

18B Weapons Characteristics 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.

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!

Questions

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- 1. What is the country of origin listed for the SCAR-H, MK17?**
 - A. United States**
 - B. Belguim**
 - C. Germany**
 - D. Italy**

- 2. What is the cartridge type associated with the Benelli M4 Super 90?**
 - A. 5 round box magazine**
 - B. 6 round drum**
 - C. 7 round tubular magazine**
 - D. 4 round box magazine**

- 3. Which gas mechanism describes the FN FAL system of operation?**
 - A. Gas piston, long stroke**
 - B. Direct impingement**
 - C. Gas operated, short stroke**
 - D. Gas Tappet, select fire**

- 4. What is the M2HB Applied Safety?**
 - A. Safety pin**
 - B. Trigger safety**
 - C. Nose of the cocking lever**
 - D. Grip safety**

- 5. Which is the GALIL locking system?**
 - A. Gas blast, select fire**
 - B. Rotating bolt**
 - C. Box lock**
 - D. Lever lock**

- 6. What is the M2HB Type of feed?**
 - A. Belt Fed**
 - B. 40 Round Magazine**
 - C. 100 Round Fed MLB**
 - D. 30 Round Magazine**

- 7. The designation '7.62x39mm, M1943' is associated with which weapon?**
- A. AK-47/AKM**
 - B. M249**
 - C. M16**
 - D. G36**
- 8. What is the FN FAL's feed type?**
- A. 30 round box magazine**
 - B. 20 round staggered box magazine**
 - C. 40 round drum**
 - D. Belt feed**
- 9. The M17/M18 Cartridge Type is best described as which magazine type?**
- A. 17 or 21 round staggered box magazine**
 - B. 20 round staggered box magazine**
 - C. 30 round box magazine**
 - D. 40 round drum**
- 10. What is the system of operation of the SCAR-H MK17?**
- A. Gas direct impingement**
 - B. Gas tappet**
 - C. Short-stroke piston**
 - D. Recoil operation**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the country of origin listed for the SCAR-H, MK17?

- A. United States
- B. Belguim**
- C. Germany
- D. Italy

Belgium. The SCAR-H MK17 was developed by FN Herstal, a Belgian firearms manufacturer based in Belgium, so the design's country of origin is Belgium even though it has been adopted and manufactured under contract in other countries for various users.

2. What is the cartridge type associated with the Benelli M4 Super 90?

- A. 5 round box magazine
- B. 6 round drum
- C. 7 round tubular magazine**
- D. 4 round box magazine

Shotguns like the Benelli M4 Super 90 feed from a fixed tubular magazine mounted under the barrel. In the M4's standard setup, this tube holds seven shells, aligned to feed smoothly into the chamber as the action cycles. This makes a seven-round tubular magazine the correct description for its cartridge system, unlike detachable box magazines or drums. Keep in mind the chamber can add one more shell, so total capacity may be seven in the tube plus one in the chamber, depending on configuration and regulations.

3. Which gas mechanism describes the FN FAL system of operation?

- A. Gas piston, long stroke
- B. Direct impingement
- C. Gas operated, short stroke
- D. Gas Tappet, select fire**

Gas-tappet operation drives the FN FAL. Gas from the fired cartridge is tapped into a small tappet in the gas system, which transfers that pressure to move the operating mechanism and cycle the bolt. This setup differs from direct impingement, where gas acts directly on the bolt carrier inside the receiver, and from a short-stroke piston, where a separate piston only travels a brief distance. Many FAL variants include a selector for semi- or full-automatic fire, so describing it as gas tappet with select-fire fits both how energy is transferred and how fire modes are chosen.

4. What is the M2HB Applied Safety?

- A. Safety pin
- B. Trigger safety
- C. Nose of the cocking lever**
- D. Grip safety

The M2HB's applied safety is built into the cocking lever, with the nose of the cocking lever doing the critical work. When the lever is in its safe/neutral position, the nose engages in a way that blocks the sear from releasing the hammer, so the gun cannot fire even if the trigger is pulled. Only when the cocking lever is correctly positioned does the nose align enough to allow the firing sequence to proceed. This mechanical interlock protects against accidental discharge during handling or maintenance. The other options aren't part of the M2HB's safety system, which is why the nose of the cocking lever is the best answer.

5. Which is the GALIL locking system?

- A. Gas blast, select fire
- B. Rotating bolt**
- C. Box lock
- D. Lever lock

The key idea is how the bolt locks the breech during firing. The Galil uses a rotating bolt locking system. The bolt head carries locking lugs that rotate into matching recesses in the receiver as the action cycles. This rotation locks the bolt in place to withstand the high chamber pressure when a round is fired, and then unlocks as the bolt carrier moves rearward to eject and feed the next round. The gas system provides the energy to cycle the action, but the defining feature of the Galil's lock is that the bolt must rotate to engage and disengage the locking lugs. The other options describe different aspects or types of actions, not the Galil's locking method.

6. What is the M2HB Type of feed?

- A. Belt Fed
- B. 40 Round Magazine
- C. 100 Round Fed MLB**
- D. 30 Round Magazine

The key idea here is how the M2HB gets its ammunition: it uses a belt-fed system rather than magazines. This heavy machine gun is designed to be fed from a linked belt of cartridges, which lets it sustain fire far longer than magazine-fed setups. The typical configuration is a 100-round belt (often referred to in sources as a 100-round MLB belt), which feeds through the gun's feed mechanism and into the chamber as the weapon cycles. Magazines aren't used with this firearm, because its role, recoil, and load requirements are all aligned with belt feeding. So, the best description is belt-fed with a 100-round belt.

7. The designation '7.62x39mm, M1943' is associated with which weapon?

A. AK-47/AKM

B. M249

C. M16

D. G36

The 7.62x39mm cartridge paired with the M1943 label points to the Kalashnikov pattern rifle from 1943—the AK-47 and its modernized AKM. The 7.62x39mm round was adopted specifically for this design, making the designation a direct link to the AK family. The other weapons use different calibers (not 7.62x39mm), so they don't match this combination.

8. What is the FN FAL's feed type?

A. 30 round box magazine

B. 20 round staggered box magazine

C. 40 round drum

D. Belt feed

The FN FAL feeds from a detachable box magazine. The standard configuration is a 20-round staggered box magazine, where rounds are arranged in two offset columns inside a curved magazine to fit the 7.62x51 mm cartridge while keeping the profile practical for a rifle. This setup is reliable and compact for a battle rifle. It isn't belt-fed, a drum, or a larger 30-round box magazine, which is why the 20-round staggered box magazine is the best description of the FAL's feed type.

9. The M17/M18 Cartridge Type is best described as which magazine type?

A. 17 or 21 round staggered box magazine

B. 20 round staggered box magazine

C. 30 round box magazine

D. 40 round drum

Magazines for the M17/M18 are detachable box magazines that feed 9x19mm rounds from a staggered double-stack arrangement. The standard capacity is 17 rounds, with an extended 21-round version also available, both using the same basic staggered box design. The staggered layout lets more rounds fit in a compact grip by offsetting the rounds rather than stacking them in a single straight column. Other configurations like a 20-round straight box, a 30-round box, or a 40-round drum don't describe the typical M17/M18 magazines, which are built around the 17- or 21-round staggered box format.

10. What is the system of operation of the SCAR-H MK17?

A. Gas direct impingement

B. Gas tappet

C. Short-stroke piston

D. Recoil operation

The SCAR-H MK17 cycles using a gas-operated setup that uses a tappet to drive the action. Gas from the bore is tapped off to push a small piston-like component (the tappet), which then transfers motion to the bolt carrier to cycle the action. This tappet-driven mechanism is what classifies its system as gas tappet. It's not direct impingement (gas acting directly in the receiver) and not recoil operation (the barrel and receiver don't recoil as a unit), and while it shares some ideas with short-stroke systems, the operative description used for the SCAR family is gas tappet.

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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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