

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID / CPR / AED EXAM A PRACTICE (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.

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. If the AED pads risk touching each other on the chest of a small child, you can use front/back placement. True or false?**
 - A. True
 - B. False
 - C. It depends on the pad type
 - D. Not recommended
- 2. If two rescuers are present for an infant, what technique is commonly used?**
 - A. Two-thumb encircling hands technique on the chest.
 - B. Two-finger technique on the chest.
 - C. One-handed compressions.
 - D. Back blows.
- 3. In suspected poisoning exposure, which action is correct?**
 - A. Inducing vomiting immediately.
 - B. Move away from exposure, call Poison Control or EMS, and do not induce vomiting unless advised.
 - C. Ignore it and wait for symptoms.
 - D. Treat with home remedies.
- 4. What is the correct immediate action if you suspect poisoning exposure?**
 - A. Inducing vomiting immediately.
 - B. Move away from exposure, call Poison Control or EMS, and do not induce vomiting unless advised.
 - C. Ignore it and monitor later.
 - D. Treat with home remedies.
- 5. When rewarming a patient with outdoor hypothermia, how should rewarming be performed?**
 - A. Remove blankets and expose skin
 - B. Do nothing and wait for rescue
 - C. Rewarm gradually while monitoring breathing
 - D. Rewarm rapidly using direct heat on the skin

- 6. Which of the following indicates life-threatening bleeding?**
- A. Blood is spurting and flowing continuously
 - B. Blood is bright red but stops quickly
 - C. Bleeding slows with pressure
 - D. There is minimal bleeding that stops with direct pressure
- 7. What is the recommended chest compression depth for an adult?**
- A. 1 inch (2.5 cm)
 - B. 4 inches (10 cm)
 - C. At least 2 inches (5 cm), up to about 2.4 inches (6 cm)
 - D. 3 inches (7.5 cm)
- 8. In drowning-related cardiac arrest, it is important to give 2 initial breaths before starting the CPR cycle.**
- A. False
 - B. Not sure
 - C. True
 - D. It depends
- 9. A person is having signs and symptoms of a heart attack. What should you do after calling 9-1-1 and getting equipment or telling someone to do so?**
- A. Begin CPR, starting with compressions
 - B. Assist them with administering aspirin
 - C. Apply adult AED pads on the persons chest
 - D. Help the person rest in a comfortable position and loosen any tight clothing
- 10. How long should you keep a person in the Recovery Position if they are breathing normally?**
- A. Move them to a different position every few minutes
 - B. Remove them from Recovery Position after 5 minutes
 - C. Leave them in the Recovery Position indefinitely
 - D. Monitor them until EMS arrives or they return to normal

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. If the AED pads risk touching each other on the chest of a small child, you can use front/back placement. True or false?

- A. True**
- B. False
- C. It depends on the pad type
- D. Not recommended

Front/back placement is an accepted approach when pads placed on the chest would otherwise touch on a small child. By putting one pad on the chest (anterior) and the other on the back (posterior), you prevent pad-to-pad contact and still allow the electrical current to pass through the heart effectively. This is done especially when pediatric pads are not available and the child is small enough that chest pads might overlap. Ensure the skin is dry and clean, and use pediatric pads if possible; otherwise, use the same anterior-posterior concept with the pads you have.

2. If two rescuers are present for an infant, what technique is commonly used?

- A. Two-thumb encircling hands technique on the chest.**
- B. Two-finger technique on the chest.
- C. One-handed compressions.
- D. Back blows.

With two rescuers present for an infant, the two-thumb encircling hands technique on the chest is used. Place both thumbs on the center of the chest (just below the nipple line) and wrap the fingers around the infant's back to support the torso. This arrangement allows for deep, controlled compressions with good chest recoil while the other rescuer can manage breaths or the airway. The two-finger technique is typically used by a single rescuer, and one-handed compressions aren't appropriate for infants; back blows are for choking crises, not CPR.

3. In suspected poisoning exposure, which action is correct?

- A. Inducing vomiting immediately.
- B. Move away from exposure, call Poison Control or EMS, and do not induce vomiting unless advised.**
- C. Ignore it and wait for symptoms.
- D. Treat with home remedies.

In suspected poisoning, the priority is to limit exposure and get professional guidance. The best action is to move away from the source, call Poison Control or emergency services, and do not induce vomiting unless advised by a professional. This approach reduces ongoing harm from the poison and brings in experts who can identify the substance, assess risk, and provide specific decontamination and treatment steps. Inducing vomiting is not routinely recommended because it can cause the person to choke or inhale vomit into the lungs, and it can worsen injuries if the substance is caustic or irritating. Some substances are more dangerous to bring back up, and professionals can determine whether any antidotes or other treatments are needed. If the person is unresponsive, having trouble breathing, or you're unsure what was swallowed, call for help immediately and follow instructions from the dispatcher or Poison Control. After contacting help, monitor the person, keep them calm, and avoid giving food or drink unless told otherwise. If the person's condition worsens or they stop breathing, begin CPR if trained and continue until help arrives.

4. What is the correct immediate action if you suspect poisoning exposure?

- A. Inducing vomiting immediately.
- B. Move away from exposure, call Poison Control or EMS, and do not induce vomiting unless advised.**
- C. Ignore it and monitor later.
- D. Treat with home remedies.

When poisoning is suspected, the first priority is to limit further exposure and get professional guidance. Move away from the source to fresh air, and if safe to do so, remove contaminated clothing and rinse exposed skin or eyes with running water. Then call Poison Control or emergency services for specific instructions, giving them what you know about the substance and the person's age and symptoms. Do not induce vomiting unless a trained professional tells you to, because vomiting can cause harm: it can irritate or burn the throat, lead to aspiration into the lungs, or be dangerous depending on the substance involved. While awaiting help, monitor the person's breathing and responsiveness, and be prepared to perform CPR if they become unresponsive. Avoid home remedies or giving anything by mouth unless advised by a professional.

5. When rewarming a patient with outdoor hypothermia, how should rewarming be performed?

- A. Remove blankets and expose skin
- B. Do nothing and wait for rescue
- C. Rewarm gradually while monitoring breathing**
- D. Rewarm rapidly using direct heat on the skin

In outdoor hypothermia, warming needs to be gentle and controlled, with attention to the patient's breathing. Hypothermia slows metabolism and can depress breathing, so warming too quickly or with direct heat to the skin can cause dangerous heart rhythms, tissue damage, or afterdrop (a further cooling of the core as cold blood returns to the center). The safest approach is gradual rewarming while you continuously monitor breathing. Use insulating blankets and dry, warm clothing to cover the person and protect against further heat loss, focusing warmth on the trunk while avoiding excessive exposure or vigorous rubbing. If breathing becomes shallow or stops, provide appropriate airway support or CPR as needed. Exposing large areas of skin, doing nothing while waiting for rescue, or applying direct, rapid heat to the skin are not appropriate strategies.

6. Which of the following indicates life-threatening bleeding?

- A. Blood is spurting and flowing continuously**
- B. Blood is bright red but stops quickly
- C. Bleeding slows with pressure
- D. There is minimal bleeding that stops with direct pressure

Arterial bleeding presents as blood that spurts out with each heartbeat and flows forcefully, often bright red. This rapid, high-pressure blood loss means a person can lose a large amount of blood in a short time, making it life-threatening. The bright red color reflects oxygenated blood, but the key danger is the volume and speed of loss due to arterial pressure. The other descriptions describe bleeding that is either slower, controllable with direct pressure, or minimal. If bleeding slows with pressure or stops quickly, it's typically venous or capillary bleeding and is not immediately life-threatening in the same way. That's why spurting, continuous heavy bleeding is the best indicator of a potentially life-threatening hemorrhage. In this situation, seek emergency help urgently and apply firm direct pressure to control the bleed, escalating to additional measures if trained and necessary.

7. What is the recommended chest compression depth for an adult?

- A. 1 inch (2.5 cm)
- B. 4 inches (10 cm)
- C. At least 2 inches (5 cm), up to about 2.4 inches (6 cm)**
- D. 3 inches (7.5 cm)

For adults, effective chest compressions should push the chest down enough to move blood but not cause unnecessary injury: at least 2 inches (5 cm) and up to about 2.4 inches (6 cm). This depth range balances generating enough cardiac output with minimizing trauma to the chest and internal organs. Shallow compressions (about 1 inch) don't push enough blood; compressions much deeper (around 3–4 inches) go beyond the recommended limit and raise injury risk. So the best choice matches the 5–6 cm range, i.e., at least 2 inches but not more than about 2.4 inches. Remember to maintain proper hand position and allow full chest recoil between compressions.

8. In drowning-related cardiac arrest, it is important to give 2 initial breaths before starting the CPR cycle.

- A. False
- B. Not sure
- C. True**
- D. It depends

In drowning, the main problem is severe lack of oxygen. The heart and brain suffer from hypoxia long before they would from a typical cardiac event, so restoring ventilation quickly is crucial. Giving two initial breaths right away helps inflate the lungs and start delivering oxygen into the bloodstream, priming the body for effective circulation. Once those breaths are delivered, you proceed with the CPR cycle (compressions with breaths) so you continue to oxygenate while generating blood flow to vital organs. This approach reflects the idea that ventilation is the priority in drowning-related arrest. If the person is not breathing but has a pulse, you'd provide rescue breaths without starting chest compressions immediately; if there's no pulse, you switch to CPR after delivering those initial breaths.

9. A person is having signs and symptoms of a heart attack. What should you do after calling 9-1-1 and getting equipment or telling someone to do so?

- A. Begin CPR, starting with compressions
- B. Assist them with administering aspirin**
- C. Apply adult AED pads on the persons chest
- D. Help the person rest in a comfortable position and loosen any tight clothing

When a person shows signs of a heart attack, giving aspirin promptly can save heart muscle. Aspirin helps prevent more blood clots from forming by making platelets less sticky, so administering it while waiting for emergency responders can reduce damage and improve outcomes. The best move after you've called for help is to assist them in taking a chewable aspirin tablet or tablets totaling about 162–325 mg, preferably chewing it for faster absorption. Do this only if the person is awake, not allergic to aspirin, not already told to avoid NSAIDs, and not at risk for active bleeding or a stomach ulcer. If the person cannot swallow, is unconscious, or has a contraindication to aspirin, don't give it. In that case, or if the person stops breathing or becomes unresponsive, you would follow resuscitation steps and use an AED as needed. Resting in a comfortable position and loosening tight clothing are supportive measures, but aspirin is the time-sensitive intervention that directly targets the suspected heart attack.

10. How long should you keep a person in the Recovery Position if they are breathing normally?

- A. Move them to a different position every few minutes**
- B. Remove them from Recovery Position after 5 minutes
- C. Leave them in the Recovery Position indefinitely
- D. Monitor them until EMS arrives or they return to normal

The key idea is actively managing an unconscious person who is breathing normally to keep the airway open and watch for changes. In the Recovery Position, moving them to a different position every few minutes helps keep the airway clear because gravity can help drainage, the tongue won't block the airway, and you can check for any new problems as you reassess breathing and responsiveness. This small adjustment also helps prevent pressure on one area and lets you notice early if their condition worsens, so you can escalate care or start CPR if needed. The other options suggest leaving them fixed for a set time, removing them from the Recovery Position too soon, or only passively monitoring, which misses the ongoing airway management and reassessment that's necessary while waiting for help. So periodically shifting position while continuing to monitor is the best approach.

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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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