

4TH GRADE TERRANOVA 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. Which branch of government carries out laws?

- A. The Executive branch.
- B. The Legislative branch.
- C. The Judicial branch.
- D. The Administrative branch.

2. Which branch of government makes laws?

- A. The Legislative branch.
- B. The Judicial branch.
- C. The Executive branch.
- D. The Administrative branch.

3. Which habit would be considered poor strategy for math problems?

- A. Reading directions first.
- B. Keeping your work organized.
- C. Checking your work for errors.
- D. Starting by guessing and moving on.

4. A topographical map primarily shows which of the following?

- A. The shape of the land and elevations
- B. Political boundaries
- C. Climate patterns
- D. Population density

5. Change 2.5 to a fraction.

- A. $\frac{5}{2}$
- B. $\frac{2}{5}$
- C. $1\frac{1}{2}$
- D. $\frac{3}{2}$

6. In a paragraph, what is the purpose of the topic sentence?

- A. To state the main idea of the paragraph.
- B. To provide the author's background.
- C. To list all supporting details.
- D. To conclude the paragraph.

7. What does the setting of a story refer to?

- A. The time and place where the story occurs.
- B. The main conflict of the plot.
- C. The narrator's age.
- D. The theme of friendship.

8. Which statement about hemispheres is true?

- A. The four hemispheres are Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western.
- B. The four hemispheres are Northern, Southern, Western, and Central.
- C. There are only two hemispheres.
- D. Hemispheres are defined by country borders.

9. What is the area of a rectangle with length 7 units and width 5 units?

- A. 40
- B. 25
- C. 35
- D. 30

10. Who would lead a state government?

- A. The Governor.
- B. The President.
- C. The Mayor.
- D. The Chief Justice.

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which branch of government carries out laws?

- A. The Executive branch.
- B. The Legislative branch.
- C. The Judicial branch.
- D. The Administrative branch.

Carrying out laws means putting them into action and making sure they are followed. That job belongs to the Executive branch, led by the president or prime minister, with help from various departments and agencies that run programs, enforce rules, and supervise how laws are carried out. The Legislative branch writes laws, and the Judicial branch interprets what those laws mean and settles disputes. An Administrative branch isn't a standard separate branch in the common three-branch system, since enforcing laws is handled by the Executive. For example, after a new safety law is passed, the Executive issues rules and uses inspectors or police to ensure schools and workplaces follow it. So the best answer describes the Executive as carrying out laws.

2. Which branch of government makes laws?

- A. The Legislative branch.
- B. The Judicial branch.
- C. The Executive branch.
- D. The Administrative branch.

Making laws is done by the legislative branch. This part of government includes representatives and senators who write bills, discuss them, and vote to pass them. When most members vote in favor, the bill moves forward and the leader signs it into law. Once signed, it becomes a rule that everyone must follow. The other branches do different jobs. The judicial branch interprets laws and settles disputes about what they mean. The executive branch enforces laws, making sure they are carried out. The administrative branch isn't the group that makes laws, so it isn't the one responsible for creating laws.

3. Which habit would be considered poor strategy for math problems?

- A. Reading directions first.
- B. Keeping your work organized.
- C. Checking your work for errors.
- D. Starting by guessing and moving on.

Good math problem-solving starts with understanding the task and setting up a plan. Reading directions first helps you know exactly what to do, what to find, and any special rules you must follow. Keeping your work organized lets you see each step clearly, reducing confusion and making it easier to spot where you might have gone wrong. Checking your work for errors gives you a second chance to catch simple mistakes and verify that your answer makes sense in the problem's context. Starting by guessing and moving on skips these important steps. It treats the problem like a guess game rather than a careful process, so you're more likely to pick the wrong answer and miss mistakes or misinterpret what's being asked. Taking a moment to read, plan, organize, and review helps you reach a correct solution more reliably.

4. A topographical map primarily shows which of the following?

A. The shape of the land and elevations

B. Political boundaries

C. Climate patterns

D. Population density

Topographic maps focus on the shape of the land and how high or low different areas are. They use contour lines that wrap around hills and mountains; the closer the lines, the steeper the slope, and the numbers show elevation above sea level. This helps you picture ridges, valleys, and plateaus even without visiting the place. Other maps show political boundaries (country or state lines), climate patterns (weather and precipitation), or population density (how many people live in an area), but they don't mainly show the land's shape and elevation. That's why showing terrain and height is what these maps do best.

5. Change 2.5 to a fraction.

A. $\frac{5}{2}$

B. $\frac{2}{5}$

C. $1\frac{1}{2}$

D. $\frac{3}{2}$

Converting a decimal to a fraction means writing 2.5 as a ratio of integers. Since 2.5 has one digit after the decimal, it's the same as 25 over 10. Both numbers divide by 5, giving $\frac{5}{2}$. And $\frac{5}{2}$ equals 2.5, so that's the correct fraction. The other options represent 0.4 or 1.5, which are not 2.5, so they don't fit.

6. In a paragraph, what is the purpose of the topic sentence?

A. To state the main idea of the paragraph.

B. To provide the author's background.

C. To list all supporting details.

D. To conclude the paragraph.

The topic sentence names the main idea of the paragraph and sets the focus for what follows. It signals to the reader what the paragraph will be about, so all the other sentences work to explain, prove, or illustrate that idea. This is why it's the best answer: when you know the main idea right away, you can see how each sentence supports it with details, examples, or explanations, keeping the paragraph unified and easy to follow. The other roles described—giving background information, listing every supporting detail, or wrapping things up—happen in different parts of the paragraph and aren't what the topic sentence is doing. A handy tip is to look for the sentence that states what the paragraph is mainly about; that sentence is the topic sentence.

7. What does the setting of a story refer to?

- A. The time and place where the story occurs.
- B. The main conflict of the plot.
- C. The narrator's age.
- D. The theme of friendship.

Setting is the time and place where the story happens. It includes the era or period—like yesterday, a long time ago, or in the future—and the location—such as a small town, a bustling city, or a remote island. The setting helps you picture the scene and understand why characters act the way they do, because different times and places come with different surroundings, rules, and possibilities. For example, a story set during a snowy winter on a mountain village can create chances for teamwork and challenges that wouldn't appear in a warm, sunny city park. The other ideas—the main conflict, which is the problem the characters try to solve; the narrator's age, a detail about who is telling the story; and the theme, the message or big idea—describe something different from where and when the events occur.

8. Which statement about hemispheres is true?

- A. The four hemispheres are Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western.
- B. The four hemispheres are Northern, Southern, Western, and Central.
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- D. Hemispheres are defined by country borders.

Hemispheres are created by imaginary lines around the globe that divide Earth into halves. The equator splits the planet into Northern and Southern halves, and the Prime Meridian splits it into Eastern and Western halves. Together, these lines describe four parts: Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western. For example, places north of the equator are in the Northern Hemisphere, and places east of the Prime Meridian are in the Eastern Hemisphere. A city like New York City sits in the Northern and Western hemispheres, while Tokyo sits in the Northern and Eastern hemispheres. The idea isn't based on country borders, and there aren't only two hemispheres or a "Central" hemisphere.

9. What is the area of a rectangle with length 7 units and width 5 units?

- A. 40
- B. 25
- C. 35
- D. 30

Area of a rectangle is found by multiplying its length by its width. With length 7 units and width 5 units, the area is $7 \times 5 = 35$ square units. This uses the given dimensions directly to get the area.

10. Who would lead a state government?

A. The Governor.

B. The President.

C. The Mayor.

D. The Chief Justice.

The leader of a state government is the Governor. The governor is the state's chief executive, directing how state laws are carried out, proposing the budget, and signing or vetoing laws passed by the state legislature. This role is specific to the state level, while the President leads the entire country, a Mayor runs a city, and a Chief Justice heads the state's highest court. So the Governor is the one who would lead a state government.

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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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