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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. What does NEO-PI-R stand for?

A. Neurotic Extraversion Openness Revised

B. National Evaluation of Personality - Revised

C. NEO Personality Inventory-Revised

D. Neuropsychological Evaluation of Personality - Revised

2. Are there Australian norms for the MMPI?

A. No

B. Yes

C. Only for adults

D. Only for adolescents

3. What else can be calculated from the 10 WISC subtests in addition to the Full Scale IQ?

A. Verbal Comprehension, Fluid Reasoning, Working Memory, Processing Speed Index Scores and Visual Spatial

B. Verbal Comprehension Only

C. Processing Speed Index Only

D. Visual Spatial Index Only

4. Which scale measures the severity of depression?

A. PHQ-9

B. GAD-7

C. HADS

D. BDI

5. Should you use the DASS for Aboriginal clients?

A. Yes

B. Only for adolescents

C. No it has not been validated

D. Only if adapted

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6. Which instrument is used as a career inventory?

A. Strong Interest Inventory
B. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
C. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
D. Self-Directed Search

7. What is the score range for the GAF?

A. 1-100
B. 0-50
C. 0-100
D. 1-50

8. What does BDI stand for?

A. Beck Depression Inventory
B. Beck depression index
C. Beck Anxiety Inventory
D. Beck Cognitive Scale

9. What does SDQ stand for?

A. Strengths and Determinations Questionnaire
B. Social Development Questionnaire
C. Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire
D. Screening for Developmental Quality

10. What is acronym for the categories in the SDS?

A. Careers not carise
B. Carise not careers
C. Careers and Carises
D. SDS: Carise Not Careers

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What does NEO-PI-R stand for?

A. Neurotic Extraversion Openness Revised

B. National Evaluation of Personality - Revised

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D. Neuropsychological Evaluation of Personality - Revised

NEO-PI-R stands for NEO Personality Inventory-Revised. The "NEO" part reflects the main personality domains originally labeled Neuroticism, Extraversion, and Openness, which are central to the model. The "PI" means Personality Inventory, indicating it's a self-report questionnaire, and the "R" shows this is the Revised version of the instrument. This naming captures both the instrument's focus on personality traits and its updated form. The other options either treat the trait labels as the name or point to unrelated evaluative tools, which is why they don't fit.

2. Are there Australian norms for the MMPI?

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Normative data give a benchmark from a representative population to interpret a test score. For the MMPI, the standardization samples have come from US populations, so the interpretation framework is built around those norms. If there aren't established national norms for a country, clinicians rely on the existing standard norms (often US-based) and apply caution due to cultural and demographic differences. In the case of Australia, there isn't a widely accepted set of official Australian norms for the MMPI to anchor interpretation. That means scores are generally interpreted using the US norms, with awareness of potential cultural and contextual differences. For adolescents, the MMPI-A would similarly rely on available normative data, which are not Australian-established, so cross-country norms aren't readily available. So the best answer reflects that there aren't established Australian normative datasets for the MMPI to use as a local benchmark.

3. What else can be calculated from the 10 WISC subtests in addition to the Full Scale IQ?

A. Verbal Comprehension, Fluid Reasoning, Working Memory, Processing Speed Index Scores and Visual Spatial

B. Verbal Comprehension Only

C. Processing Speed Index Only

D. Visual Spatial Index Only

The main idea is that the WISC provides more than one overall score by deriving five domain-specific index scores from the 10 subtests. These indices give a detailed cognitive profile in addition to the Full Scale IQ. Verbal Comprehension measures verbal knowledge, vocabulary, and verbal reasoning. Visual Spatial looks at how well a child analyzes and integrates visual information and handles spatial tasks. Fluid Reasoning reflects the ability to solve novel problems and think abstractly. Working Memory assesses holding and manipulating information in short-term memory. Processing Speed captures how quickly and accurately a child can complete simple cognitive tasks. All five indices are computed from the subset of subtests and together with the Full Scale IQ, they show strengths and weaknesses across different cognitive areas. The option listing all five indices—Verbal Comprehension, Visual Spatial, Fluid Reasoning, Working Memory, and Processing Speed—best reflects what can be calculated beyond the Full Scale IQ. Others that name only one domain don't represent the full set of indices the WISC provides.

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4. Which scale measures the severity of depression?

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B. GAD-7

C. HADS

D. BDI

Measuring how severe depression is requires a tool that quantifies the intensity of depressive symptoms across multiple domains. The Beck Depression Inventory does exactly that: it's a self-report questionnaire that asks about mood, cognitive symptoms, and physical/behavioral signs of depression over a recent period. Each item is scored, and the total score reflects overall severity—the higher the score, the more severe the depression. This makes it particularly useful for tracking change over time and evaluating treatment response. Other scales have different primary uses. One is focused on anxiety rather than depressive severity. Another blends anxiety and depression and is often used in hospital settings, not specifically to gauge the depth of depressive symptoms. A widely used screening tool for depression in primary care exists as well, and it can indicate severity, but it isn't as targeted for detailed severity scoring as the Beck Depression Inventory.

5. Should you use the DASS for Aboriginal clients?

A. Yes

B. Only for adolescents

C. No it has not been validated

D. Only if adapted

Ensuring a measure is validated for the population you're assessing is essential. The DASS was developed in Western contexts and reflects Western concepts of depression, anxiety, and stress. For Aboriginal clients, how distress is expressed, interpreted, and described can differ due to cultural meanings, language, and historical context. Because there isn't solid psychometric validation of the DASS specifically with Aboriginal people, using it as-is can lead to misinterpretation, inaccurate scores, or missing culturally specific signs of distress. The best approach is to avoid relying on the DASS for Aboriginal clients unless it has been adapted and validated for that group. If you need to screen, opt for a tool that has demonstrated validity with Indigenous populations, or collaborate with the community to adapt the DASS and conduct proper validation before using it in practice.

6. Which instrument is used as a career inventory?

A. Strong Interest Inventory

B. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale

C. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

D. Self-Directed Search

Matching interests to occupations is what career inventories are built to do. The Self-Directed Search is a self-administered career inventory designed to help you identify your Holland codes and then point you toward occupations that fit those interests. It guides you to rate how strongly you relate to different work tasks and environments, then generates a codes-and-occupations feedback that you can use for planning, all without requiring a counselor to administer or interpret the results. This self-guided, interest-to-career mapping is why it's considered a career inventory. The other tools serve related purposes but aren't configured as self-directed career inventories. The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale measures cognitive abilities, not career interests. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator focuses on personality type and how that type tends to behave, which can influence work style but doesn't directly inventory career options. The Strong Interest Inventory is another career-focused tool, but it is more comprehensive and typically used in formal counseling settings rather than as a simple self-directed inventory.

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7. What is the score range for the GAF?

A. 1-100

B. 0-50

C. 0-100

D. 1-50

GAF scores represent overall functioning on a 0 to 100 scale, with higher numbers showing better functioning. The higher end indicates minimal or no symptoms and good ability to work and interact socially, while lower numbers reflect increasing impairment in psychological, social, and occupational areas. For example, scores around the 90s suggest near-healthy functioning, whereas lower ranges indicate more significant symptoms or functional difficulties. Note that the DSM-5 retired the GAF and uses other measures like WHODAS 2.0 to assess disability, but the fundamental idea remains: a single number on a continuum where more is better.

8. What does BDI stand for?

A. Beck Depression Inventory

B. Beck depression index

C. Beck Anxiety Inventory

D. Beck Cognitive Scale

BDI stands for the Beck Depression Inventory, a self-report questionnaire used to measure how severe depressive symptoms are. The word "Inventory" signals a standardized list of symptoms that a person rates, rather than a single score. Respondents describe how they've been feeling over a recent period (typically the past two weeks) by rating each statement, and the items are summed to produce a total score that reflects overall depression severity. There are updated versions, like the BDI-II, which includes 21 items scored 0 to 3 for a possible total of 63. This tool is distinct from measures of anxiety, such as the Beck Anxiety Inventory, and from any term like "Cognitive Scale." The established name uses "Inventory," not "Index," which is why the standard interpretation is the Beck Depression Inventory.

9. What does SDQ stand for?

A. Strengths and Determinations Questionnaire

B. Social Development Questionnaire

C. Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

D. Screening for Developmental Quality

SDQ stands for Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire. It is a brief screening tool used with children and adolescents to assess areas like emotional symptoms, conduct problems, hyperactivity, peer relationship problems, and a strengths (prosocial) scale. The acronym matches this exact title, which is why it's correct. The other proposed expansions don't correspond to a recognized instrument: they use terms like Determinations or Social Development or Developmental Quality, which are not the SDQ. So the established name is Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire.

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10. What is acronym for the categories in the SDS?

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B. Carise not careers

C. Careers and Carises

D. SDS: Carise Not Careers

Memorizing how an SDS is organized often uses a simple mnemonic to recall the main categories it covers. In this material, the acronym taught for those SDS categories is "Carise not careers." It's a memory cue designed to help you summon the key groupings you'll encounter on an SDS so you can find information quickly, like sections that address hazards, handling and storage, first-aid measures, and safety precautions. This option matches the mnemonic the course uses, which is why it's treated as the correct choice in this context. The other options don't align with the taught memory aid, so they don't serve the same recall function. Remember, the value of an acronym here is simply to help you remember where to look and what to expect on the SDS.

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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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