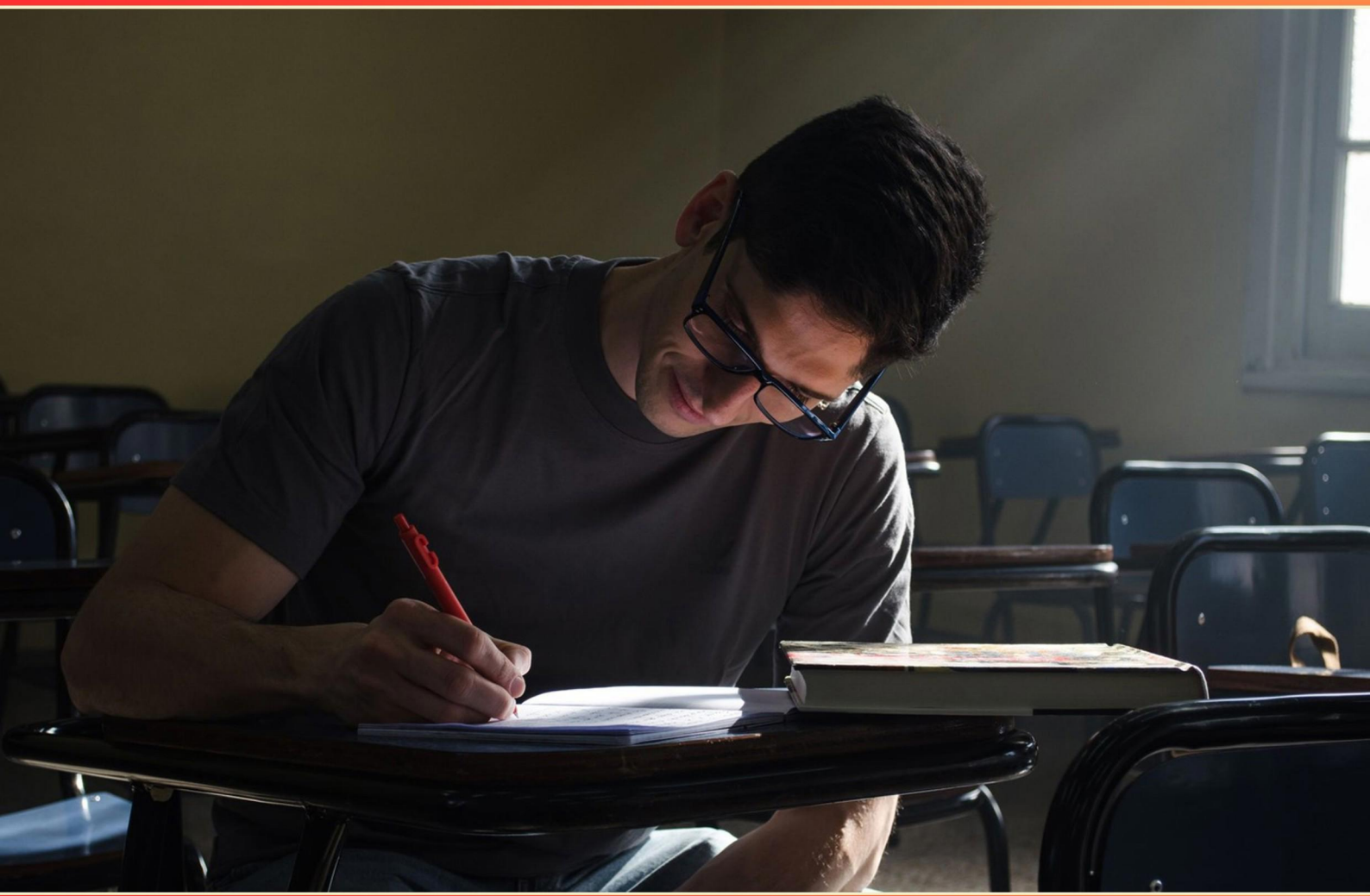
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Introduction

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 term means easily controlled?

A. Tractable
B. Volatile
C. Slanderous
D. Autocrat

2. All-powerful is described as what?

A. Omnipotent
B. Omniscient
C. Omnivorous
D. Omnipresent

3. Which term means "soft limp"?

A. Intemperate
B. Obdurate
C. Flaccid
D. Neurotic

4. Which term means honest and open?

A. Animosity
B. Menial
C. Omnivore
D. Candid

5. Pusillanimous means which of the following?

A. Brave
B. Bold
C. Cowardly
D. Valiant

6. Which of the following best defines the word antithesis?

A. Similarity
B. Analogy
C. Direct opposite
D. Comparison

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7. Which word means outdated?

A. Passe

B. Passé

C. Terse

D. Incursion

8. Revolution most closely refers to which idea?

A. A turn around

B. A change

C. An improvement

D. A cycle

9. Which term means to refrain from, hold back?

A. Justifiable

B. Surrogate

C. Abjure

D. Abstain

10. Which word means 'speech of praise'?

A. Graphic

B. Eulogy

C. Manual

D. Thermometer

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which term means easily controlled?

A. Tractable

B. Volatile

C. Slanderous

D. Autocrat

Easily controlled is captured by tractable, which means something or someone is manageable or easy to influence or guide. In practice, you can think of a problem with clear, straightforward steps as tractable, or a patient whose symptoms respond predictably to treatment as tractable to care. Volatile describes something that changes quickly or is unstable. Slanderous refers to false statements made to harm someone's reputation. An autocrat is a ruler with absolute, centralized power. These terms describe different ideas, but only tractable conveys the sense of being easily controlled.

2. All-powerful is described as what?

A. Omnipotent

B. Omniscient

C. Omnivorous

D. Omnipresent

The main idea here is vocabulary built on the prefix omni- meaning "all." All-powerful describes unlimited strength, which in English is expressed as omnipotent. The word combines omni- (all) with potent (powerful), signaling total power. Other options use the same omni- prefix but refer to different all-encompassing ideas: omniscient means all-knowing, omnipresent means present everywhere, and omnivorous means feeding on all kinds of food. Those meanings don't fit "All-powerful," making omnipotent the best choice. This term is commonly used to describe a being with limitless strength, such as in religious or literary contexts.

3. Which term means "soft limp"?

A. Intemperate

B. Obdurate

C. Flaccid

D. Neurotic

A loss of muscle tone and limpness is described as flaccid. This term specifically means the muscles are soft, not taut, and offer little resistance to passive movement—like a limb that hangs loosely with gravity. In nursing contexts, flaccidity points to decreased muscle tone from nerve or neuromuscular issues and is the opposite of rigid or spastic states. The other terms relate to behavior or personality: intemperate describes lack of self-control in actions, obdurate means stubborn or unyielding, and neurotic refers to emotional instability. So the word that captures "soft limp" is flaccid.

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4. Which term means honest and open?

A. Animosity

B. Menial

C. Omnivore

D. Candid

Honesty and openness in how someone communicates are captured by the term candid. Candid means frank and straightforward, telling the truth without hiding information, which helps patients understand their care and feel trusted. Animosity is hostility, menial refers to low-status or routine tasks, and omnivore describes a diet that includes both plants and animals. Because only candid conveys openness and truthfulness, it is the best choice.

5. Pusillanimous means which of the following?

A. Brave

B. Bold

C. Cowardly

D. Valiant

Pusillanimous describes someone who lacks courage, is timid, or cowardly. That means it characterizes a person who is afraid to face danger or take risks. Among the options, the one that fits best is cowardly. The other terms—brave, bold, and valiant—describe courage and willingness to act, which is the opposite of pusillanimous. For example, calling a leader pusillanimous suggests they retreat in the face of a challenge rather than stand up to it.

6. Which of the following best defines the word antithesis?

A. Similarity

B. Analogy

C. Direct opposite

D. Comparison

Antithesis is a figure of speech that pairs opposing ideas to create contrast. The direct opposite is the most accurate definition because antithesis intentionally places two opposing concepts in close proximity to emphasize their contrast. For example, phrases like "good and evil" or "bright and dark" use opposite ideas to highlight their differences. This is different from similarity, which points to sameness; an analogy or a broader comparison goes beyond just opposing terms to explain relationships or provide parallels, rather than simply contrasting opposite ideas. So, the essence of antithesis is the direct opposite.

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7. Which word means outdated?

A. Passe

B. Passé

C. Terse

D. Incursion

Passé carries the sense of something being out of date or no longer fashionable. It's a French loanword used in English to describe ideas, styles, or objects that have fallen out of use. The accent on the e signals its pronunciation and helps distinguish it from similar-looking forms; even when written without the accent, it's understood to mean outdated. In contrast, terse means brief and to the point, not old-fashioned, and incursion refers to a sudden invasion or raid. So the word that means outdated is passé.

8. Revolution most closely refers to which idea?

A. A turn around

B. A change

C. An improvement

D. A cycle

Revolution here is about turning or spinning around an axis. It comes from the idea of revolving, which means to rotate so that something faces a different direction. The best choice captures that motion: a complete turn around. In everyday use, revolution can also mean a drastic change, but the most direct sense of the word is the physical act of turning once to face the opposite way. The other options describe change, improvement, or a repeating pattern, which don't convey the motion implied by revolution as clearly.

9. Which term means to refrain from, hold back?

A. Justifiable

B. Surrogate

C. Abjure

D. Abstain

The idea being tested is choosing a word that means withholding an action. Abstain means to deliberately refrain from doing something. It's used when someone chooses not to vote, not to eat certain foods, or to withhold participation, reflecting a voluntary restraint. Abjure is a formal renunciation of a belief or oath, not just avoiding an action. A surrogate is a substitute, not the act of holding back. Justifiable describes something that can be defended as reasonable, not the act of refraining. So abstain is the best fit for "to refrain from, hold back."

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10. Which word means 'speech of praise'?

A. Graphic

B. Eulogy

C. Manual

D. Thermometer

Speech of praise is captured by the word eulogy. A eulogy is a formal tribute—a speech or writing that praises someone, often delivered at a funeral to honor the person's life and contributions. The other words don't fit this meaning: graphic refers to vivid or visual detail; manual is a guide or handbook; thermometer is a device for measuring temperature. So the term that means speech of praise is eulogy.

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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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