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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. The primary function of P-Cards is to shift the purchasing responsibility from which department to which department?

A. Procurement; Acquiring

B. Accounts Payable to Treasury

C. IT to Operations

D. Receiving to Finance

2. P-Cards were created to streamline accounts payable and replace paper checks for low-value transactions. Which option best reflects this purpose?

A. To replace all forms of payment regardless of value

B. To streamline accounts payable and replace paper checks for low-value transactions

C. To increase payment processing time

D. To replace vendor discounts

3. Which item is an example of a policy topic related to card use?

A. Payment strategy

B. Minimum order quantity

C. Vendor selection

D. Access controls

4. The time from order to receipt of goods or services is called what?

A. Lead Time

B. Turnaround Time

C. Delivery Time

D. Cycle Time

5. What does a Dynamic Ghost Account mean in electronic payables?

A. A zero-value card account number that can be turned on and off as needed.

B. A single-use account loaded for a payment.

C. A live bank transfer account.

D. A paper check.

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6. During a P-Card pilot, which activity is typically included?

A. Training

B. System Integration

C. Transaction Documentation

D. Reporting to Executives

7. Where would you find guidelines on how to operate a P-Card account?

A. Card/Account Security

B. How to Open a P-Card Account

C. Card Controls

D. P-Card Usage and Unique Supplier Processes

8. In the Infrastructure portion of Program Implementation, what actions must be done in the controlled environment?

A. Ensure the control is established and is related to account set-up and card controls

B. Establish a separate testing environment only

C. Remove all controls to speed up processing

D. Audit all transactions manually

9. Which statement best describes the PM's influence on the program's policies and procedures?

A. The PM should ignore policies to accelerate progress

B. The PM is solely responsible for drafting all policies

C. The PM helps create and communicate the program's P&P and align with the organization's vision

D. The PM defers all policy decisions to vendors

10. Card controls must support the program goals. It is equally important, as a best practice, for an organization to tailor _____ and _____ for individual cards/accounts to meet business needs rather than mandate a single set of limits for everyone.

A. roles; limits

B. data; restrictions

C. blocking; limit

D. limits; restrictions

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. The primary function of P-Cards is to shift the purchasing responsibility from which department to which department?

A. Procurement; Acquiring

B. Accounts Payable to Treasury

C. IT to Operations

D. Receiving to Finance

P-Cards empower the person who actually needs the goods to make purchases directly, reducing the need for every purchase to go through the central procurement team. The buying authority shifts from the centralized procurement function to the department that will acquire the goods—the acquiring function within the department. This is why the best answer is moving purchasing responsibility from procurement to acquiring. The other options describe different parts of the process (payment flow or who handles receipts) and don't reflect who has the authority to purchase.

2. P-Cards were created to streamline accounts payable and replace paper checks for low-value transactions. Which option best reflects this purpose?

A. To replace all forms of payment regardless of value

B. To streamline accounts payable and replace paper checks for low-value transactions

C. To increase payment processing time

D. To replace vendor discounts

The main concept is that P-Cards streamline the accounts payable process by handling routine low-value purchases with a card instead of issuing paper checks. This reduces the administrative workload, speeds up payments, and cuts down on paperwork. The option that states to streamline accounts payable and replace paper checks for low-value transactions matches this purpose exactly. Other statements misstate the scope or impact—P-Cards aren't meant to cover all payments, they typically cut processing time rather than lengthen it, and vendor discounts are not the primary aim of using P-Cards.

3. Which item is an example of a policy topic related to card use?

A. Payment strategy

B. Minimum order quantity

C. Vendor selection

D. Access controls

Policy around card use centers on establishing the rules and framework for how payments are processed and controlled. The best fit here is the payment strategy because it defines the overall approach to card payments—the types of transactions that are approved, which cards to use, required approval workflows, spending limits, reconciliation processes, and alignment with financial controls. This sets the governance that guides day-to-day card usage and ensures consistency and compliance. The other topics concern procurement specifics rather than how card payments are governed: minimum order quantity relates to how much to purchase, not how payments are made; vendor selection focuses on choosing suppliers, not how card payments are managed; access controls involve security of systems and data access, which is related but not the central policy topic about card use itself.

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4. The time from order to receipt of goods or services is called what?

A. Lead Time

B. Turnaround Time

C. Delivery Time

D. Cycle Time

The main concept here is lead time. Lead time is the total span from when you place an order to when the goods or services are actually received. It covers supplier processing, production or picking, packing, shipping, and any transit time. Knowing lead time helps you plan inventory, set appropriate reorder points, and anticipate when replenishment will arrive, reducing stockouts or excess inventory. Cycle time, by contrast, measures how long it takes to complete a single cycle of an internal process from start to finish, focusing on process speed rather than supplier delivery. Turnaround time generally refers to how long it takes to finish a task or resolve a request, often within an organization. Delivery time describes the time from shipment to receipt, which is only part of the overall order-to-receipt period.

5. What does a Dynamic Ghost Account mean in electronic payables?

A. A zero-value card account number that can be turned on and off as needed.

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C. A live bank transfer account.

D. A paper check.

A Dynamic Ghost Account is a virtual, zero-value card or account number used in electronic payables that can be activated for a specific payment and then deactivated when the payment is complete. The key idea is that there are no funds in the ghost account by default, and you control its usability by turning it on only for the transaction you want to authorize. This creates a secure channel that hides the real bank details and reduces exposure to fraud, while still allowing precise control over when a payment can flow. The ghost account can be reused or rotated for different payments, providing a flexible and safer way to settle without exposing the underlying bank account. This differs from a single-use account that's loaded with funds for a particular payment, a live bank transfer account (the actual funding source), or a paper check, which are not the zero-value, activatable conduit described here.

6. During a P-Card pilot, which activity is typically included?

A. Training

B. System Integration

C. Transaction Documentation

D. Reporting to Executives

During a P-Card pilot, the focus is on validating the workflow by ensuring every purchase has complete, verifiable documentation. This means attaching receipts, capturing merchant details, amounts, tax, GL codes, approvals, and the reconciliation trail so the transaction can be audited and reconciled under policy. While training, system integration, and executive reporting may be part of the broader rollout, the pilot's primary task is to establish and test the documented transaction trail that proves controls and processes work before wider deployment.

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7. Where would you find guidelines on how to operate a P-Card account?

A. Card/Account Security

B. How to Open a P-Card Account

C. Card Controls

D. P-Card Usage and Unique Supplier Processes

Operating a P-Card account is defined by the setup and provisioning steps that establish who can use the card, what it can be used for, and how transactions are managed. That guidance is typically found in the section titled "How to Open a P-Card Account" because it covers the procedures, roles, and initial settings that shape day-to-day operation. While other sections address security, card controls, and specific usage rules, the foundational guidelines for operating the account are laid out during the opening and provisioning process.

8. In the Infrastructure portion of Program Implementation, what actions must be done in the controlled environment?

A. Ensure the control is established and is related to account set-up and card controls

B. Establish a separate testing environment only

C. Remove all controls to speed up processing

D. Audit all transactions manually

In the controlled environment, you must establish and verify the controls that govern how accounts are created and how card features are managed. Setting up these controls ensures that, before any live deployment, the infrastructure enforces proper authentication, approvals, and card restrictions (such as spending limits or merchant controls). This proactive step creates a secure baseline so that the program operates within policy and reduces risk from misconfigurations or unauthorized use. While having a separate testing environment is important for validation, it doesn't by itself guarantee that essential controls are in place and functioning. Removing controls or auditing every transaction manually would undermine security and efficiency, which is why establishing these controls is the critical action in the controlled environment.

9. Which statement best describes the PM's influence on the program's policies and procedures?

A. The PM should ignore policies to accelerate progress

B. The PM is solely responsible for drafting all policies

C. The PM helps create and communicate the program's P&P and align with the organization's vision

D. The PM defers all policy decisions to vendors

Policy and governance are shaped by the PM through active participation in creating and communicating the program's policies and procedures, ensuring they support the organization's vision. This means collaborating with stakeholders to define how decisions are made, how changes are approved, and how risks are managed, then making sure everyone on the team understands and follows them. The PM should not ignore policies, not draft every policy alone, and not defer all policy decisions to vendors; governance requires clear ownership, alignment with strategic goals, and accountability across the organization.

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10. Card controls must support the program goals. It is equally important, as a best practice, for an organization to tailor _____ and _____ for individual cards/accounts to meet business needs rather than mandate a single set of limits for everyone.

A. roles; limits

B. data; restrictions

C. blocking; limit

D. limits; restrictions

Tailoring card controls by setting both limits and restrictions per card or account keeps spending aligned with business needs while managing risk. Limits define how much can be spent or the maximum per-transaction size, providing a financial ceiling that protects against overspend. Restrictions specify what purchases are allowed or blocked—such as merchant categories, specific vendors, or cross-border transactions—so you can permit legitimate purchases while preventing risky or inappropriate ones. Together, they let an organization support diverse departmental needs (some teams may require higher limits, others more restricted use) without enforcing a single, one-size-fits-all policy for everyone. The other options don't capture this dual approach: roles relate to who can use or approve transactions rather than what can be purchased; data isn't about controlling purchases; blocking or limit alone doesn't address the full range of per-card controls.

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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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