

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (SSAT) DECK 2 PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE) 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.

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!

Questions

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- 1. A long poem, typically one derived from ancient oral tradition, narrating deeds or adventures, is called an**
 - A. Epic
 - B. Epidemic
 - C. Enigma
 - D. Ensemble

- 2. Which term means capable of resuming its normal shape after being stretched or compressed?**
 - A. Ember
 - B. Elongate
 - C. Elastic
 - D. Electorate

- 3. Which word means depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive?**
 - A. divulge
 - B. doze
 - C. dreary
 - D. dormant

- 4. Which word means to desire something belonging to someone else?**
 - A. Covet
 - B. Desire
 - C. Wish
 - D. Crave

- 5. Which word means not openly acknowledged or displayed?**
 - A. Overt
 - B. Covert
 - C. Public
 - D. Apparent

- 6. Which word means the process of losing cohesion or strength?**
- A. Disintegration
 - B. Disjointed
 - C. Dismal
 - D. Dismay
- 7. Which word describes a person or group that enforces laws or rules?**
- A. Endeavor
 - B. Ensemble
 - C. Enforcer
 - D. Enigma
- 8. Which word means not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable?**
- A. Erratic
 - B. Estranged
 - C. Etch
 - D. Essential
- 9. Which adjective describes something originating in or characteristic of distant foreign country?**
- A. Exotic
 - B. Excerpt
 - C. Exertion
 - D. Expedite
- 10. Which term means a feeling of contempt or scorn for someone or something?**
- A. Disdain
 - B. Dishearten
 - C. Disgruntled
 - D. Discard

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. A long poem, typically one derived from ancient oral tradition, narrating deeds or adventures, is called an

- A. Epic**
- B. Epidemic
- C. Enigma
- D. Ensemble

Epic is a long narrative poem that centers on heroic deeds and adventures. These works often come from ancient oral storytelling traditions and are later written down, featuring grand scope, elevated language, and quests or journeys, sometimes with the involvement of gods or fate. Classic examples include the Iliad, the Odyssey, Beowulf, and similar works from various cultures. Epidemic refers to a widespread outbreak of disease, enigma means a mystery or puzzle, and ensemble denotes a group of performers or a coordinated group. None of these capture the idea of a long, heroic narrative poem rooted in ancient storytelling.

2. Which term means capable of resuming its normal shape after being stretched or compressed?

- A. Ember
- B. Elongate
- C. Elastic**
- D. Electorate

Elastic describes a material that can return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed. This property, elasticity, is what lets a rubber band snap back once you release it. The other terms refer to different ideas: an ember is a glowing piece of burnt material, to elongate means to make something longer, and an electorate is the group of people who are eligible to vote.

3. Which word means depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive?

- A. divulge
- B. doze
- C. dreary**
- D. dormant

The idea being tested is finding a word that captures a mood of being depressingly dull, bleak, or repetitive. Dreary fits this sense exactly because it describes conditions or experiences that feel gray, lifeless, and monotonous, often making you want to escape the lack of excitement. Among the other options, dreary is the only one that conveys that combination of gloom and repetitiveness. Divulge means to reveal information, which says nothing about mood or dullness. Doze means to sleep lightly, which is about consciousness, not the dull, bleak quality. Dormant means inactive or asleep but not necessarily presenting the sense of oppressive dullness or repetitive tedium. Example: a dreary afternoon dragged on, with the same routine tasks day after day.

4. Which word means to desire something belonging to someone else?

- A. Covet
- B. Desire
- C. Wish
- D. Crave

To describe desiring something belonging to someone else, covet fits best. Covet means to have a strong, often envious longing for something that belongs to another person. It carries a sense that the object of desire is not yours and that the desire is intense and potentially disapproving. Desire is a general want and doesn't specify ownership. Wish is a milder, more hopeful longing. Crave implies a strong appetite or need, but not necessarily tied to someone else's possessions. So covet is the precise word for wanting what someone else owns. For example, one might covet a neighbor's new bike, meaning the desire is strong and directed at something that belongs to the neighbor.

5. Which word means not openly acknowledged or displayed?

- A. Overt
- B. Covert
- C. Public
- D. Apparent

Not openly acknowledged or displayed is described by covert. Covert means hidden, secret, or concealed, intended to avoid public view. It's the opposite of overt, which means open or obvious, and of public or apparent, which imply visibility. In usage, you'd talk about covert operations, covert plans, or covert actions carried out away from the public eye. The word's meaning matches the clue, so the correct choice is covert.

6. Which word means the process of losing cohesion or strength?

- A. Disintegration
- B. Disjointed
- C. Dismal
- D. Dismay

Disintegration is the process of losing cohesion or strength, breaking apart into pieces and losing overall integrity. It directly captures the idea of something falling apart or deteriorating over time, whether it's a physical object, a structure, or even a system. Disjointed describes something that is not connected or lacks a smooth, logical flow; it's about the look or feel of incoherence, not the act of breaking down. Dismal refers to a gloomy or poor quality, not the process of breaking apart. Dismay is a feeling of shock or disappointment, not a physical or structural breakdown.

7. Which word describes a person or group that enforces laws or rules?

- A. Endeavor
- B. Ensemble
- C. Enforcer
- D. Enigma

This question tests your ability to pick a word that names a person or group who makes sure rules are followed. Enforcer fits because it comes from enforce plus the -er suffix, which creates an agent noun meaning "a person who enforces." It directly describes someone who enforces laws or rules, like a police officer or a regulator. The other options fit different ideas: endeavor means an effort or attempt, ensemble is a group of performers or items, and enigma is a mystery or puzzle. So enforcer is the best fit.

8. Which word means not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable?

- A. Erratic
- B. Estranged
- C. Etch
- D. Essential

Understanding how to describe irregular, unpredictable patterns hinges on the word that means not even or regular in pattern or movement. Erratic fits because it describes something that is unpredictable and inconsistent in its pattern or behavior. For example, erratic driving or erratic weather shows a lack of steady rhythm or predictability. The other terms don't convey that sense: estranged means distant in relationships, etch means to engrave, and essential means absolutely necessary. So, erratic is the best choice.

9. Which adjective describes something originating in or characteristic of distant foreign country?

- A. Exotic
- B. Excerpt
- C. Exertion
- D. Expedite

This word describes a quality tied to distant foreign places—something that seems unusual, striking, or characteristic of lands far away. Exotic means originating in or characteristic of a distant foreign country, so it's used for things that feel different from what's ordinary at home. For example, exotic spices or exotic locales convey that sense of novelty and unfamiliar charm. The other terms aren't adjectives describing origin or foreign character: an excerpt is a noun meaning a short passage from a book; exertion refers to effort or energy spent; expedite is a verb meaning to speed up a process.

10. Which term means a feeling of contempt or scorn for someone or something?

A. Disdain

B. Dishearten

C. Disgruntled

D. Discard

Disdain describes a feeling of contempt or scorn toward someone or something. It's the attitude of thinking something is unworthy of your respect and looking down on it. That matches the idea in the question. The other terms refer to different ideas: dishearten means to take away someone's hope or courage; disgruntled means feeling unhappy or dissatisfied; discard means to throw away or reject something. For example, saying, "She spoke with disdain about the policy," shows the contemptful attitude.

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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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