Alcatel Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide

Everything you need from our exam experts!

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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

1. All Switch-to-Switch connections are which type of links?

A. Access Links

B. Trunk Links

C. Edge Links

D. Uplink Links

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A. A physical device that monitors traffic.

B. A protocol used to manage devices.

C. Network management software running on a managed device; by design has local knowledge of management information on the managed device and communicates that information via SNMP.

D. A script that automates backups.

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B. It identifies the VLAN number

C. It identifies the data rate

D. It identifies the security level

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B. It updates firmware on the CMM.

C. It copies the certified configuration from the primary to the secondary CMM.

D. It validates user credentials before login.

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A. Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol

B. Virtual Router Redundancy Protocols

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D. Virtual Routing Redundancy Protocol

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B. Agents

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D. Hybrid

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C. The home directory

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Answers

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

Explanations

1. All Switch-to-Switch connections are which type of links?

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Switch-to-switch connections need to carry traffic for many VLANs so devices on different switches can participate in the same networks. The way this is done is with trunk links, which use VLAN tagging (typically 802.1Q) to multiplex multiple VLANs over a single physical link. Access links, on the other hand, connect end devices to a switch and carry untagged frames for one VLAN, so they're not suited for inter-switch VLAN distribution. While "uplink" can describe a broader, high-level connection, the standard term for inter-switch VLAN carrying is trunk. Edge links isn't a term used to describe switch-to-switch connectivity in this context.

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In network management, an agent is software that runs on the device being managed and holds its local management data, exposing that information to the management system using SNMP. This means the agent knows the device's current state and configuration and responds to SNMP requests (and can send alerts) to keep the manager informed. The description fits best because it captures both the on-device presence of management information and the use of SNMP to communicate it. The other options don't fit as well: a physical device that monitors traffic is a hardware probe rather than an on-device agent; a protocol used to manage devices is SNMP itself, not the agent; and a script that automates backups is just a utility, not the on-device management component that provides SNMP-accessible data.

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In many networks, VLAN names use a prefix to communicate policy attributes at a glance. When the first letter represents the security level, it lets administrators quickly understand how sensitive the traffic on that VLAN is and what controls should apply—such as which users or devices can access it and what monitoring or firewall rules are appropriate. The actual VLAN number is a separate numeric identifier, not coded by the name's first character. Data rate isn't conveyed through the name, and while other parts of the name might hint at department or function in some schemes, the first letter's purpose is specifically to signal security level. So the best interpretation is that the initial letter identifies the security level.

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In a redundant CMM setup, keeping the two controllers in sync is essential so a failover can happen without configuration mismatches. The Sync Command does exactly that: it copies the certified configuration from the primary CMM to the secondary CMM. This ensures the standby unit has the same validated settings as the active unit, so switching over preserves the working configuration. It isn't about logging, firmware updates, or credential checks, which are separate functions. Therefore, the Sync Command's purpose is to mirror the certified configuration from the primary to the secondary.

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The main idea here is understanding what the acronym VRRP stands for and why this protocol exists. VRRP is a redundancy protocol that creates a virtual router by assigning a shared IP address to a group of routers on a subnet. One router acts as the master and handles traffic for that virtual router, while the others stay as backups. If the master fails, a backup takes over, keeping the default gateway reachable for hosts without needing any changes on them. That behavior is exactly what the name describes: Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol. The other options don't fit because they either use the wrong word form (Routing vs Router), imply multiple protocols (Protocols), or introduce a different word (Reduction) that isn't part of the official name.

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SNMP uses a manager–agent setup, where a central system collects data from devices being monitored. The central system is the Network Management System (NMS). It runs the management software that queries each device's agent to read information from the device's MIB, aggregates that data, stores it, and presents it through dashboards and alerts. The agents live on the managed devices and respond to the NMS's requests; the devices themselves (like routers, switches, servers) are the managed devices. Routers are common examples of what can be managed, but the central collector is the NMS.

7. How many port states are listed for STP in the material?

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STP uses five distinct port states to manage how a switch handles frames while preventing loops. The states are Disabled (administratively shut down), Blocking (no forwarding but BPDU processing to prevent loops), Listening (processes BPDUs and prepares to learn), Learning (builds the MAC address table but doesn't forward data), and Forwarding (normal data forwarding with BPDU processing). Because these five states are defined in classic STP, the material lists five port states. (Note: newer variants like RSTP use a different, simplified set, but for STP the count is five.)

8. OSPF belongs to which category of routing protocols?

A. Distance-vector

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D. Hybrid

OSPF is a link-state routing protocol. In this approach, each router builds a complete view of the network topology by exchanging link-state advertisements and reliably flooding them to all routers in the area. With that full topology, every router runs a shortest-path algorithm (Dijkstra) to compute the best paths. OSPF also uses area-based hierarchy to scale and achieve faster convergence when changes occur. This differs from distance-vector protocols, which share routing tables with neighbors and use hop count as the metric, and from path-vector protocols like BGP that carry path information between autonomous systems. Hybrid protocols blend features of both. So, the category OSPF belongs to is link-state.

9. What is the default gateway for the router?

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In IP networking, a default gateway is the device that a router uses to send traffic headed to destinations outside its own local subnet. The router needs a next-hop for any packet whose destination isn't on its directly connected networks, so it relies on a default route to reach the broader network, like the internet. In this setup, the WUG server is configured as that upstream device. All traffic leaving the router for destinations beyond its local network gets forwarded to the WUG server first, which then handles the path onward. That makes the WUG server the router's default gateway. The other options don't fit because a switch operates at layer 2 and doesn't route traffic to different networks, and a DNS server (ADNS) handles name resolution, not general routing. The router itself isn't its own gateway for outbound traffic unless it's set up in a special loopback or management scenario, which isn't implied here.

10. What is the running directory in switch operations?

A. The root system

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Running directory is the set of files the switch uses while it's operating, stored in memory. When the device boots, it loads the operating system image, the current configuration, and the boot-related files into RAM. That in-memory collection is the running directory, and the switch executes from it during normal operation. This is separate from persistent storage (like flash or NVRAM) where the image and startup configuration are kept for use after a reboot. The other locations, such as a home directory or a temporary directory, aren't the environments the switch uses for its active operation.

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!