# ZAXBY'S COOK AND HOLD TIMES PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

## STUDY GUIDE



## SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS

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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 standard temperature for all coolers (including walk-in, reach-in, chef's base, and refrigerated table with drop-in section)?**

   A. 32-36

   B. 34-38

   C. 40-44

   D. 28-32

2. **What is the hold time for prepped iceberg for sandwich?**

   A. 24 hours

   B. 48 hours

   C. 72 hours

   D. 5 days

3. **What is the shelf life of blue cheese dressing?**

   A. 120 days

   B. 180 days

   C. 60 days

   D. 90 days

4. **What is the cook time for fillets (Taylor)?**

   A. 2 minutes 30 seconds

   B. 3 minutes 30 seconds

   C. 3 minutes

   D. 4 minutes

5. **Croutons cook temperature is?**

   A. 270°F

   B. 290°F

   C. 310°F

   D. 330°F

6. **What is the cook time for the brioche bun's bottom of heel?**

   A. 10 seconds

   B. 15 seconds

   C. 20 seconds

   D. 25 seconds

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**7. What is the shelf life of Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce?**

A. 180 days
B. 120 days
C. 90 days
D. 240 days

**8. How long does corn and black bean mix last after removal from freezer?**

A. 48 hours
B. 24 hours
C. 72 hours
D. 1 week

**9. Zestable shelf life?**

A. 60 days
B. 90 days
C. 120 days
D. 180 days

**10. What is the pre-cook time for Fresh Traditional Wings?**

A. 8 MIN
B. 10 MIN
C. 12 MIN
D. 15 MIN

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# Answers

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

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# Explanations

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## 1. What is the standard temperature for all coolers (including walk-in, reach-in, chef's base, and refrigerated table with drop-in section)?

A. 32-36

B. 34-38

C. 40-44

D. 28-32

*Keeping cooler temperatures in the safe refrigeration zone is essential to slow bacterial growth while preserving the quality of dairy, produce, and other perishable items. The best target is the mid-30s Fahrenheit, which stays below 40°F to keep foods safe, yet above freezing to prevent freezing of sensitive items. This balance protects flavor and texture and minimizes the risk of rapid bacterial growth. If the temperature drops too low into freezing territory, items can be damaged by freezing and moisture loss; if it rises above safe refrigeration standards, bacteria can multiply more quickly. The other ranges either approach freezing too closely or sit in a zone that's too warm for safe storage, making the mid-30s range the right choice.*

## 2. What is the hold time for prepped iceberg for sandwich?

A. 24 hours

B. 48 hours

C. 72 hours

D. 5 days

*Hold time for prepped iceberg lettuce used on a sandwich is 24 hours. After lettuce is cut and washed, it remains highly perishable, so keeping it cold is essential to slow bacteria growth and preserve texture. Store at 41°F (5°C) or lower and use within a day to reduce the risk of foodborne illness and maintain crispness. Once 24 hours have passed since prep, discard any remaining prepped lettuce. Label with the prep date/time and use FIFO to rotate stock, keeping it in a clean, sealed container to prevent cross-contamination. The longer times listed are not appropriate for prepped iceberg lettuce in sandwich prep because safety and quality limits require the 24-hour window.*

## 3. What is the shelf life of blue cheese dressing?

A. 120 days

B. 180 days

C. 60 days

D. 90 days

*The main idea being tested is how long a dairy based dressing like blue cheese dressing stays safe and maintains quality when stored properly. For unopened blue cheese dressing kept refrigerated, a common, practical shelf life used in food service practice is about four months, or 120 days. This window reflects the balance between preserving flavor, texture, and safety given the dairy and fat content, as long as the product stays cold and unopened. So 120 days is considered the best fit because it aligns with typical guidelines for this type of dressing under proper refrigeration. Shorter durations (60 or 90 days) would cut the window too much and risk using product that's past its peak quality, while a much longer duration (180 days) could exceed safe limits for dairy based dressings even when unopened. If the dressing has been opened, the usable period is much shorter, and always follow the label's directions for opened products.*

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## 4. What is the cook time for fillets (Taylor)?

A. 2 minutes 30 seconds

B. 3 minutes 30 seconds

C. 3 minutes

D. 4 minutes

*The number you're aiming for is three minutes and thirty seconds because this duration reliably brings the Taylor fillets to the proper internal temperature without overcooking them. It's chosen as the sweet spot that accounts for typical fillet thickness and breading, giving a hot, flavorful center with a crisp exterior. Shorter times tend to leave the center undercooked, while longer times risk drying out the fillet and making it tougher.*

## 5. Croutons cook temperature is?

A. 270°F

B. 290°F

C. 310°F

D. 330°F

*Toasting croutons effectively needs a moderate heat that dries the bread evenly without scorching it. At 290°F, the oven provides enough heat to evaporate moisture slowly, giving a uniform crisp exterior while keeping the inside tender. Lower temperatures like 270°F would take longer and can cause uneven browning, while higher temperatures such as 310°F or 330°F tend to brown too quickly and risk burnt edges or uneven texture, especially if butter or oil is involved. So, 290°F strikes the right balance for consistent color and crispness.*

## 6. What is the cook time for the brioche bun's bottom of heel?

A. 10 seconds

B. 15 seconds

C. 20 seconds

D. 25 seconds

*Fifteen seconds is the right timing because it gives the brioche bun's bottom a light, even toast without overdoing it. The bottom of the heel needs enough heat to create a bit of browning and grip for the sandwich, but not so much that the bread dries out or burns. Ten seconds is usually too short to develop noticeable toast, while twenty or twenty-five seconds risks charring and a tougher texture. In a cook-and-hold workflow, using fifteen seconds helps ensure consistent texture and flavor across orders.*

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## 7. What is the shelf life of Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce?

A. 180 days

B. 120 days

C. 90 days

D. 240 days

*Shelf life for sauces is about how long the product stays safe and tasty when stored properly. For Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce, the guideline is a maximum of 120 days in the fridge when kept sealed and refrigerated. This four-month window reflects the ingredients and packaging that help preserve quality while keeping contamination risk low. To use this correctly, label with dates and rotate stock so the oldest sauce is used first, and discard if you notice spoilage signs or if it has been stored beyond its recommended period.*

## 8. How long does corn and black bean mix last after removal from freezer?

A. 48 hours

B. 24 hours

C. 72 hours

D. 1 week

*When you thaw frozen food, it must be kept cold and used within a limited window to prevent bacterial growth and preserve quality. For corn and black bean mix, once it's removed from the freezer, you should hold it in the refrigerator at 41°F (5°C) or below and use it within 48 hours. This 48-hour limit balances safety with maintaining the best texture and flavor after thawing. If you go beyond 48 hours, the risk of bacterial growth increases and the quality declines, so the safer practice is to discard after that window. Remember not to thaw at room temperature and never refreeze thawed product.*

## 9. Zestable shelf life?

A. 60 days

B. 90 days

C. 120 days

D. 180 days

*Shelf life for Zestable items means how long the product stays safe to eat and maintains good quality while stored in the freezer. The best choice is 120 days because, with proper freezing conditions, this period preserves texture, flavor, and overall quality while minimizing waste. Shorter times, like 60 days, would require using products sooner and could lead to unnecessary turnover. Times around 90 days are workable but don't maximize the allowable window. Extending to 180 days increases the risk of texture changes, freezer burn, or quality loss if temperatures fluctuate. So 120 days hits the right balance between safety, quality, and practicality.*

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## 10. What is the pre-cook time for Fresh Traditional Wings?

A. 8 MIN

B. 10 MIN

C. 12 MIN

D. 15 MIN

*The time set for Fresh Traditional Wings before cooking is 10 minutes. This pre-cook window ensures the wings have a consistent resting period to help seasoning adhere and promote even texture across all pieces, so when they're fried, they cook evenly and stay moist rather than drying out. If you go shorter than 10 minutes, you may not get even seasoning or temperature across all wings; longer than 10 minutes, and you risk over-marinating or compromising texture. So 10 minutes is the balance that keeps quality and consistency.*

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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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