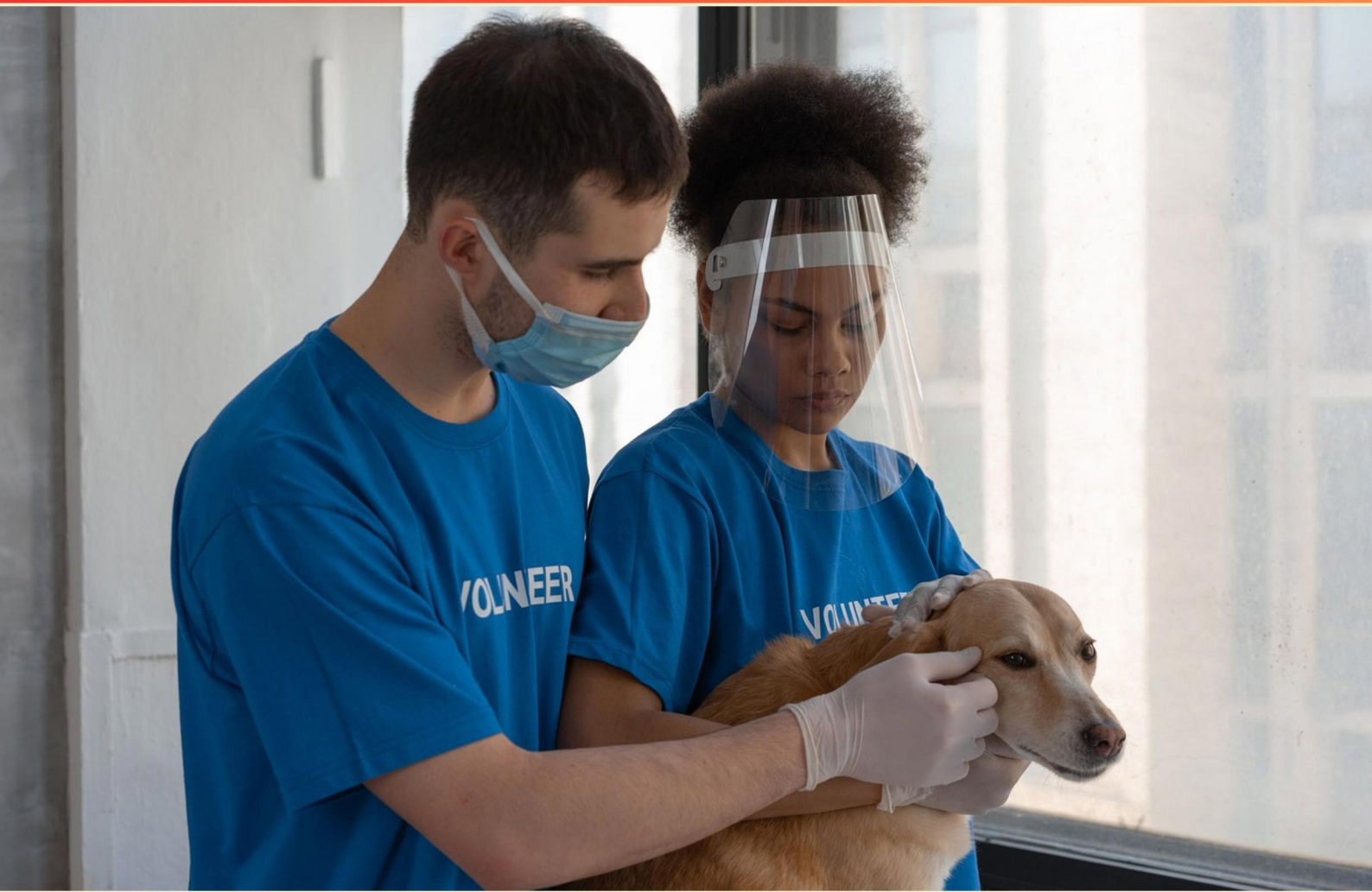


# ANIMAL BEHAVIOR COLLEGE (ABC) EXTERNSHIP PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

## 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 does the suffix -algia denote?**

- A. Pain
- B. Fever
- C. Numbness
- D. Swelling

**2. The combining form or(o) refers to which part of the body?**

- A. Ear
- B. Mouth
- C. Organ
- D. Bone

**3. Which term refers to the chest area?**

- A. Splen(o)
- B. Spondyl(o)
- C. Steth(o)-
- D. Sinistr(o)

**4. Which abbreviation means 'once daily'?**

- A. s.i.d.
- B. h.s.
- C. gtt
- D. tab

**5. Which meaning is associated with the suffix -ism?**

- A. A process or condition
- B. Equal
- C. A specialist
- D. Inflammation

**6. What does the abbreviation cap stand for?**

- A. Capsule
- B. Cap
- C. Caplet
- D. Capacitance

**7. The suffix -ium denotes which anatomical concept?**

- A. Tissue
- B. Yellow
- C. Milk
- D. Abdominal wall

**8. What is the gestation period for rats?**

- A. 25-31 Days
- B. 40-44 Days
- C. 21-23 Days
- D. 12-16 Days

**9. Which formula converts Fahrenheit to Celsius?**

- A.  $C = (F - 32) \times 9/5$
- B.  $C = (F + 32) \times 5/9$
- C.  $C = F - 32 \times 5/9$
- D.  $C = (F - 32) \times 5/9$

**10. The combining form cyst(o) relates to which anatomical structure?**

- A. Renal pelvis
- B. Urethra
- C. Ureter
- D. Urinary bladder

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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### 1. What does the suffix -algia denote?

- A. Pain
- B. Fever
- C. Numbness
- D. Swelling

The main idea here is that the suffix -algia is used in medical terms to indicate pain in a specific area. It comes from a Greek root meaning pain, which is why you see words like neuralgia (nerve pain) or arthralgia (joint pain). That's why the correct answer is that -algia denotes pain. Fever, numbness, and swelling are described with different terms or roots (fever with pyrexia or fever, numbness with anesthesia or hypoesthesia, swelling with edema), so they don't fit the meaning of -algia.

### 2. The combining form or(o) refers to which part of the body?

- A. Ear
- B. Mouth
- C. Organ
- D. Bone

Combining forms are the building blocks used in medical terminology to name body parts. In this quiz, the form or(o) is used to represent a bone. That makes bone the best answer because the question is testing your ability to apply the course's specific mapping of combining forms to body parts. While other sources may map or/o to the mouth in different contexts, this particular test teaches or/o as bone, so the correct choice aligns with that convention. The other body parts don't fit the mapping for or(o) here, reinforcing how the test expects you to apply the given terminology.

### 3. Which term refers to the chest area?

- A. Splen(o)
- B. Spondyl(o)
- C. Steth(o)-
- D. Sinistr(o)

The chest area is indicated by combining forms that refer to the thoracic region, specifically steth/o from Greek stethos meaning chest. This prefix is used in terms like stethoscope, which is placed on the chest to listen to heart and lung sounds, making it the best fit for "chest area." The other options point to different structures: splen/o is the spleen, spondyl/o is the spine, and sinistr/o means left side. So the term describing the chest area is steth(o).

#### 4. Which abbreviation means 'once daily'?

A. s.i.d.

B. h.s.

C. gtt

D. tab

*In dosing language, abbreviations tell you how often to give a medication. Once daily is expressed as semel in die, and the abbreviation for that is s.i.d., meaning one dose per 24 hours. The other options refer to when or in what form the medicine is given: h.s. means at bedtime, gtt stands for drops, and tab indicates a tablet form. So the best answer is the abbreviation that expands to semel in die, conveying one dose each day.*

#### 5. Which meaning is associated with the suffix -ism?

A. A process or condition

B. Equal

C. A specialist

D. Inflammation

*The suffix -ism turns a root into a noun that names a system, doctrine, practice, or state of being. It signals a process, condition, or belief rather than a person or a medical term. That's why it best fits a meaning of a process or condition, as seen in words like alcoholism, capitalism, realism, or optimism. It doesn't convey equality (not its function), it doesn't indicate a specialist (that's -ist), and it doesn't denote inflammation (that's -itis).*

#### 6. What does the abbreviation cap stand for?

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*Abbreviations can be the same as the word they stand for when the term is already short or when the shorthand is simply the word itself used as a label. In this item, the three-letter cluster cap is treated as the abbreviated form, and the intended reading is the term itself in its shortened label form. The other options point to longer words that could be possibilities in different contexts, but they aren't the shortened form represented by the letters shown here. So the best choice is the one that mirrors the abbreviation itself rather than expanding to a longer term.*

## 7. The suffix -ium denotes which anatomical concept?

- A. Tissue
- B. Yellow
- C. Milk
- D. Abdominal wall

The suffix -ium marks a tissue or tissue-type in anatomical terms. It turns a root into a noun that names a specific tissue or membrane-like layer, rather than a color, dairy product, or a body region. For example, epithelium is the tissue that lines surfaces, endomysium surrounds muscle fibers, and myocardium is the heart muscle tissue. This naming pattern helps identify the material or structure being described, which is why tissue is the best fit for what -ium denotes.

## 8. What is the gestation period for rats?

- A. 25-31 Days
- B. 40-44 Days
- C. 21-23 Days
- D. 12-16 Days

Rats carry a pregnancy for about three weeks. From mating to birth, the gestation period is typically 21 to 23 days. This short window allows rapid generation of litters, which is a defining feature of rat reproduction in both lab and pet settings. Small environmental changes—like nutrition, temperature, and stress—can tweak the length by a day or two, but it generally stays within that three-week range. Compare what you might see with other small mammals to see why this range fits rats: many have noticeably longer or shorter gestations, so a span of 21–23 days is a good rule of thumb for rats.

## 9. Which formula converts Fahrenheit to Celsius?

- A.  $C = (F - 32) \times 9/5$
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- D.  $C = (F - 32) \times 5/9$

Converting Fahrenheit to Celsius relies on two ideas: rebaselining the freezing point and scaling the degree size between the two scales. Subtracting 32 from Fahrenheit shifts the freezing point so it lines up at zero, and then multiplying by 5/9 converts the Fahrenheit degree interval (180 degrees from 32 to 212) into the Celsius interval (100 degrees from 0 to 100). The result is  $C = (F - 32) \times 5/9$ . For example, 212 °F becomes  $(212 - 32) \times 5/9 = 180 \times 5/9 = 100$  °C, and 32 °F becomes 0 °C. Other forms fail because they either add 32 instead of subtracting, use the reciprocal 9/5 instead of 5/9, or apply the operations in the wrong order, yielding incorrect values.

**10. The combining form cyst(o) relates to which anatomical structure?**

- A. Renal pelvis
- B. Urethra
- C. Ureter
- D. Urinary bladder**

*cyst(o) denotes the bladder. This combining form appears in terms like cystitis (inflammation of the bladder), cystoscope (instrument used to view the bladder), and cystography (imaging of the bladder), all pointing to the urinary bladder as the structure involved. The other structures use different roots: the renal pelvis is described with pyelo-, the ureter with uretero-, and the urethra with urethro-, so cyst(o) specifically aligns with the bladder.*

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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](mailto:hello@examzify.com).

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

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