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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. In a block and tackle setup, what is the effect of adding more sheaves on the force required to lift a load (assuming friction is negligible)?

A. It increases the required force

B. It has no effect

C. It makes lifting impossible

D. It decreases the required force

2. Which term is used for the action of applying finishing twine wraps to a rope end?

A. Turns of twine around a rope end.

B. Transfer

C. Whipping

D. Advance

3. What is the arc of visibility for the sidelight on each side?

A. 225°

B. 360°

C. 180°

D. 112.5° each side

4. Which option is NOT part of the Fire Triangle?

A. Water

B. Fuel

C. Heat

D. Oxygen

5. For Incident Investigation, must include all people who are not involved in the incident.

A. True

B. False

C. Sometimes

D. Not Applicable

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6. Which incident led to the adoption of double-hulled tankers?

A. Torrey Canyon

B. Exxon Valdez

C. Amoco Cadiz

D. Prestige

7. If you're heading 090° True and see a vessel at a relative bearing of 30° to starboard, what is the true bearing?

A. 120°

B. 060°

C. 150°

D. 210°

8. Detachable Link is used to

A. Joins each shot of chain

B. Provides a quick-release for the anchor

C. Secures the chain to the anchor shank

D. Joins the anchor swivel to the first shot of cable

9. Abeam to Starboard indicates a position at what bearing relative to the ship?

A. 90 degrees to the starboard side

B. Directly ahead

C. Directly astern

D. 45 degrees to port

10. What does the Alpha flag indicate on a vessel?

A. Dangerous goods

B. Have Diver down, keep clear

C. Pilot on board

D. Man overboard

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. In a block and tackle setup, what is the effect of adding more sheaves on the force required to lift a load (assuming friction is negligible)?

A. It increases the required force

B. It has no effect

C. It makes lifting impossible

D. It decreases the required force

Increasing the number of sheaves in a block and tackle raises the mechanical advantage, meaning more rope segments share the load. In an ideal system with no friction, the force you must apply equals the load divided by the number of supporting segments. So adding more sheaves lowers the required input force. The trade-off is that you have to pull more rope to lift the load the same distance, but the work done (ignoring friction) stays the same.

2. Which term is used for the action of applying finishing twine wraps to a rope end?

A. Turns of twine around a rope end.

B. Transfer

C. Whipping

D. Advance

Whipping is the term for applying finishing twine wraps to a rope end. This creates a tight, protective finish that prevents the fibers from fraying or unraveling. The wraps themselves are the turns of twine around the rope, but the act of securing and finishing the end with that twine is what we call whipping. The other terms don't fit because they describe movement or the wraps themselves, not the securing action.

3. What is the arc of visibility for the sidelight on each side?

A. 225°

B. 360°

C. 180°

D. 112.5° each side

Sidelights are the side-position navigation lights that show a vessel's presence to others approaching from the port or starboard side. Each sidelight has an arc of visibility of 112.5 degrees, centered on the vessel's side. In practice, that means the red or green light is visible to vessels coming from roughly 34 degrees forward of the bow to about 146 degrees from the bow on that side. This design keeps the light highly visible to traffic largely in front of or alongside you, while not giving a full-circle signal. The 112.5° per side is distinct from lights that cover the full 360° or just half, and it's smaller than the arcs used for other lights (for example, the stern light or masthead light) which explains why those other options aren't correct.

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4. Which option is NOT part of the Fire Triangle?

A. Water

B. Fuel

C. Heat

D. Oxygen

Water is not part of the Fire Triangle. The triangle includes heat, fuel, and oxygen—the three elements that must be present for combustion to occur. Water isn't one of those elements; it works by removing heat from the fire (cooling the fuel until ignition isn't reached) and can help smother or separate fuel from oxygen, which is why it's used to extinguish rather than sustain a fire. The other choices—the fuel, the heat, and the oxygen—are the actual components required for a fire to keep burning.

5. For Incident Investigation, must include all people who are not involved in the incident.

A. True

B. False

C. Sometimes

D. Not Applicable

In incident investigation, you gather facts from people who have information about what happened or can shed light on why it happened, including those directly involved and any witnesses. Including every person who was not involved would be unnecessary, time-consuming, and could raise privacy concerns; it wouldn't help identify root causes or effective corrective actions. The goal is to gather relevant information to understand the sequence of events and contributing factors, not to survey the entire population. So the statement is not correct.

6. Which incident led to the adoption of double-hulled tankers?

A. Torrey Canyon

B. Exxon Valdez

C. Amoco Cadiz

D. Prestige

Double-hull tankers were adopted to reduce oil spills by adding an extra protective layer between the cargo tanks and the hull. The Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989 showed how a collision could breach a single hull and unleash enormous amounts of oil into the environment. In response, regulations moved quickly to require double hulls on new tankers and to accelerate the retirement of older single-hull ships, with actions at both national and international levels (such as MARPOL-related updates). While other spills raised awareness of tanker safety, Exxon Valdez was the turning point that drove the widespread adoption of double-hulled designs.

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7. If you're heading 090° True and see a vessel at a relative bearing of 30° to starboard, what is the true bearing?

A. 120°

B. 060°

C. 150°

D. 210°

Converting a relative bearing to a true bearing when you know your heading. If a vessel is 30° to starboard, that means 30° to your right from where you are heading. To get the true bearing, add that relative angle to your heading. Your heading is 090° True, so 090° + 30° = 120°. The true bearing is 120°. If the bearing were to port, you'd subtract instead. Bearings are measured clockwise from north, and you'll stay within 0–360° with wraparound as needed.

8. Detachable Link is used to

A. Joins each shot of chain

B. Provides a quick-release for the anchor

C. Secures the chain to the anchor shank

D. Joins the anchor swivel to the first shot of cable

Detachable links in an anchor chain setup provide a removable connection between the anchor swivel and the first length of chain. Placing the detachable link there lets the chain feed from the vessel and pass through the swivel smoothly, preventing twisting and making it easy to replace or shorten the first shot of chain without dismantling the entire rig. This connection is specifically about linking the swivel to the first chain shot, not about joining every link or securing the chain to the anchor shank. It also offers a practical quick-release capability in the sense that the chain can be separated from the swivel if needed, which is why the best description is that it joins the anchor swivel to the first shot of cable.

9. Abeam to Starboard indicates a position at what bearing relative to the ship?

A. 90 degrees to the starboard side

B. Directly ahead

C. Directly astern

D. 45 degrees to port

Abeam means the object is at a right angle to the ship's length, i.e., perpendicular to the bow–stern axis. If it's to starboard, that's on the ship's right-hand side. Bearings on a ship are measured clockwise from the bow: 0 degrees ahead, 90 degrees to the starboard (beam), 180 degrees astern, 270 degrees to port. So Abeam to Starboard places the object at 90 degrees from the bow on the right side.

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10. What does the Alpha flag indicate on a vessel?

A. Dangerous goods

B. Have Diver down, keep clear

C. Pilot on board

D. Man overboard

The Alpha flag is used to signal that there is a diver down in the water. When you see it, other vessels must keep well clear and proceed at a slow speed to protect the diver and avoid creating hazardous wake. This signal is specifically for diving operations and not for other situations. The other options refer to different situations signaled by other flags (for example, a flag used to indicate someone is overboard or that a pilot is on board), so they describe different safety messages and don't apply to the diver-down scenario.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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