

Animal Behavior College (ABC) Externship 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

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- 1. What does the prefix aur(o) refer to?**
 - A. Ear**
 - B. To listen**
 - C. Self**
 - D. Under the arm**

- 2. Which term means 'Right ear'?**
 - A. o.d**
 - B. a.d.**
 - C. o.s.**
 - D. a.u.**

- 3. Gluc(o) indicates which sugar-related term?**
 - A. Glucose/Sugar**
 - B. Protein**
 - C. Tongue**
 - D. Pregnancy**

- 4. Which term corresponds to the definition 'Right eye'?**
 - A. o.d**
 - B. a.d.**
 - C. o.s.**
 - D. a.u.**

- 5. Which form means joint-related?**
 - A. Bone**
 - B. Tendon**
 - C. Joint**
 - D. Muscle**

- 6. Which species has the slowest minimum respiration rate among those listed?**
 - A. Cat**
 - B. Dog**
 - C. Rabbit**
 - D. Ferret**

7. -orexia means what?

- A. To view**
- B. Bone**
- C. Organ**
- D. Appetite**

8. Which form denotes a blood vessel in general?

- A. Artery**
- B. Vein**
- C. Capillary**
- D. Angi(o)**

9. Anis(o) describes which of the following relationships?

- A. Unequal**
- B. Equal**
- C. Similar**
- D. Balanced**

10. What does axill(o) mean?

- A. Self**
- B. Limb**
- C. Life**
- D. Under the arm**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What does the prefix aur(o) refer to?

- A. Ear**
- B. To listen**
- C. Self**
- D. Under the arm**

The prefix aur(o) signals the ear, coming from the Latin word for ear, auris. In medical terminology, this root shows up in words like auricle (the external part of the ear) or auricular (relating to the ear). That's why it's the best answer here: the term specifically ties to the ear. The other ideas don't fit because listening relates to audi- or audio-, self uses auto-, and under the arm involves terms like axillary, not aur(o).

2. Which term means 'Right ear'?

- A. o.d**
- B. a.d.**
- C. o.s.**
- D. a.u.**

In medical shorthand, regions use Latin roots. The right ear is called auris dextra, with dextra meaning right and auris meaning ear, so it's abbreviated a.d. This keeps anatomy clear across languages and notes. In contrast, oculus dexter (o.d.) and oculus sinister (o.s.) refer to the eyes—right eye and left eye. A.u. can denote both ears, but when you need a single-ear designation, a.d. is the precise term.

3. Gluc(o) indicates which sugar-related term?

- A. Glucose/Sugar**
- B. Protein**
- C. Tongue**
- D. Pregnancy**

Gluc/o is the combining form used to indicate sugar. In medical terminology, this root points to sugar, especially glucose—the body's primary simple sugar. So terms built with this root refer to sugar-related concepts, such as glucose itself or processes involving sugar. The other options refer to entirely different roots (protein, tongue, pregnancy), so they don't fit with gluc/o. Therefore, glucose/sugar is the correct match.

4. Which term corresponds to the definition 'Right eye'?

- A. o.d**
- B. a.d.
- C. o.s.
- D. a.u.

The right eye is labeled with the Latin term *oculus dexter*, shortened to *o.d.* in medical shorthand. *Dexter* means right, while *sinister* means left, and *uterque* means both. So *o.d.* pinpoints the right eye clearly. The left eye would be *oculus sinister (o.s.)*, and both eyes would be *oculus uterque (o.u.)*. The forms *a.d.* and *a.u.* refer to *auris dextra* and *auris uterque*, which are the ears, not the eyes, so they aren't used for ophthalmology. In exams, prescriptions, or chart notes, you'll see *o.d.* used to indicate the right eye, ensuring there's no mix-up between eyes.

5. Which form means joint-related?

- A. Bone
- B. Tendon
- C. Joint**
- D. Muscle

Understanding terminology that describes where a body part is or how it connects helps you spot which word signals a joint-related idea. *Bone* names the hard structure of the skeleton, *tendon* is the tissue linking muscle to bone, and *muscle* is the tissue that contracts to move things. The *joint* is the actual place where two bones meet and allow movement, so the form that indicates something related to that joint is the one that denotes the joint itself. While more specialized terms like *articular* or *arthro-* exist for joint-related concepts in medical language, among these options the word that conveys joint-related meaning is the term describing the joint itself.

6. Which species has the slowest minimum respiration rate among those listed?

- A. Cat
- B. Dog**
- C. Rabbit
- D. Ferret

Resting respiratory rate shows how slowly an animal breathes when it is calm. In general, larger or lower-metabolism animals tend to have slower minimum breathing rates, while smaller or higher-metabolism animals breathe more quickly even at rest. Among these species, the dog can have a resting rate as low as about 10 breaths per minute, whereas cats typically rest around 20-30 breaths per minute, rabbits around 30-60, and ferrets roughly in the 33-60 range. Because the minimum observed breathing rate for dogs is lower than the others, the slowest minimum respiration rate among the listed species is in the dog.

7. -orexia means what?

- A. To view
- B. Bone
- C. Organ
- D. Appetite**

The part -orexia denotes appetite or the desire to eat. In medical language it's used to describe changes in appetite, as in anorexia (loss of appetite) or hyperorexia (increased appetite). That makes appetite the correct meaning for this suffix. The other options relate to different roots (view, bone, organ) and aren't conveyed by -orexia.

8. Which form denotes a blood vessel in general?

- A. Artery
- B. Vein
- C. Capillary
- D. Angi(o)**

Angi/o is the combining form meaning vessel, used to refer to blood vessels in general. It's the building block you'd find in terms like angiography (imaging of vessels) or angiogenesis (growth of vessels), which describe vessels as a whole rather than a specific type. Artery, vein, and capillary are all specific kinds of blood vessels, so they don't denote vessels in general. That's why angi/o is the best choice.

9. Anis(o) describes which of the following relationships?

- A. Unequal**
- B. Equal
- C. Similar
- D. Balanced

Anis(o) signals unequal relationships. The prefix comes from the Greek anisos meaning "uneven, not equal," so it describes differences in size, form, or amount between paired things. For example, anisocytosis refers to red blood cells that vary in size, and anisogamy refers to gametes of different sizes. Because it conveys lack of equality, it best matches the idea of "unequal." Other options would involve prefixes like iso- or homo- for equality or similarity, which are not what anis(o) denotes.

10. What does axill(o) mean?

- A. Self**
- B. Limb**
- C. Life**
- D. Under the arm**

axill(o) is a combining form used in medical terminology to refer to the armpit, the area under the arm. It appears in terms like axillary and axilla, which describe structures related to that underarm region. Because of this, the meaning that best fits is under the arm. The other options point to different roots (such as self or life) and do not convey the armpit sense of axill(o).

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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.

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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