KAFKA ON THE SHORE 1-25 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. How old was Sakura when she ran away from home?

A. 14

B. 15

C. 16

D. 17

2. How many of the children failed to awaken after reaching the hospital?

A. Two

B. One

C. None

D. Three

3. What is Kafka woke up covered in after the blackout?

A. Dust

B. Oil

C. Blood

D. Water

4. When Kafka wakes up from his blackout, who does he first call for help?

A. Sakura

B. Oshima

C. Nakata

D. Hoshino

5. What complaint do the two stern women make about the staff at the public library?

A. That the library is understaffed

B. That the staff are unfriendly

C. That the staff are incompetent

D. That the staff are too loud

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6. The two people who assist with Nakata's train ticket are described as which?

A. Two businesswomen

B. Two businessmen

C. A nurse and a doctor

D. A couple of students

7. Which title does Kafka read that is connected to a collection of folk tales?

A. The Odyssey

B. The Arabian Nights

C. Moby-Dick

D. One Hundred Years of Solitude

8. Who discovered the collection of bloody supplies the teacher had been using to clean herself up?

A. Kafka

B. Nakata

C. Oshima

D. Natsume Soseki

9. Which organization helps Kafka find a cheap hotel to stay in?

A. Public Library

B. City Motel

C. Local Tourist Office

D. YMCA

10. Which famous artist is discovered stabbed to death in his home on the day fish fall from the sky?

A. A painter

B. A sculptor

C. A poet

D. A musician

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How old was Sakura when she ran away from home?

A. 14

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Understanding a character's age at a pivotal moment helps you place the action in the right part of their life and explains why they make certain choices. In this story, Sakura runs away from home when she is fifteen. The text ties that decision to her late-teens phase, a time when independence can feel urgent and the future feels uncertain. That age conveys the sense of a teenager reaching for autonomy, and it fits the timeline and circumstances the narrator describes. Since the story explicitly states she was fifteen at that moment, that reading best matches the events and how they unfold. Other ages would mismatch the described timeline and the character's development in that scene.

2. How many of the children failed to awaken after reaching the hospital?

A. Two

B. One

C. None

D. Three

This item tests your ability to remember a specific outcome from the hospital scene. The narrative makes a clear note that after reaching the hospital, only one child failed to awaken, while the others did awaken. That precise detail is why the correct count is one. It highlights how the moment blends gravity with a flicker of hope. If you recall a different number—two, none, or three—it would contradict what the text explicitly describes about the children's fate.

3. What is Kafka woke up covered in after the blackout?

A. Dust

B. Oil

C. Blood

D. Water

This moment hinges on the vivid image of waking up after a blackout and finding blood on him. That detail signals violence or a traumatic, memory-laden event that has just occurred in the dark, tying the blackout to immediate danger and the sense that something from the hidden past has erupted into the present. Blood as a symbol here conveys injury, guilt, and the fragile boundary between dream and reality, which is central to the book's mood and themes. The other possibilities don't carry that same combination of harm, immediacy, and symbolic weight, so they don't fit the described scene as well.

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4. When Kafka wakes up from his blackout, who does he first call for help?

A. Sakura

B. Oshima

C. Nakata

D. Hoshino

The main idea this question tests is who Kafka instinctively reaches out to for immediate help when he regains consciousness. In that moment, his first impulse is to contact someone who knows him well, cares for him, and can respond quickly. Sakura fits that role because she's the person in his circle who can provide immediate comfort and assistance at a moment of vulnerability. Her presence in his world and the trust he has in her make her the natural first point of contact when he's disoriented and seeking safety. The other names belong to different parts of the story or roles he interacts with later, and they aren't the first to respond in this grounding moment. So reaching out to Sakura is the most fitting immediate call for help.

5. What complaint do the two stern women make about the staff at the public library?

A. That the library is understaffed

B. That the staff are unfriendly

C. That the staff are incompetent

D. That the staff are too loud

The situation tests your ability to read a scene and identify what is causing the patrons to complain. The two stern women are irritated because there aren't enough staff to handle the demand at the public library. When a scenario describes long lines, empty service desks, or slow help due to limited personnel, the problem is understaffing—there aren't enough workers to meet how many people are using the library. Think about the other possibilities: if the issue were unfriendly staff, the text would focus on rude behavior or a cold attitude. If staff were incompetent, you'd see mistakes or an inability to assist with basic tasks. If staff were too loud, the complaint would center on noise. Since the core complaint centers on the number of staff relative to need, the best fit is that the library is understaffed.

6. The two people who assist with Nakata's train ticket are described as which?

A. Two businesswomen

B. Two businessmen

C. A nurse and a doctor

D. A couple of students

This item tests how the narrator identifies people by their occupation in a brief encounter and what that label implies about their role in the scene. When Nakata needs help with a train ticket, the two people who step in are described as two businesswomen. That detail places them within the everyday, professional world and signals they're ordinary travelers who act with practical kindness. The other options don't fit what the scene actually conveys: there isn't a nurse and a doctor, nor two businessmen, nor a couple of students; the narration specifically identifies them as businesswomen.

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7. Which title does Kafka read that is connected to a collection of folk tales?

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B. The Arabian Nights

C. Moby-Dick

D. One Hundred Years of Solitude

Identifying a collection of folk tales. The Arabian Nights is a famous anthology of traditional tales from the Middle East and South Asia, compiled over many centuries and framed by Scheherazade's nightly storytelling to a king. That framing and the wide variety of stories make it a true collection of folk tales, unlike The Odyssey (an ancient epic poem), Moby-Dick (a single novel about whaling), or One Hundred Years of Solitude (a multi-generational magical realist novel). This connection to a compilation of tales is why it's the correct pick.

8. Who discovered the collection of bloody supplies the teacher had been using to clean herself up?

A. Kafka

B. Nakata

C. Oshima

D. Natsume Soseki

Nakata's unique way of moving through Murakami's world—paying attention to small, overlooked details and following seemingly chance clues—drives him to uncover hidden truths. In that moment, his path intersects with the teacher's private space, and he is the one who discovers the stash of bloody supplies she had been using to clean up after a violent incident. This fits Nakata's role as someone who reveals what others have tucked away or forgotten, turning a discreet, hidden detail into a piece of the larger mystery. The other characters aren't the ones who make that particular discovery in this scene, which is why Nakata is the correct answer.

9. Which organization helps Kafka find a cheap hotel to stay in?

A. Public Library

B. City Motel

C. Local Tourist Office

D. YMCA

Budget-friendly shelter for travelers is the key idea here. The YMCA is known for offering affordable, shared lodging options to people on the move, making it a practical place for Kafka to stay without spending much. It acts as a budget lodging hub, directly helping travelers find a place to sleep. Public libraries provide books and quiet study spaces, not beds. Local tourist offices can offer information and recommendations, but they don't usually arrange or provide cheap accommodations themselves. A city motel is a paying lodging option, not an organization that helps a traveler find a place to stay.

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10. Which famous artist is discovered stabbed to death in his home on the day fish fall from the sky?

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B. A sculptor

C. A poet

D. A musician

This question hinges on identifying the artist by their medium from a scene described with a surreal omen. The famous artist who is found stabbed to death in his home on the day fish fall from the sky is presented as a sculptor. That link to sculpture fits the moment best, because sculpture centers on shaping and breaking form—the violence of stabbing mirrors the disruption of a once-formed piece and ties into the strange, fate-like event of fish raining down. The painter, poet, and musician are associated with different kinds of creation (color on canvas, words, sound), which don't match the described scene as closely. So the sculptor is the most fitting choice.

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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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