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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. Which wound is described as a “flapper, 3 sided"?

A. Puncture

B. Avulsion

C. Amputation

D. Contusion

2. Subjective includes items?

A. About the subject; age, sex, c/c, MOI

B. Vitals and exam

C. Chief complaints and MOI

D. Observations from others

3. Which backcountry medical exception involves aligning bone ends?

A. Reduction of Angulation

B. Reduction of Bone Ends

C. Traction in Line

D. Spinal Clearing

4. In decompensated shock, how is the respiration rate described?

A. RR: Low

B. RR: Super High - decline toward death

C. RR: Normal

D. RR: Decreases then increases

5. PERRL is a rapid assessment of which anatomical feature?

A. Pupils

B. Pallet

C. Pupils and Retina

D. Pulses

6. Which is the proper field management after a wilderness lightning strike?

A. Run to the strike zone to retrieve belongings; ignore victim.

B. Check responsiveness; treat life-threatening conditions; perform CPR if not breathing; evacuate; avoid the strike zone after the event.

C. Ignore burns; wait for symptoms to appear.

D. Take shelter and wait for weather to clear without assisting.

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7. Which of the following is a type of wound?

A. Sprain

B. Fracture

C. Contusion

D. Abrasion

8. What does AVPU stand for in wilderness patient assessment?

A. A = Alert, V = Responds to Voice, P = Responds to Pain, U = Unresponsive

B. A = Awake, V = Verbal, P = Pain, U = Unconscious

C. A = Alert, V = Verbal, P = Physical, U = Unresponsive

D. A = Alert, V = Vigilant, P = Pain, U = Unresponsive

9. Heart Rate quality descriptors used. Which pair describes pulse quality?

A. Strong, Weak

B. Fast, Slow

C. Regular, Irregular

D. Bounding, Thready

10. What is the second step in the splinting process?

A. Traction in Line

B. Check CSMS

C. Immobilize

D. Check CSMs

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which wound is described as a “flapper, 3 sided"?

A. Puncture

B. Avulsion

C. Amputation

D. Contusion

An avulsion is a wound where tissue is torn away from the body, leaving a flap of skin or tissue that remains attached along part of its edge. The description “flapper, three sided” fits this because you have a loose flap that has been torn away on multiple sides but is still connected along the base. This distinguishes it from a puncture (a small hole), a contusion (a bruise without a tear in the skin), or an amputation (complete separation of a part). In field care, control bleeding, keep the flap moist and clean, cover with a sterile dressing, and transport for definitive care; if possible, preserve the detached tissue in saline and keep it cool for potential reattachment.

2. Subjective includes items?

A. About the subject; age, sex, c/c, MOI

B. Vitals and exam

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Subjective information is the part of the assessment that comes from the patient's own report about how they feel and what happened to them. The chief complaint is the main problem the patient describes, and the mechanism of injury describes how the event occurred. Both are based on the patient's or bystanders' account and are not measured or observed by you, which is why they are considered subjective data. Vitals and exam findings are objective data—they are measurements and observed signs. Observations from others are reports provided by bystanders and are not the patient's own description, so they don't fit the subjective category as the primary source of information.

3. Which backcountry medical exception involves aligning bone ends?

A. Reduction of Angulation

B. Reduction of Bone Ends

C. Traction in Line

D. Spinal Clearing

Restoring proper alignment after a fracture means bringing the fractured ends back together so they touch and line up. This is called reduction of bone ends, and it helps regain length, rotation, and stability for healing. In a backcountry setting, this is usually a closed reduction performed with controlled manual pressure (and sometimes gentle traction) to bring the ends into apposition, followed by immobilization to hold the position. Traction in line helps maintain alignment but is not the act of bringing the bone ends together. Spinal clearing is unrelated to this process. So the action described—aligning bone ends—is reduction of bone ends.

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4. In decompensated shock, how is the respiration rate described?

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In decompensated shock, respiration becomes extremely rapid because the body is no longer able to compensate for poor perfusion and rising metabolic acidosis. The lungs are driven to ventilate harder to improve oxygen delivery and remove CO2, so the respiratory rate climbs to a very high level. But as shock worsens, the muscles used for breathing fatigue and the body's drive to breathe can diminish, leading to a fall in the rate and increasingly shallow or irregular breaths. That combination—very high breathing rate that then declines toward death—best matches what happens in decompensated shock. Other patterns, like a normal or decreased rate, don't fit the progression of failing compensation, and a decrease followed by an increase doesn't reflect the typical trajectory in this stage.

5. PERRL is a rapid assessment of which anatomical feature?

A. Pupils

B. Pallet

C. Pupils and Retina

D. Pulses

PERRL is a quick neurologic check focused on the pupils and how they respond to light. In the field, you're looking to see that both pupils are equal in size, roughly round in shape, and that both constrict when light is shone on them. This reflex involves the optic nerve (sensory pathway) and the oculomotor nerve (motor pathway) and gives a rapid sense of brain or cranial nerve function. The term does not assess the palate, the retina, or pulses, which are different areas of examination. So the feature being rapid-assessed here is the pupils themselves. If you notice unequal pupils or a lack of light response, that flags potential serious injury or illness requiring further evaluation.

6. Which is the proper field management after a wilderness lightning strike?

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C. Ignore burns; wait for symptoms to appear.

D. Take shelter and wait for weather to clear without assisting.

Lightning injuries require immediate life-saving care plus ongoing scene safety. The first priority is to ensure the area is safe and to assess the person's condition quickly. If they are unresponsive or not breathing, you must address life-threatening issues right away and start CPR if there is no breathing. In a wilderness setting, beginning chest compressions and rescue breaths promptly can save a life, and you continue until help arrives or the person resumes breathing. After the person is stabilized, evacuate them to definitive medical care as soon as possible. Lightning can affect more than just the skin—cardiac rhythms, breathing, neurological function, and hidden trauma from a fall or being struck can all be involved, and delays in care can worsen outcomes. Avoid the strike zone after the event because ground current, energized objects, or another lightning strike can still pose danger even after the storm has passed. Moving to a safer area while you assess and transport the patient reduces further risk while you provide care. Choices that involve rushing back into the strike area for belongings, ignoring injuries, waiting for symptoms, or simply sheltering without helping fail to address the immediate life threats and ongoing hazards present with wilderness lightning injuries. The best approach combines urgent life support with safety from residual danger.

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7. Which of the following is a type of wound?

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Wounds can be classified as open or closed. A contusion is a bruise from blunt force that damages soft tissue and small blood vessels, causing discoloration, swelling, and pain, but the skin stays intact. That makes it a closed wound. The other options describe injuries that are not wounds or are open wounds: a sprain involves ligaments, a fracture is a broken bone, and an abrasion is a superficial open wound where skin is scraped away. So contusion fits the category of a wound here because it's a tissue injury with intact skin. For care, use a cold pack to reduce swelling and monitor for signs of deeper injury.

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AVPU is a quick, field-friendly way to gauge a wilderness patient's level of consciousness. The A stands for Alert—the patient is awake, oriented, and following simple commands. The V stands for Responds to Voice—the patient isn't fully awake but will respond to spoken commands or the examiner's voice. The P stands for Responds to Pain—if there is no response to voice, you apply a painful stimulus and note any movement or purposeful response. The U stands for Unresponsive—the patient shows no response to voice or pain. This four-step scale is ideal in austere settings because it's simple, fast, and repeatable, enabling you to quickly assess brain function and monitor for changes. The phrasing used here matches the standard definitions most wilderness first aid resources teach; other options use terms like Awake, Verbal, Physical, or Vigilant, which aren't the recognized categories in this scale.

9. Heart Rate quality descriptors used. Which pair describes pulse quality?

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Pulse quality means how forceful the arterial pulse feels as you palpate it, which reflects how well the heart is delivering blood. A strong pulse feels full and vigorous, while a weak pulse is faint or barely palpable. In field assessments, this quick judgment—strong versus weak—tells you about perfusion status and helps guide urgency of care. The other descriptors focus on different aspects: fast versus slow describes rate, regular versus irregular describes rhythm, and bounding versus thready are alternate quality terms that describe extremes of force. But the pair that directly captures the overall intensity or quality of the pulse in everyday practice is strong and weak. If you detect a weak pulse, consider causes like shock, dehydration, or blood loss and monitor closely.

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10. What is the second step in the splinting process?

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Applying in-line traction to the injured limb is the second step because the aim is to begin realigning the fracture and reducing deformity before immobilization. Traction along the axis of the limb helps relieve pain, decreases muscle spasm, and makes splinting more effective by keeping the bones in a more natural position. It should be gentle and maintained only as long as it helps and does not cause new problems; if there's increasing pain, numbness, or color change, reassess and stop traction. After establishing in-line traction, you immobilize the limb by securing a splint that extends above and below the injury to maintain alignment. Throughout the process, you recheck distal circulation, sensation, and movement to ensure no neurovascular compromise has developed. Checking CSMs is important, but in this sequence, applying traction in line is the next procedural step before immobilization.

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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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