WEST VIRGINIA BARBER WRITTEN 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.

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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. What is the neuron extension that passes messages through its branches to other neurons or to muscle glands?

A. Axon

B. Dendrite

C. Nerve

D. Soma

2. Which of the following is known as the accessory-motion of muscles?

A. 10th cranial nerve

B. 11th cranial nerve

C. 12th cranial nerve

D. 5th cranial nerve

3. What are waterproof drapes made of vinyl that are used to protect the clients skin and clothing from water, liquids, and chemicals?

A. Hair cutting capes

B. Reclined and inclined

C. Scalp steam

D. Shampoo capes

4. What are the treelike branch lines of the nerve fibers extending from nerve cell that carry impulses towards the cell and receive impulses from other neurons?

A. Axons

B. Dendrites

C. Nerves

D. Soma

5. What is the leather and canvas band for sharpening/polishing a razor?

A. A hone

B. A shearing belt

C. A sharpening strap

D. A strop

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6. What is the difference between shears and scissors?

A. Shears are longer than 6 inches and scissors are less than 6 inches

B. Shears are made of steel and scissors are made of plastic

C. Shears have curved blades and scissors have straight blades

D. Shears have handles and scissors do not

7. What are the 2 types of shampoo?

A. Carbuncle and furuncle

B. Muscles and arteries

C. Reclined and inclined

D. Scalp steam and conditioner

8. What is the product that is usually a cream base, used to soften and improve the health of the scalp?

A. Arteries

B. Chair cloths

C. Scalp conditioner

D. Tinea sycosis

9. Which phase of cell division involves the centrioles moving to each side?

A. Anaphase

B. Prophase

C. Mitosis

D. Interphase

10. What is a key characteristic of a taper haircut?

A. Even length throughout

B. Shorter at the nape, longer at the crown

C. Long layers at the front, short at the back

D. Short on the sides, long on the top

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the neuron extension that passes messages through its branches to other neurons or to muscle glands?

A. Axon

B. Dendrite

C. Nerve

D. Soma

The correct answer is A. Axon. An axon is a long, slender projection of a nerve cell, or neuron, that typically conducts electrical impulses away from the neuron's cell body. Axons are responsible for transmitting information to different neurons, muscle cells, or glands. In contrast, dendrites are the branch-like extensions of a neuron that receive signals from other neurons. Nerves are bundles of axons, and the soma (cell body) contains the nucleus of the neuron.

2. Which of the following is known as the accessory-motion of muscles?

A. 10th cranial nerve

B. 11th cranial nerve

C. 12th cranial nerve

D. 5th cranial nerve

The correct answer is the 10th cranial nerve. The 10th cranial nerve, also known as the Vagus nerve, is often described as the accessory-motion of muscles because it is responsible for regulating the movement of the soft palate and pharynx during speech and swallowing. The other options (B. 11th cranial nerve, C. 12th cranial nerve, and D. 5th cranial nerve) are not associated with being the accessory-motion of muscles.

3. What are waterproof drapes made of vinyl that are used to protect the clients skin and clothing from water, liquids, and chemicals?

A. Hair cutting capes

B. Reclined and inclined

C. Scalp steam

D. Shampoo capes

Shampoo capes are waterproof drapes made of vinyl that are used to protect the client's skin and clothing from water, liquids, and chemicals during the shampooing process. This type of cape is designed to keep the client dry and comfortable while their hair is being washed. Hair cutting capes are typically used to protect the client's clothing from hair clippings during a haircut, while scalp steam refers to a process used in barbering to help open the hair cuticle for better absorption of hair products. Reclined and inclined are terms that describe the position of a barber chair.

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4. What are the treelike branch lines of the nerve fibers extending from nerve cell that carry impulses towards the cell and receive impulses from other neurons?

A. Axons

B. Dendrites

C. Nerves

D. Soma

Axons are the correct answer. Axons are the long, treelike branch lines of nerve fibers that extend from a nerve cell. They carry impulses away from the cell body and transmit them to other neurons, muscles, or glands. Dendrites, on the other hand, are shorter, more numerous extensions that receive impulses from other neurons and carry them towards the cell body. Nerves are bundles of axons that transmit signals between the brain and other parts of the body. Lastly, the soma refers to the cell body of a neuron containing the nucleus and other organelles.

5. What is the leather and canvas band for sharpening/polishing a razor?

A. A hone

B. A shearing belt

C. A sharpening strap

D. A strop

The correct answer is A. A hone. In the context of sharpening and polishing a razor, a hone is a flat stone made of either natural or synthetic materials that is used to sharpen the blade of the razor. A hone is typically used before stropping to ensure a finely honed edge on the razor. While the other options may sound plausible, they are not the correct term for the leather and canvas band used for sharpening/polishing a razor. - B. A shearing belt is not a commonly used term in barbering and does not refer to the specific tool described in the question. - C. A sharpening strap is also not the correct term for the leather and canvas band used for sharpening/polishing a razor. - D. A strop is a leather and canvas band used for sharpening and polishing a razor blade. Even though a strop is used for this purpose, in this specific context, the question is asking for the term for the leather and canvas band, which is a hone.

6. What is the difference between shears and scissors?

A. Shears are longer than 6 inches and scissors are less than 6 inches

B. Shears are made of steel and scissors are made of plastic

C. Shears have curved blades and scissors have straight blades

D. Shears have handles and scissors do not

The correct answer is A. Shears are typically longer than 6 inches, while scissors are usually less than 6 inches in length. This distinction is important in the barbering profession as shears are commonly used for cutting hair due to their longer blades, which provide more cutting power and accuracy. In contrast, scissors are often used for more detailed work or trimming due to their smaller size and maneuverability. Options B, C, and D are incorrect because they do not accurately differentiate between shears and scissors based on their typical size, blade shape, or handle design.

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7. What are the 2 types of shampoo?

A. Carbuncle and furuncle

B. Muscles and arteries

C. Reclined and inclined

D. Scalp steam and conditioner

The correct answer is C. Reclined and inclined. In the context of the question, the term "shampoo" refers to the two types of positions in which a client can have their hair washed at the salon sink: reclined, where the client leans back with their head in the sink, and inclined, where the client sits up with their head tilted back over the sink. The other options provided are not related to the types of shampoo but rather consist of unrelated terms, making them incorrect answers.

8. What is the product that is usually a cream base, used to soften and improve the health of the scalp?

A. Arteries

B. Chair cloths

C. Scalp conditioner

D. Tinea sycosis

Scalp conditioner is the correct answer because it is a product that is typically a cream base and is specifically formulated to soften and enhance the overall health of the scalp. Scalp conditioners are designed to moisturize the scalp, reduce dryness, and promote a healthy environment for hair growth. The other options are incorrect: - Arteries are blood vessels that carry oxygenated blood away from the heart to the body tissues and organs. They are not related to scalp health or conditioning. - Chair cloths are covers used to protect barber chairs and are not used for scalp health. - Tinea sycosis is a fungal infection of the hair follicles, which is not a product used for scalp softening or health improvement.

9. Which phase of cell division involves the centrioles moving to each side?

A. Anaphase

B. Prophase

C. Mitosis

D. Interphase

During the phase of anaphase in cell division, the centrioles move to opposite poles of the cell. This movement of the centrioles helps to form the mitotic spindle, which then helps in the separation of sister chromatids towards the opposite ends of the cell. This phase is crucial for the proper distribution of genetic material into two daughter cells. In contrast: - Prophase is the phase where the chromatin condenses into chromosomes and the nuclear membrane breaks down. - Mitosis is a broad term encompassing all the stages of cell division, including prophase, metaphase, anaphase, and telophase. - Interphase is not a phase of cell division; instead, it is the phase during which the cell grows, carries out its normal functions, and prepares for division.

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A. Even length throughout

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C. Long layers at the front, short at the back

D. Short on the sides, long on the top

A key characteristic of a taper haircut is that it is shorter at the nape (back of the neck) and gradually longer towards the crown (top of the head). This gradual increase in length creates a smooth and blended transition from short to long hair, giving the haircut a clean and polished appearance. This technique helps to create a structured look while maintaining a neat and tidy appearance. The other options are not characteristic of a taper haircut: - Option A, even length throughout, describes a blunt cut where all hair is the same length. - Option C, long layers at the front and short at the back, describes a layered haircut with a different distribution of lengths. - Option D, short on the sides and long on the top, describes a disconnected haircut where there is a clear contrast in lengths between the sides and the top of the head.

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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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