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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. Tillman Station shift lieutenant numbers include which of the following?

A. 402A

B. 505A, 506A, 507A and so on.

C. 101

D. 200

2. Which statement best explains why Ground and Tower have distinct roles?

A. They manage different phases of ground movement vs flight operations

B. They are the same function under different names

C. They operate only during nighttime

D. They provide only weather data

3. Readback of a hold-short clearance must include what?

A. The runway and hold point only

B. The hold-short distance

C. The words 'hold' only

D. The exact hold-short instruction, including the runway and hold point

4. In radio traffic, what does Signal W indicate?

A. All units respond immediately.

B. Routine traffic is ongoing.

C. The next transmission may present hazards.

D. End of shift.

5. How many shifts does the MPD have, and what are they called?

A. 6 shifts. Alpha 1 & 2; Bravo 1 & 2; Charlie 1 & 2

B. 4 shifts. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta

C. 6 shifts. Alpha 1, Alpha 2, Bravo, Charlie 1, Charlie 2

D. 8 shifts. Alpha 1-4; Bravo 1-2; Charlie 1-2

6. Approximate cost of the radio currently used by the Memphis Police Department?

A. Approximately $6,000

B. Approximately $3,000

C. Approximately $12,000

D. Approximately $9,000

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7. Which statement best describes the difference between a Rolling QV and a Query Vehicle (QV)?

A. Rolling QV contains more details than QV.

B. Rolling QV contains only basic vehicle data; QV provides more details including state/tag.

C. They are identical.

D. QV is used only after a stop.

8. The Shift Major of Crump Station has which call number?

A. 101

B. 505A

C. 402A

D. 200

9. What is the meaning of Signal H on the radio?

A. Standby for further instructions.

B. Contact supervisor.

C. Be unavailable for personal calls.

D. Call Home.

10. What does Signal V mean?

A. Violent/Gang Terrorist Organization File

B. Vehicle pursuit in progress

C. Visual signal unavailable

D. Verification needed

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Tillman Station shift lieutenant numbers include which of the following?

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B. 505A, 506A, 507A and so on.

C. 101

D. 200

The concept being tested is how Tillman Station assigns identifiers to shift lieutenants. Shift lieutenants use a 500-series pattern with the A suffix, continuing in sequence. Seeing 505A, 506A, 507A and so on fits that pattern, indicating an ongoing series of supervisory call signs. The other options don't match this 500-series labeling, so they wouldn't represent the shift lieutenant numbers. Therefore, the option listing 505A, 506A, 507A and so on is the correct choice.

2. Which statement best explains why Ground and Tower have distinct roles?

A. They manage different phases of ground movement vs flight operations

B. They are the same function under different names

C. They operate only during nighttime

D. They provide only weather data

Ground and Tower have distinct roles because they oversee different phases of aircraft movement. Ground Control directs aircraft and vehicles on the airport surface—runways, taxiways, and ramps—ensuring safe movement and clear taxi routes. Tower Control handles the airspace immediately around the airport, including takeoffs and landings, and sequences aircraft to maintain safe separation in the sky. This separation keeps surface operations and air operations organized and safe, with smooth handoffs as an aircraft transitions from taxiing to takeoff and then to the initial climb, or from the approach back to taxiing. They are not the same function under different names, they operate beyond nighttime, and weather data comes from meteorological services rather than being the primary role of these controls.

3. Readback of a hold-short clearance must include what?

A. The runway and hold point only

B. The hold-short distance

C. The words 'hold' only

D. The exact hold-short instruction, including the runway and hold point

Understanding holds short clearances hinges on confirming the exact place you're supposed to stop. When ATC clears you to hold short, you must read back the entire instruction as given, including both the runway designator and the hold short point. This precise repetition makes sure there's no ambiguity about where you'll stop, which is crucial when multiple hold points or intersections exist. Saying the exact instruction helps the controller verify you understood the location correctly and reduces the risk of crossing or stopping at the wrong spot.

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4. In radio traffic, what does Signal W indicate?

A. All units respond immediately.

B. Routine traffic is ongoing.

C. The next transmission may present hazards.

D. End of shift.

Signal W is a warning cue that the next transmission may present hazards. It serves to alert radio users to be ready for potentially dangerous or uncertain information and to listen carefully, verify details, and proceed with heightened caution before acting. It's not a directive to all units to respond immediately, nor a status that traffic is routine, nor an indication that the shift is ending. Those are conveyed by different signals or phrases, while this one specifically flags potential danger ahead.

5. How many shifts does the MPD have, and what are they called?

A. 6 shifts. Alpha 1 & 2; Bravo 1 & 2; Charlie 1 & 2

B. 4 shifts. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta

C. 6 shifts. Alpha 1, Alpha 2, Bravo, Charlie 1, Charlie 2

D. 8 shifts. Alpha 1-4; Bravo 1-2; Charlie 1-2

Shifts are identified by a unit letter and a shift number, giving each on-duty group a unique radio identifier. In this setup, there are three patrol units—Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie—and each unit operates two shifts, numbered 1 and 2. That yields six distinct shifts: Alpha 1, Alpha 2, Bravo 1, Bravo 2, Charlie 1, Charlie 2. This structure supports continuous coverage and clear, non-overlapping assignments, so dispatch and responders know exactly who is on duty. Other options would either misstate the number of shifts or omit the shift number for a unit, which would create ambiguity in communications.

6. Approximate cost of the radio currently used by the Memphis Police Department?

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Estimating the cost of a police radio unit, including the extra features and support that come with law enforcement gear, is the idea being tested. A single police handheld radio is not just a basic walkie talkie; it's a rugged, encrypted, mission critical device with security, durability, and software licensing built in. All of those factors push the price up well beyond consumer radios. The approximate cost around six thousand dollars fits that reality. It reflects a high end police handheld with encryption capabilities, interoperability features, and the necessary accessories and programming services (such as batteries, chargers, holsters, and a license or maintenance plan). When you include these essentials, a single unit often lands in the mid five to six thousand range. The other options are less representative for a single police radio. Three thousand dollars tends to be closer to non encrypted or consumer grade equipment, which police departments typically don't use for official operations. Higher figures, like nine or twelve thousand, would more likely correspond to multiple radios in a fleet, plus additional infrastructure or more specialized, feature rich systems, rather than a single standard unit.

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C. They are identical.

D. QV is used only after a stop.

Rolling QV is meant to deliver quick, ongoing updates with just the essential vehicle identifiers and location, so the transmissions stay lightweight and easy to follow as a vehicle moves. A full Query Vehicle response is issued in reply to a specific query and can include additional fields, such as the current state of the vehicle and a tag, which helps confirm exactly which vehicle you're dealing with and its status. Because of that, one provides basic data in a rolling stream while the other expands on the data set with state and tag information, making it the better description of their difference.

8. The Shift Major of Crump Station has which call number?

A. 101

B. 505A

C. 402A

D. 200

Call signs are used to identify stations and the roles of the people operating them. Each position has a specific call number that follows the station's naming pattern, often combining numbers with a suffix to distinguish shifts or duties. The Shift Major's call sign is the numeric base plus a letter suffix that marks that particular role, so 402A fits the established pattern for identifying the Shift Major at Crump Station. The other numbers either lack the suffix or use a different numeric base, which would correspond to other roles or stations rather than the Shift Major. Hence, 402A is the correct call number.

9. What is the meaning of Signal H on the radio?

A. Standby for further instructions.

B. Contact supervisor.

C. Be unavailable for personal calls.

D. Call Home.

In radio signaling, specific letters or codes map to particular actions to keep communication quick and unambiguous. Signal H directs you to Call Home, meaning you should contact your home base or primary station right away. This is the best fit because the signal is intended to initiate a call back to the home/closing point of contact to report status or receive further instructions. The other options describe different actions—standing by for more instructions, reaching a supervisor, or being unavailable for personal calls—which are not what Signal H signifies. So, hearing Signal H means you should establish contact with your home station.

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10. What does Signal V mean?

A. Violent/Gang Terrorist Organization File

B. Vehicle pursuit in progress

C. Visual signal unavailable

D. Verification needed

Signal designators are shorthand cues used in radio communications to quickly convey important information about risks or status. Signal V specifically denotes a Violent/Gang Terrorist Organization File, signaling that the subject is linked to violent gangs or terrorist organizations and that responders should consult the relevant file and proceed with heightened caution. This designation is about the affiliation and threat level, not about vehicle pursuits, signal visibility, or verification needs, which would be indicated by different terms. Hearing Signal V tells units to reference the Violent/Gang Terrorist Organization File for background, threat assessment, and appropriate response.

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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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