

ALBERTA POLICE COGNITIVE ABILITY TEST (APCAT) PRACTICE EXAM (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. Which verb means to contravene or breach?

- A. Obey
- B. Violate
- C. Conform
- D. Respect

2. Final product 1322×0.15 .

- A. 198.3
- B. 198.30
- C. 198.003
- D. 19.83

3. Which term matches the definition of fringe?

- A. Open rebellion against authority.
- B. decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
- C. to assist
- D. omen or sign

4. With annual compound interest at 5%, what is the amount after 2 years on 1000?

- A. 1000
- B. 1100
- C. 1102.50
- D. 1200

5. If all A are B and some C are A, what can we conclude about C?

- A. All C are B
- B. Some C are B
- C. No C are B
- D. Some B are C

6. Color memory: The sequence red, blue, green, yellow, what is the second color?
- A. Red
 - B. Green
 - C. Yellow
 - D. Blue
7. Which word means extremely small?
- A. Minute
 - B. Jubilation
 - C. Euphoria
 - D. Clandestine
8. Which word is a synonym of Unacceptable government?
- A. Dictatorship
 - B. peculiar
 - C. Rebellion
 - D. Oblique
9. In the color memory sequence red, blue, green, yellow, what is the fourth color?
- A. Blue
 - B. Yellow
 - C. Purple
 - D. Orange
10. Which word is a synonym of Exploit?
- A. Use unfairly
 - B. Moral story
 - C. Diligent
 - D. Dictatorship

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which verb means to contravene or breach?

- A. Obey
- B. Violate**
- C. Conform
- D. Respect

The meaning being tested is a verb that describes going against rules or laws. Violate is the word that fits this sense best because it directly means to break, contravene, or disobey a rule, law, or agreement. You violate a law, you violate a contract, or you violate terms of service—each use conveys actively going beyond what is permitted. Obey means to follow or comply with rules, so it is the opposite of violating. Conform means to align with standards or norms, which again implies following rather than breaking. Respect can mean regard or honor something, and while you can respect rules by following them, it does not inherently mean to breach or contravene.

2. Final product 1322×0.15 .

- A. 198.3
- B. 198.30**
- C. 198.003
- D. 19.83

When you multiply by a decimal, treat the decimal as a fraction. Here, 0.15 is $\frac{15}{100}$, so 1322×0.15 equals 1322×15 divided by 100. Compute 1322×15 : $1322 \times 10 = 13220$, and $1322 \times 5 = 6610$, so total is 19830. Divide by 100 to get 198.30. The two decimal places reflect the hundredths in 0.15, so the exact product is 198.30 (which is the same value as 198.3, just shown with two decimals).

3. Which term matches the definition of fringe?

- A. Open rebellion against authority.
- B. decorative edge of hanging threads; edge**
- C. to assist
- D. omen or sign

Fringe refers to the decorative edge of fabric, like hanging threads along a hem or the border around a shawl or curtain. That matches the given definition precisely: a decorative edge of hanging threads; edge. The other ideas describe rebellion, helping, or an omen, which are unrelated to the sense of fringe as an edging or border. So the best fit is the decorative edge meaning.

4. With annual compound interest at 5%, what is the amount after 2 years on 1000?

- A. 1000
- B. 1100
- C. 1102.50**
- D. 1200

Annual compound interest means each year's interest is earned on the balance at the end of the previous year. Start with 1000. After one year at 5%, you have $1000 \times 1.05 = 1050$. After the second year, apply 5% to 1050: $1050 \times 1.05 = 1102.50$. So the amount after two years is 1102.50. This is higher than simple interest (which would yield 1100) because the interest each year is earned on the growing balance, not just the original principal.

5. If all A are B and some C are A, what can we conclude about C?

- A. All C are B
- B. Some C are B**
- C. No C are B
- D. Some B are C

If all As are Bs, then every A also belongs to B. If some Cs are A, that means there is at least one C that is also an A. Since that C is an A and all A are B, that C must also be a B. So there exists at least one C that is a B, i.e., some Cs are Bs.

6. Color memory: The sequence red, blue, green, yellow, what is the second color?

- A. Red
- B. Green
- C. Yellow
- D. Blue**

This question tests your ability to recall the order of items from a short sequence. When you see red, blue, green, yellow, you just look at which color is in the second position. That color is blue, so blue is the correct answer. Red is first, green is third, and yellow is fourth, so they aren't the second item. If you're practicing, try briefly rehearsing the order in your head to reinforce the position of each item.

7. Which word means extremely small?

- A. Minute**
- B. Jubilation
- C. Euphoria
- D. Clandestine

Minute describes something extremely small. When used as an adjective, it means tiny or very small, as in minute details or minute differences. It can be tricky because the word sounds like the time unit "minute" in casual speech, but in this context it's about size, not time. The other words refer to different ideas: jubilation and euphoria describe great happiness, while clandestine means secret or hidden. Those meanings don't match the idea of size, so minute is the best fit.

8. Which word is a synonym of Unacceptable government?

A. Dictatorship

B. peculiar

C. Rebellion

D. Oblique

Recognizing a word that describes a regime many would find unacceptable means looking for a form of government that concentrates power and limits personal freedoms. A dictatorship fits this description because it is a system ruled by a single leader or a tight group with centralized authority, often without free elections, checks and balances, or civil liberties. That combination—concentrated power and suppression of dissent—is what makes it the best match for “unacceptable government.” The other terms don’t describe a form of government: peculiar means strange or unusual; rebellion is an act of resisting authority, not a type of government; oblique means indirect or slanted, unrelated to how a government is governed.

9. In the color memory sequence red, blue, green, yellow, what is the fourth color?

A. Blue

B. Yellow

C. Purple

D. Orange

This question tests your ability to recall a sequence in the exact order given. The colors appear in this order: red, blue, green, yellow. The fourth position is yellow, so that is the correct color. Blue is the second item, and purple and orange aren’t part of this sequence, so they don’t fit. In these tasks, focus on the order presented and identify which color occupies the requested position. Yellow.

10. Which word is a synonym of Exploit?

A. Use unfairly

B. Moral story

C. Diligent

D. Dictatorship

Exploit means to take advantage of something or someone, often in an unfair or unethical way. That direct sense is captured by “use unfairly,” which is why it’s the best match. The other terms don’t fit because a moral story is a narrative with a lesson, diligent means hardworking, and dictatorship is a form of government, none of which convey taking advantage.

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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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