

# America Divided - The Civil War of the 1960s 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 policy did the Nixon administration pursue to reduce U.S. troop involvement in Vietnam?**
  - A. Escalation**
  - B. Détente**
  - C. Pacification**
  - D. Vietnamization**
  
- 2. Who was the leader of South Vietnam?**
  - A. Ngo Dinh Diem (Anti-Communist)**
  - B. Ho Chi Minh**
  - C. Duong Van Minh**
  - D. Ngo Dinh Diem (Anti-Communist)**
  
- 3. Which statement describes one proposed solution to poverty that involves taxation?**
  - A. The government would have to take money from those who have it through taxation and pass it on to those who lack it**
  - B. Increase military spending**
  - C. The government would rely entirely on private charity to reduce poverty**
  - D. Relying on private charities alone**
  
- 4. The Port Huron Statement is associated with which group?**
  - A. Students for a Democratic Society**
  - B. NAACP**
  - C. SNCC**
  - D. Black Panther Party**
  
- 5. The Freedom Rides of 1961 challenged segregation in which area?**
  - A. Interstate bus travel and terminals**
  - B. Public parks**
  - C. Voter registration**
  - D. Local schools**

- 6. The Delano grape strike highlighted the intersection of labor rights and which demographic group?**
- A. Latino workers**
  - B. Black workers**
  - C. Asian workers**
  - D. Native American workers**
- 7. Which federal agency enforces laws against employment discrimination and oversees equal opportunity in the workplace?**
- A. EEOC**
  - B. NLRB**
  - C. OSHA**
  - D. FTC**
- 8. Were schools, streets, buildings, and the cape of Florida named after JFK?**
- A. Not mentioned**
  - B. True**
  - C. False**
  - D. Not sure**
- 9. The prosperity of the 1950s solved which problem?**
- A. Inflation**
  - B. Scarcity**
  - C. Unemployment**
  - D. Poverty**
- 10. What is AFDC?**
- A. AFDC stands for a tax credit program for working families**
  - B. AFDC provided unemployment benefits only**
  - C. AFDC was a welfare program created in 1935 to help single-parent families with children**
  - D. AFDC funded private charities**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What policy did the Nixon administration pursue to reduce U.S. troop involvement in Vietnam?**

- A. Escalation**
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- D. Vietnamization**

Vietnamization is about shifting the burden of fighting to the South Vietnamese and pulling American troops out. The Nixon administration pursued a plan to build up the South Vietnamese army, supply them with training and equipment, and provide air and other support while gradually withdrawing U.S. ground troops. The goal was to maintain pressure on North Vietnam and seek a negotiated peace without the United States bearing the entire burden of combat, often framed as keeping “peace with honor.” This contrasts with escalation, which would mean adding more troops and bombing, not withdrawing. It also differs from détente, which is about easing superpower tensions more broadly, and from pacification, which focuses on winning rural security and popularity rather than transferring frontline combat responsibilities. Vietnamization ultimately shaped U.S. troop withdrawals and the path toward the Paris Peace Accords, despite ongoing challenges in ARVN effectiveness and North Vietnamese resolve.

**2. Who was the leader of South Vietnam?**

- A. Ngo Dinh Diem (Anti-Communist)**
- B. Ho Chi Minh**
- C. Duong Van Minh**
- D. Ngo Dinh Diem (Anti-Communist)**

The main point here is identifying who headed the anti-communist government in the south during the Vietnam War era. Ngo Dinh Diem led South Vietnam after the 1954 Geneva Divisions, governing the Republic of Vietnam from 1955 until his assassination in 1963. He was backed by the United States and pursued anti-communist policies, contrasting with Ho Chi Minh, who led the communist government in the north and sought to reunify the country under communism. A South Vietnamese general named Duong Van Minh briefly led the government after the 1963 coup, but his time in power was short and he is not the long-term leader most people associate with South Vietnam. So, Ngo Dinh Diem is the leader most closely identified with South Vietnam.

**3. Which statement describes one proposed solution to poverty that involves taxation?**

**A. The government would have to take money from those who have it through taxation and pass it on to those who lack it**

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**D. Relying on private charities alone**

Redistributing wealth through government taxation to fund poverty relief is a direct way to reduce poverty by using public funds for programs that help those in need. The idea is to take money from people with higher incomes and allocate it to services and cash assistance that support people who lack financial resources, creating a safety net and expanding opportunities. This approach became a hallmark of policy efforts in the era when the government expanded social programs financed by taxes. Other options miss that central mechanism. Increasing military spending diverts resources away from social welfare and doesn't use taxation to bolster programs aimed at poverty. Relying on private charity—whether from individuals or organizations—depends on voluntary giving and is unlikely to provide universal or sustained coverage, making it less reliable as a broad poverty-reduction strategy.

**4. The Port Huron Statement is associated with which group?**

**A. Students for a Democratic Society**

**B. NAACP**

**C. SNCC**

**D. Black Panther Party**

The Port Huron Statement is the manifesto of Students for a Democratic Society, written in 1962 by Tom Hayden and other SDS founders during a conference in Port Huron, Michigan. It laid out a vision of participatory democracy, attacked bureaucratic hierarchies, and called for broad-based activism on civil rights, antiwar efforts, and social reform. This document helped define the New Left and energized campus protests throughout the 1960s, making SDS the group most closely associated with it. Other groups like the NAACP, SNCC, and the Black Panther Party played crucial roles in civil rights and social movements, but they did not author this manifesto.

**5. The Freedom Rides of 1961 challenged segregation in which area?**

- A. Interstate bus travel and terminals**
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The test focuses on challenging segregation in interstate travel and the facilities that served that travel. In 1961, activists rode interstate buses through the South to see if buses and their terminals would desegregate as required by Supreme Court rulings against segregation in interstate transit. They faced violent backlash, which helped compel federal action and enforcement, pushing the desegregation of interstate travel forward. The other options were addressed by different parts of the civil rights movement—parks and public spaces, voter registration campaigns, and school desegregation—so the Freedom Rides were specifically about interstate bus travel and its terminals.

**6. The Delano grape strike highlighted the intersection of labor rights and which demographic group?**

- A. Latino workers**
- B. Black workers**
- C. Asian workers**
- D. Native American workers**

This strike shows how labor rights and ethnic identity can intersect in a powerful social movement. The Delano grape strike mobilized farm workers in California's Central Valley, most of whom were Latino (primarily Mexican American). It spotlighted wages, working conditions, and the right to organize, and it framed these labor struggles as part of the broader fight for civil rights for a marginalized community. Under leaders like Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, the United Farm Workers drew national attention to Latino farm workers and their allies, pushing for union recognition and better treatment. While Filipino workers helped initiate the movement and mattered greatly to its early organizing, the public impact and lasting association of the strike are with Latino farm workers and their pursuit of labor justice and immigrant rights.

**7. Which federal agency enforces laws against employment discrimination and oversees equal opportunity in the workplace?**

**A. EEOC**

**B. NLRB**

**C. OSHA**

**D. FTC**

The agency responsible for enforcing laws against employment discrimination and overseeing equal opportunity in the workplace is the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Created by the Civil Rights Act, EEOC handles complaints of discrimination in hiring, firing, pay, promotions, and other terms and conditions of work based on protected characteristics such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (40 and older), disability, and genetic information. It investigates charges, seeks settlements, and can pursue legal action to remedy discrimination. EEOC also administers key statutes like Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Other agencies focus on different workplace issues: the National Labor Relations Board deals with union-related labor practices and collective bargaining; the Occupational Safety and Health Administration enforces workplace safety standards; the Federal Trade Commission handles consumer protection and competition. So EEOC is the one dedicated to enforcing employment discrimination laws and promoting equal opportunity.

**8. Were schools, streets, buildings, and the cape of Florida named after JFK?**

**A. Not mentioned**

**B. True**

**C. False**

**D. Not sure**

John F. Kennedy's impact led many places to be named in his memory, especially during the space-age era after his assassination. The Cape Canaveral area was actually renamed Cape Kennedy in 1963 to honor him, though that name was later changed back. The John F. Kennedy Space Center stands as a permanent tribute, and countless schools and streets across the country were named for him as well. So the statement is true: schools, streets, buildings, and even a Florida cape carried JFK's name, with the cape's rename being temporary in the end.

## 9. The prosperity of the 1950s solved which problem?

- A. Inflation
- B. Scarcity**
- C. Unemployment
- D. Poverty

Scarcity means not having enough goods to meet people's needs. In the 1950s, the economy boomed: mass production, rising productivity, and expanding demand led to abundant consumer goods like cars, appliances, and homes becoming widely affordable. That surge in production and purchasing power made shortages rarer, turning what had been scarce into readily available goods for many Americans. While inflation, unemployment, and poverty were all part of the era's broader story, the defining shift was the easing of shortages, or scarcity, due to the prosperity of the time.

## 10. What is AFDC?

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AFDC stands for Aid to Families with Dependent Children. This program was created in 1935 as part of the Social Security Act to provide cash assistance to low-income families with dependent children, especially those headed by a single parent. It was a federal welfare program funded by the federal government but administered by states, with eligibility based on family income and household status. It is not a tax credit for working families, not unemployment benefits, and not funding for private charities. AFDC represented direct cash support for needy families and laid the groundwork for later welfare reforms, eventually being replaced by TANF in 1996.

## 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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