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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. Huey Long's 'Share the Wealth' program aimed to achieve what?

A. Expand the gold standard

B. Provide a decent standard of living to all Americans by spreading the nation's wealth; 'every man is a king'

C. Increase tariffs

D. Limit social programs

2. In 1936, a puppet regime established by Imperial Japan was in which country?

A. Mongolia

B. China

C. Manchuria

D. Korea

3. What notable achievement is associated with the Manhattan Project Notebook?

A. Documented the first successful test flight of a heavy bomber.

B. Cataloged war-time supply routes in Europe.

C. Recorded the world's first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

D. Outlined the plan for the United Nations security Council.

4. What role did the De Lôme Letter play in U.S. history?

A. Proposed alliance with Spain.

B. Criticized President William McKinley by calling him weak and seeking the crowd's favor; publication helped generate public support for a war with Spain over Cuba independence.

C. Supported McKinley's re-election.

D. A letter praising McKinley.

5. The Truman Doctrine described U.S. policy as supporting free peoples resisting subjugation by armed minorities or outside pressures. Which option expresses that?

A. Isolate all nations from the United States.

B. Support free peoples resisting subjugation.

C. Expand unrestricted free trade.

D. Reduce military spending.

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6. Which of the following describes the purpose of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933?

A. Created the TVA to oversee dam construction, flood control, navigation improvement, and cheap electric power in the Tennessee Valley.

B. Established the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide employment in reforestation.

C. Created the Securities and Exchange Commission to regulate the stock market.

D. Authorized the construction of the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River.

7. Which event is recognized as the first engagement of the American Civil War?

A. The last battle of the Civil War

B. The site where slavery was first abolished

C. The prologue to Reconstruction

D. The first engagement of the Civil War

8. The Gettysburg Address is best associated with which central idea?

A. Speaking of a 'new birth of freedom'.

B. A pledge to pay soldiers' pensions.

C. An emphasis on states' rights.

D. A call for immediate resegregation.

9. Which act established Yellowstone as the first federally protected national park?

A. The response to endangered wilderness was the invention of the national park system.

B. Yellowstone became the first Federally protected national park.

C. It created the National Park Service.

D. It established multiple parks across the West.

10. The Russian imperial empire continued to grow under which regime in the 20th century?

A. Democratic Republic era

B. Tsarist rule

C. Soviet rule

D. None of the above

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Huey Long's 'Share the Wealth' program aimed to achieve what?

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During the Great Depression, Huey Long argued that alleviating poverty required spreading the nation's wealth so that every family could enjoy a decent standard of living. The Share Our Wealth program proposed taxing the very wealthy and using those funds to guarantee income and basic services for all Americans. The slogan "every man is a king" captured the goal: security and prosperity for everyone, not just the affluent. This is why the option describing providing a decent standard of living by spreading wealth best fits the idea. It isn't about expanding the gold standard, raising tariffs, or limiting social programs—the plan aimed to broaden protections through redistribution.

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Imperial Japan used puppet regimes to control occupied lands while keeping real power behind the scenes. In northeast China, Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931 and established Manchukuo in 1932, installing Pu Yi as a figurehead emperor. This arrangement continued into 1936, with the regime effectively serving Japanese interests from its base in Manchuria. So the puppet regime was in Manchuria, not Mongolia, Korea, or the broader country of China.

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The main idea here is understanding the record of a landmark breakthrough in nuclear physics: the first controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. The Manhattan Project Notebook captures the experiments at Chicago Pile-1, where Enrico Fermi and his team used a reactor built from graphite and uranium and carefully managed it with control rods. They measured neutron activity and adjusted materials to keep the reaction going at a steady rate without runaway escalation. This demonstration showed that a sustained nuclear chain reaction could be achieved and controlled, which is the key step that underpinned both later reactor development and the weapons program of the project. It isn't about aircraft testing, wartime supply maps, or diplomatic plans like a security council outline, which is why those other options don't fit.

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The De Lôme Letter shows how diplomacy and media can steer public opinion toward war. Written by the Spanish minister to the United States, it criticized President McKinley as weak and eager for popular applause. When the letter was published in American newspapers, it inflamed public sentiment against Spain and damaged trust in Spain's respect for the United States. That burst of outrage helped generate broad support in Congress and among the public for taking action against Spain, specifically in the fight over Cuba's independence. This event sits alongside other pressures of the era that pushed the United States toward the Spanish–American War, illustrating how a single diplomatic document exposed to the press can influence national policy. It isn't about forming an alliance with Spain, nor about supporting McKinley's re-election, and it certainly isn't praise for the president.

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The main idea being tested is the United States' commitment to actively aid nations resisting oppression during the early Cold War, a policy known as containment. The Truman Doctrine announced that the U.S. would support free peoples who were resisting subjugation by armed minorities or outside pressures. This was a shift from neutrality to active assistance, aimed at preventing the spread of communism by backing countries under threat, notably in Greece and Turkey. This is why the option describing support for free peoples resisting subjugation best fits. It directly reflects the promise of political, economic, and military aid to nations at risk of falling under oppressive influence. The other ideas describe isolation, trade-only approaches, or spending cuts, which don't capture the security commitment and active support that the Truman Doctrine entailed.

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The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 was about using the federal government to modernize a rural region through coordinated river system management. It created a federal agency to plan and carry out a set of projects in the Tennessee Valley: building dams to control floods and generate affordable electricity, improving navigation on the Tennessee River, and promoting economic development and land restoration in the area. This combination of flood control, cheap power, and better river transportation was intended to lift communities out of poverty and help modernize the region during the Great Depression. That is why describing the act as creating the TVA to oversee dam construction, flood control, navigation improvement, and cheap electric power in the Tennessee Valley best captures its purpose. The other options point to different New Deal initiatives or separate projects: assigning reforestation to a civilian corps, regulating the stock market with a securities commission, or authorizing a major dam on the Colorado River. These are not the TVA's goals, which centers specifically on the Tennessee Valley and the integrated set of improvements just described.

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The opening clash of the Civil War is the event you're looking for. It's widely identified as the first engagement because it was the first armed confrontation between Union and Confederate forces. This occurred when Confederate forces fired on and bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor in April 1861, and the Union garrison surrendered after about a day and a half of fighting. That bombardment marks the start of the Civil War, making it the moment historians and teachers point to as the first engagement. The other options point to things that aren't battles or don't mark the start of the war.

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The main idea being tested is how Lincoln reframes the Civil War as a fight for a new birth of freedom—an expansion of equality and a government that endures because it is based on the people's rights, not just the preservation of the Union. In the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln honors those who fought and then shifts the war's purpose toward ensuring that "government of the people, by the people, for the people" survives, which he connects to a deeper commitment to liberty and equality. The phrase "new birth of freedom" signals expanding rights to all, rather than focusing on pensions, states' rights, or any idea of resegregation. The speech argues for a united nation built on the principle of equality, not for dividing or retreating into sectional claims.

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The key idea is that Yellowstone was set aside by federal law as the first national park, establishing the precedent for federally protected public lands. The Yellowstone National Park Protection Act of 1872 designated Yellowstone as a national park, placing it under national, rather than state or private, control for preservation and public enjoyment. This act marks the birth of the national park concept in U.S. policy, showing how the government can protect natural wonders for future generations. Later, the National Park Service was created to oversee the growing system, and many more parks followed across the West. So stating that Yellowstone became the first federally protected national park accurately reflects the outcome of that 1872 act.

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In the 20th century, Russia's power continued to expand, but the form of that expansion shifted under a new regime. After the fall of the Tsarist Empire, the Soviet Union built a large, multi-republic state and extended its influence well beyond the boundaries of the old Russian Empire. It absorbed various territories and created satellite states, especially in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, developing a vast reach that mirrored imperial power even though the regime was no longer the old imperial autocracy. That sustained growth of influence and control is why Soviet rule is the best answer.

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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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