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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. AF Form 724 is used for which rank range?

A. 2Lt through Colonel

B. AB through TSgt

C. MSgt through CMSgt

D. Warrant Officer

2. For six-year enlistees, the thresholds for automatic CJR timing are?

A. 59 months and 67 months

B. 35 months and 43 months

C. 49 months and 59 months

D. 60 months and 72 months

3. Which publication provides the official enlisted promotion/demotion program details?

A. AFI 36-2502, Enlisted Airman Promotion/Demotion Programs

B. AFMAN 36-2100

C. CJCSI 1805.01B, Enlisted Professional Military Education Policy

D. DAFI 36-2670, Force Development

4. Which statement aligns with the idea of enhanced awareness and treatment in PTSD management?

A. They can help prevent PTSD and allow treatment before symptoms become disabling

B. PTSD cannot be treated

C. Awareness has no impact on PTSD

D. Only medication cures PTSD

5. In accordance with AFI 44-172, Mental Health, what did the USAF institute as an effort to promote help-seeking actions by Airmen who are experiencing legal or administrative problems?

A. No-Opportunity Mental Health Access

B. Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program

C. Anonymous Self-Help Hotline

D. Mandatory Counseling for Legal Issues

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6. For guidance on bullet writing, Airmen can refer to which publication?

A. AFH 33-337, The Tongue and Quill, "The Bullet Background Paper"

B. AFI 36-2606

C. AFMAN 33-2601

D. AFI 33-337, The Tongue and Quill

7. Whose responsibility is suicide prevention?

A. Only commanders

B. Everyone's

C. Only peers

D. Only health professionals

8. Which of the following is NOT one of the three tests used to check the morality of actions and decisions?

A. Validity test

B. Ethics test

C. Consistency test

D. Respect test

9. If you are stressed by crowds and long lines, which stress reduction technique is described as adjusting plans to minimize exposure?

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B. Time management

C. Make adjustments

D. Avoid crowds entirely

10. Under the Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS), promotion competition is conducted within which AFSC framework and on what date?

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. AF Form 724 is used for which rank range?

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AF Form 724 is used to document promotion actions for commissioned officers. The form covers the entire officer track, from the initial commissioned rank of second lieutenant up to colonel. Enlisted ranks (airman basic through technical sergeant; master sergeant through chief master sergeant) and warrant officers have separate promotion forms and processes, so AF Form 724 is not used for them. That's why the rank range it applies to is the full set of commissioned officers.

2. For six-year enlistees, the thresholds for automatic CJR timing are?

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Automatic CJR timing for six-year enlistees is set around two concrete service-month points: 59 months and 67 months. These two thresholds create a review window that ensures the system can initiate the Career Joint Review process near the end of the five-year-year-and-some window and still have a backup point if action hasn't been completed by the first threshold. Why this works: the 59-month mark places the review just before the five-year milestone, giving enough lead time to process the review and make any necessary decisions before the 60-month boundary. The 67-month mark provides a fallback to ensure the automatic review happens even if earlier steps were delayed. This dual-timing approach helps keep career progression and retention decisions on track within the six-year enlistment cycle.

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Understanding where the official rules for how enlisted personnel are promoted or demoted are published is key. The official publication that contains all the details about how enlisted promotions and demotions are run is AFI 36-2502, Enlisted Airman Promotion/Demotion Programs. It outlines eligibility, selection methods, promotion timelines, and the procedures used at all levels. The other publications cover different topics: AFMAN 36-2100 deals with enlisted classifications and career field management, CJCSI 1805.01B covers enlisted professional military education policy, and DAFI 36-2670 addresses force development. None of those provide the comprehensive, up-to-date details for the promotion/demotion programs, which is why the first publication is the correct source.

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Awareness and early treatment are crucial because recognizing PTSD symptoms early and connecting individuals with effective care can prevent the distress from escalating into disabling levels. When people know what PTSD looks like and seek help promptly, evidence-based therapies—especially trauma-focused approaches like cognitive processing therapy, prolonged exposure, or EMDR—can be started before symptoms become severe. This early intervention often reduces symptom severity, improves functioning, and lowers the chance that the condition becomes chronic or disabling. Medications play a role for some cases, but successful PTSD management relies on timely access to proven therapies and ongoing support, not on a single cure.

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This item tests how the Air Force encourages Airmen to seek mental health help when they're dealing with legal or administrative problems. AFI 44-172 defines the Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program, which is designed to promote help-seeking by making it easier to access care without fear of punitive consequences. The program provides confidential mental health evaluation and treatment, with only limited information shared with the chain of command. That privacy reduces stigma and the worry that seeking help could harm a career or lead to disciplinary action, so Airmen are more likely to pursue timely support. The other options don't fit this policy. There isn't a concept called No-Opportunity Mental Health Access, and an Anonymous Self-Help Hotline isn't the formal program described in AFI 44-172. Mandatory Counseling for Legal Issues would force treatment and undermine the voluntary, confidential nature that encourages Airmen to seek help in the first place.

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Bullet writing in the Air Force is guided by The Tongue and Quill, AFH 33-337. This handbook lays out how to craft concise, impactful bullets and includes the Bullet Background Paper format, a quick, evidence-based way to present actions, results, and impact. That combination makes it the go-to reference for how Airmen should structure and phrase bullet statements. The other publications listed cover different topics or document types (policy guidance, evaluation systems, or manuals) and don't serve as the standard source for bullet-writing guidance.

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Suicide prevention works best when every person in the organization shares the responsibility. Leaders shape the environment, set expectations, and ensure people know where to get help. Peers often notice warning signs first and can reach out with support and encouragement to seek help. Health professionals provide assessment, diagnosis, and treatment and help connect individuals to ongoing care. When all these roles collaborate, it creates a network that makes it easier for someone at risk to reach out, reduces stigma, and leads to timely help. If only one group were responsible, critical pieces would be missing: commanders alone can't support every individual's day-to-day concerns; peers alone may lack access to professional care; health professionals alone can't identify everyone in need or ensure help is pursued. By sharing responsibility, the safety net is stronger and more people get the right help sooner.

8. Which of the following is NOT one of the three tests used to check the morality of actions and decisions?

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When we evaluate whether actions and decisions are moral, we use practical checks that focus on guiding principles, consistency, and respect for others. The ethics test asks if the action aligns with core moral duties and values, like honesty and fairness. The consistency test checks whether we apply the same standard in similar situations, avoiding double standards. The respect test looks at whether the action respects others' rights and dignity, ensuring we don't treat people merely as a means to an end. The validity test, by contrast, deals with whether a conclusion follows from premises in an argument, which is about logical structure rather than moral content. So it isn't part of the moral-check framework.

9. If you are stressed by crowds and long lines, which stress reduction technique is described as adjusting plans to minimize exposure?

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The key idea here is coping by changing your plan to reduce how much you're exposed to the stressor. When crowds and long lines are the trigger, adjusting what you do—like shopping online, choosing off-peak times, or taking less crowded routes—directly lowers the chances you'll encounter the stressful situation. That makes this approach a proactive, problem-focused way to reduce stress because it modifies the environment or schedule to minimize exposure rather than just reacting to stress after it happens. Breathing exercises help calm your body once stress is already present, but they don't reduce how often you face crowds. Time management helps organize tasks, which can lower general pressure, yet it doesn't specifically address exposure to crowds. Avoiding crowds entirely is sometimes impractical, whereas making adjustments offers a practical middle ground that reduces exposure without complete withdrawal.

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Under WAPS, promotion competition is organized within the control AFSC, meaning airmen compete with others who share the same specific control specialty code rather than with everyone in their broader job family. The anchor date used for determining eligibility and calculating the promotion score is the promotion eligibility cutoff date, which sets the point at which TIS, TIG, test scores, EPRs, and other factors are evaluated for eligibility. This PECD ensures a consistent, cycle-based competition and fair comparison within the same control AFSC. The other options don't reflect how WAPS groups and times promotions: competition isn't based on the start of the fiscal year, a local base board, or a random month-end pool.

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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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