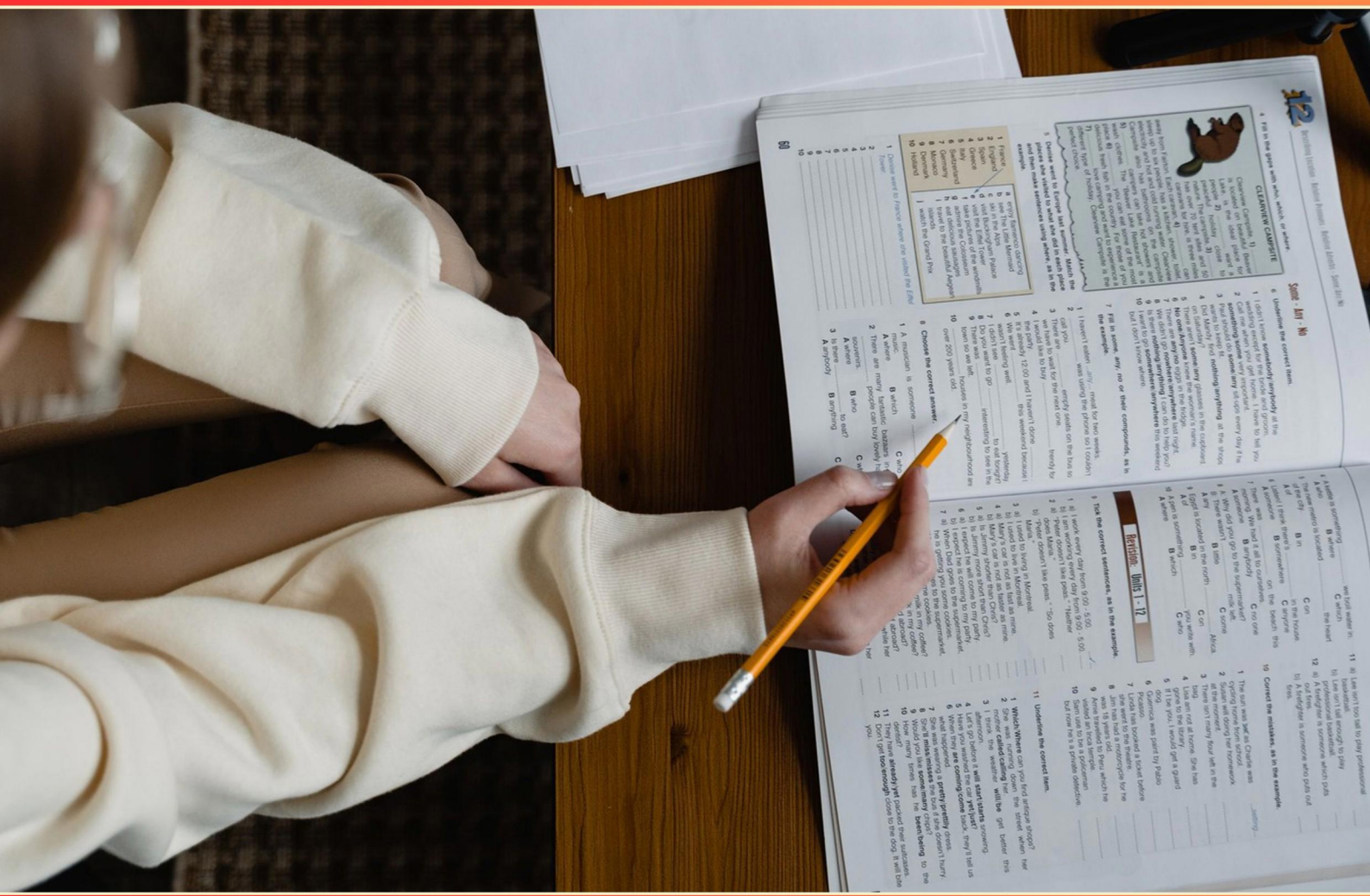
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Introduction

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 root means fascia?

A. Gangli/o

B. Dermat/o

C. Fasci/o

D. Hepat/o

2. A vesicle is best defined as which of the following?

A. The fluid inside a cell

B. Part of the cell wall

C. A type of ribosome

D. A membrane bound sac that contains materials involved in transport of the cell

3. OS stands for which in eye terminology?

A. OU

B. OS

C. OD

D. Oculus sinister

4. The combining form chondr/o refers to which tissue?

A. Cartilage

B. Bone

C. Muscle

D. Tendon

5. Which term means a small bruise?

A. Nystagmus

B. Papule

C. Occlusion

D. Petechia

6. Lymph/o refers to which body substance?

A. Lymph

B. Milk

C. Breast

D. Jejunum

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7. The word trophic relates to which concept?

A. Growth
B. Development
C. Formation
D. Narrowing

8. The plural form of the bronchus is which term?

A. Litho
B. Bronchus
C. Bronchi
D. Embol

9. Which root means liver?

A. Blood
B. Liver
C. Dura
D. Fascia

10. Which root means peritoneum?

A. pariet/o
B. palat/o
C. peritone/o
D. nas/o

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which root means fascia?

A. Gangli/o

B. Dermat/o

C. Fasci/o

D. Hepat/o

In medical terminology, the root part of a word tells you the main structure involved. This item tests which root corresponds to fascia, the connective tissue that surrounds and supports muscles and other structures. The root fasci/o specifically means fascia, so it appears in terms like fascial (relating to fascia) and fascia itself. To contrast the others: gangli/o refers to a ganglion, a nerve cell cluster; dermat/o means skin; hepat/o means liver. These roots point to their respective structures, not fascia, which is why fasci/o is the correct root for fascia.

2. A vesicle is best defined as which of the following?

A. The fluid inside a cell

B. Part of the cell wall

C. A type of ribosome

D. A membrane bound sac that contains materials involved in transport of the cell

A vesicle is a small, membrane-bound sac that transports materials within the cell. It forms when a portion of a membrane buds off, then travels to a target site and fuses with another membrane to deliver its cargo. This encapsulated environment allows cargo like proteins, lipids, and other molecules to be moved around in a controlled way as part of the cell's endomembrane system, such as from the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi, from the Golgi to the plasma membrane, or for storage and release in other organelles. This definition fits because the fluid inside a cell is cytosol, not a vesicle; the cell wall is a rigid external layer in plant cells, not a transport sac; and a ribosome is a molecular machine for protein synthesis, not a membrane-bound transport sac.

3. OS stands for which in eye terminology?

A. OU

B. OS

C. OD

D. Oculus sinister

OS is the shorthand for oculus sinister, the Latin term for the left eye. In eye terminology, physicians use Latin abbreviations to quickly indicate which eye is being referred to: OD means oculus dexter (right eye), OU means oculus uterque (both eyes), and OS points to the left eye. The word "oculus" means eye, "sinister" means left, while "dexter" means right, and "uterque" means both. So OS specifically indicates the left eye.

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4. The combining form chondr/o refers to which tissue?

A. Cartilage

B. Bone

C. Muscle

D. Tendon

Understanding combining forms helps you map a term to the tissue it involves. The combining form chondr/o designates cartilage, the flexible connective tissue that cushions joints and forms structures like the ear and nose. You'll see it in terms such as chondrocyte (a cartilage cell), chondroma (a cartilage tumor), chondritis (inflammation of cartilage), and chondromalacia (softening of cartilage). The other tissues use different roots: bone is oste/o, muscle is my/o, and tendon is tend/o or ten/o. So chondr/o points specifically to cartilage.

5. Which term means a small bruise?

A. Nystagmus

B. Papule

C. Occlusion

D. Petechia

Petechia describes tiny red or purple spots that appear on the skin from very small blood vessels bleeding just beneath the surface. That superficial, pinpoint bleeding looks like a small bruise, which is why this term fits a "small bruise." By comparison, a papule is a small raised bump, occlusion means blockage, and nystagmus is involuntary eye movement. So the tiny, flat, bleed-under-the-skin spots are what petechia refers to.

6. Lymph/o refers to which body substance?

A. Lymph

B. Milk

C. Breast

D. Jejunum

Medical terminology uses combining forms to name body substances, and lymph/o specifically designates lymph, the clear fluid that circulates through the lymphatic system and drains tissues. This distinguishes it from other stems: lact/o or galact/o would refer to milk, mamm/o to the breast, and jejnun/o (jejun/o) to the jejunum. So lymph/o is the combining form used when talking about lymph.

7. The word trophic relates to which concept?

A. Growth

B. Development

C. Formation

D. Narrowing

Trophic describes nourishment and how that nourishment affects tissue growth and development. In medical terminology, "trophic" is used to talk about the development and maintenance of tissues driven by nourishment. Because of that focus on how tissues grow and mature through sustenance, development is the best fit among the options. While growth is related, trophic emphasizes the nourishment-driven process that leads to tissue development and maintenance, rather than the mere act of getting larger.

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8. The plural form of the bronchus is which term?

A. Litho

B. Bronchus

C. Bronchi

D. Embol

Bronchi is the plural form of bronchus. In medical terms, many Latin-based endings change from -us to -i for the plural, so bronchus becomes bronchi. A bronchus is one of the main airways that splits from the trachea into the lungs, and it branches into smaller passages called bronchioles. So when talking about both main airways in the lungs, you say bronchi. The other terms shown are unrelated to pluralization of bronchus.

9. Which root means liver?

A. Blood

B. Liver

C. Dura

D. Fascia

Root words carry the idea of the body part or tissue the term is about. For liver, the standard medical root is hepat- (often seen as hepat/o- or hepato-). In this list, the option that literally names the organ—liver—best signals the liver as the root meaning. That's why it's the right choice: it directly points to the liver itself. The other options refer to blood, the dura mater, and fascia, which aren't related to the liver. Knowing that the liver root is hepat- helps you recognize liver-related terms like hepatic or hepatology when you encounter them.

10. Which root means peritoneum?

A. pariet/o

B. palat/o

C. peritone/o

D. nas/o

Root meanings in medical terminology point to a specific body part. For the peritoneum, the combining form is peritone/o. The peritoneum is the serous membrane that lines the abdominal cavity and covers its organs. When you attach suffixes, you get terms like peritoneal (relating to the peritoneum), peritonitis (inflammation of the peritoneum), or peritoneoscopy (visual examination of the peritoneum). The other roots refer to different structures: pariet/o means wall (as in the parietal layer), palat/o means palate, and nas/o means nose. So, the root that means peritoneum is peritone/o.

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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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