TEEX BASIC WATER WORKS OPERATIONS PRACTICE TEST (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.

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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 action is listed as a security improvement?

A. Check remote manholes and cleanouts

B. Elevate chlorine dosage

C. Report health risks

D. Check facility security

2. EPA requires a copy of each consumer confidence report to be kept for at least how many years?

A. Five years

B. Ten years

C. One year

D. Indefinitely

3. The most important feature of the well screen is the length.

A. True

B. False

C. Not sure

D. Irrelevant

4. Infected fecal matter entering a water supply transmits pathogens to healthy people.

A. False

B. Not applicable

C. True

D. Sometimes

5. Which statement best describes security concerns?

A. Cost control

B. Public relations

C. Both cost control and public relations

D. Environmental compliance

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6. Chlorine gas density relative to air is approximately how many times heavier?

A. One and a half times heavier than air

B. Three times heavier than air

C. Less than air

D. Two and a half times heavier than air

7. Which of the following is a security improvement?

A. Install solar panels

B. Elevate chlorine dosage

C. Increase customer inquiries

D. Announce public meetings

8. In the event of low distribution pressure (below 20 psi), water outages, repeated unacceptable microbiological samples, or failure to maintain adequate chlorine residuals, special precautions must be instituted by the water system.

A. True

B. False

C. Only for a few hours

D. Not specified

9. Which gases are commonly found in water?

A. Oxygen and Nitrogen

B. Hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), Carbon dioxide (CO_2), Methane (CH_4)

C. Argon and Neon

D. Ammonia and Chlorine

10. Quality water has low amounts of color, turbidity, solids, and _____.

A. conductivity

B. pH

C. taste and odor

D. color

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which action is listed as a security improvement?

A. Check remote manholes and cleanouts

B. Elevate chlorine dosage

C. Report health risks

D. Check facility security

Security improvements in a water system focus on protecting the distribution network by identifying and securing points where tampering could occur. Checking remote manholes and cleanouts targets critical entry points along the distribution system, making it easier to spot signs of tampering, unauthorized access, or physical damage. Regularly inspecting these remote access points helps detect problems early and prevents contamination or disruption, which is the essence of a security improvement. Elevating chlorine dosage is a treatment measure, not a security measure. Reporting health risks relates to public health monitoring rather than safeguarding the physical system. Checking facility security is important, but inspecting remote manholes and cleanouts directly addresses vulnerabilities in the distribution network itself, making it the best example of a security improvement.

2. EPA requires a copy of each consumer confidence report to be kept for at least how many years?

A. Five years

B. Ten years

C. One year

D. Indefinitely

Recordkeeping for Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) is required by EPA. Public water systems must retain a copy of each CCR for at least five years. Maintaining CCRs for five years allows ready access during inspections, supports customer inquiries, and lets you track water-quality trends over multiple years. Longer retention isn't required, and keeping only one year would leave past reports unavailable when needed.

3. The most important feature of the well screen is the length.

A. True

B. False

C. Not sure

D. Irrelevant

False. A well screen's job is to admit water while keeping sediments out, so the key design features are the slot size and the open area. Slot size determines what size particles can pass into the well (too large and sand can enter; too small and water flow is restricted). Open area affects how much water can enter the well from the surrounding formation. The screen length matters only in terms of covering a productive interval, but it isn't the defining feature of performance. Material and durability matter as well, but they're secondary to choosing the right slot size and sufficient open area.

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4. Infected fecal matter entering a water supply transmits pathogens to healthy people.

A. False

B. Not applicable

C. True

D. Sometimes

When fecal matter contaminated with pathogens enters a water supply, those disease-causing organisms can reach people who drink, cook with, or bathe in that water. Feces can carry a range of pathogens—bacteria, viruses, and protozoa—so if the water isn't adequately treated or if treatment is compromised, these organisms can survive and cause illness in healthy individuals. Water treatment uses several barriers (removing particles, inactivating microbes, and maintaining a safe distribution system) to prevent this transmission, but the fundamental reality remains: contaminated water can transmit pathogens to people. Hence, the statement is true.

5. Which statement best describes security concerns?

A. Cost control

B. Public relations

C. Both cost control and public relations

D. Environmental compliance

Security concerns in a water utility aren't just about protecting equipment; they involve balancing protection with how the system is funded and how the public perceives security measures. Managing costs keeps security improvements affordable and sustainable, ensuring the program can be maintained over time. Public relations matters because security actions can affect customer trust and acceptance; clear, transparent communication helps people understand the necessity and benefits of security measures. Put together, both cost control and public relations address the practical and trust aspects of security, making that combined view the best description. Focusing only on cost control misses the trust and communication side, while focusing only on public relations misses the ongoing financial feasibility. Environmental compliance is important but relates to meeting regulations rather than the broader security effectiveness and community confidence.

6. Chlorine gas density relative to air is approximately how many times heavier?

A. One and a half times heavier than air

B. Three times heavier than air

C. Less than air

D. Two and a half times heavier than air

Chlorine gas is heavier than air because its molecular weight is much higher than that of air. Chlorine has a molecular weight of about 70.9 g/mol, while air averages around 29 g/mol. Since density at the same temperature and pressure is related to molecular weight, chlorine's density is roughly 70.9/29 ≈ 2.4–2.5 times that of air. This means leaks tend to settle in low areas—basements, pits, drains, and along floors. In practice, this behavior calls for floor-level monitoring and good ventilation to prevent dangerous buildup. Therefore, the correct choice is that chlorine is about two and a half times heavier than air.

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7. Which of the following is a security improvement?

A. Install solar panels

B. Elevate chlorine dosage

C. Increase customer inquiries

D. Announce public meetings

Maintaining an adequate chlorine residual in the distribution system acts as a security measure because it creates a disinfectant barrier that persists beyond the treatment plant, making it harder for contaminants to take hold if someone attempts to tamper with the system. Increasing the dosage, within safe regulatory limits, strengthens protection by slowing or preventing contaminant spread downstream. The other options don't directly improve security: solar panels relate to energy efficiency and reliability, not safeguarding the water supply; more customer inquiries focus on service interactions; and announcing public meetings improves transparency and communication rather than the security of the water system.

8. In the event of low distribution pressure (below 20 psi), water outages, repeated unacceptable microbiological samples, or failure to maintain adequate chlorine residuals, special precautions must be instituted by the water system.

A. True

B. False

C. Only for a few hours

D. Not specified

When drinking water safety is at risk, a utility must take protective actions. Low distribution pressure (below about 20 psi) makes the system vulnerable to backflow and intrusion of contaminants, outages break the supply and may allow contamination to spread, repeated unacceptable microbiological samples indicate contamination or a compromised system, and not maintaining adequate chlorine residuals means disinfectant protection isn't reliable. Because of these risks, special precautions—such as notices to customers, boil-water advisories, restrictions on use, enhanced flushing, and adjustments to treatment or disinfection—must be instituted to protect public health. So, this statement is true.

9. Which gases are commonly found in water?

A. Oxygen and Nitrogen

B. Hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), Carbon dioxide (CO_2), Methane (CH_4)

C. Argon and Neon

D. Ammonia and Chlorine

Dissolved gases in water come from two main sources: exchange with the atmosphere and biological/chemical processes in the water and sediments. Carbon dioxide is universally present because it readily dissolves from the air and forms carbonic acid, so CO_2 is a very common dissolved gas in water. In environments without oxygen, microorganisms break down organic matter and produce gases like methane and hydrogen sulfide. Methane appears in anaerobic settings such as sediments or groundwater, while hydrogen sulfide forms where sulfate-reducing bacteria are active. So CO_2, CH_4, and H_2S together reflect the typical range of gases you'd encounter dissolved in natural waters under different conditions. The other options aren't as representative: noble gases like argon and neon occur only in trace amounts, not typically discussed as common dissolved gases; ammonia and chlorine may appear in water under certain conditions but aren't as universally or routinely present as CO_2, CH_4, and H_2S.

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10. Quality water has low amounts of color, turbidity, solids, and _____.

A. conductivity

B. pH

C. taste and odor

D. color

The main idea is that good water quality isn't just about chemical measurements; it also means it tastes and smells acceptable. Along with low color, low turbidity, and low total solids, water should have minimal taste and odor issues. Taste and odor are key aspects of aesthetic quality that consumers notice first, so they're the missing element that completes the picture of when water is considered high quality. Conductivity and pH are important chemical parameters, but they aren't described in this same sensory, consumer-acceptance way, and color is already listed, so the best fit is taste and odor.

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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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