

Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) Test 9th Grade Practice (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 term refers to Old Testament figures or events that point to New Testament realities?**
 - A. Covenant**
 - B. Typology**
 - C. Revelation**
 - D. Salvation History**

- 2. What is the term for the gathering of all bishops with the Pope?**
 - A. Synod**
 - B. General Assembly**
 - C. Ecumenical Council**
 - D. Conference**

- 3. Which sacrament is the forgiveness of sins?**
 - A. Reconciliation**
 - B. Baptism**
 - C. Matrimony**
 - D. Virtue**

- 4. The term that describes the truth for salvation God wanted written down is?**
 - A. Lectionary**
 - B. Sacramentary**
 - C. Scriptural sense of Scripture**
 - D. The truth for salvation that God wanted written down**

- 5. Which of the following is NOT a Marian dogma?**
 - A. Immaculate Conception**
 - B. Assumption**
 - C. Mary intercedes for us**
 - D. Mother of God**

- 6. What term refers to Jesus rising from the dead on the third day?**
- A. Ascension**
 - B. Death**
 - C. Atonement**
 - D. Resurrection**
- 7. Mary was conceived without Original Sin. What is the term for this dogma?**
- A. Immaculate Conception**
 - B. Assumption**
 - C. Perpetual Virginity**
 - D. Mediation**
- 8. Which term describes a habit of doing good?**
- A. Virtue**
 - B. Vice**
 - C. Habit**
 - D. Character**
- 9. What is the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ called?**
- A. Baptism**
 - B. Eucharist**
 - C. Transubstantiation**
 - D. Reconciliation**
- 10. Being created in the image and likeness of God explains the source of human dignity.**
- A. Being created in the image and likeness of God**
 - B. The truth for salvation that God wanted written down**
 - C. Scriptural sense of Scripture**
 - D. Lectionary**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What term refers to Old Testament figures or events that point to New Testament realities?

- A. Covenant**
- B. Typology**
- C. Revelation**
- D. Salvation History**

Typology is the idea that Old Testament figures or events point to New Testament realities. In biblical study, a type is something in the Hebrew Scriptures that foreshadows what is fulfilled later in Christ. For example, the Passover lamb is seen as pointing to Jesus' sacrifice, and Adam is viewed as a pattern that contrasts with Christ as the new Adam. These connections show how certain Old Testament events anticipate New Testament truths. While Salvation History describes God's saving work across time, it's a broader scope and not specific to prefiguring NT realities. Covenant and Revelation describe different concepts (a binding agreement and the disclosure of divine truth, respectively) and don't capture this particular predictive relationship. So the best fit for the idea described is typology.

2. What is the term for the gathering of all bishops with the Pope?

- A. Synod**
- B. General Assembly**
- C. Ecumenical Council**
- D. Conference**

A worldwide gathering of all bishops with the Pope is called an ecumenical council. The term ecumenical comes from a Greek word meaning the whole inhabited world, signaling that it brings together bishops from across the Church to address matters of faith and morals for the universal church. These councils have historically made foundational doctrinal decisions and creeds that guide all Christians. A synod is typically a more limited gathering—often regional or for consultation—not a universal council. General assemblies and conferences are broader, and while they can be important, they don't carry the same universal doctrinal authority as an ecumenical council.

3. Which sacrament is the forgiveness of sins?

- A. Reconciliation**
- B. Baptism**
- C. Matrimony**
- D. Virtue**

Forgiveness of sins is addressed in the sacrament of Reconciliation, also called Confession. In this practice, a person acknowledges their sins to a priest, expresses true contrition, and receives absolution, which restores the grace lost through sin and reconciles the person with God and the church. A part of the rite is performing a penance to repair the harm caused by sin and to strengthen the resolve to avoid sin in the future. It's helpful to note that Baptism also cleanses sins—especially original sin and sins before baptism—but it is a one-time initiation, whereas Reconciliation is the ordinary way Catholics receive forgiveness for sins committed after Baptism. Matrimony deals with the sacred bond of marriage, and Virtue refers to good habits of moral character, not a sacrament for forgiveness.

4. The term that describes the truth for salvation God wanted written down is?

A. Lectionary

B. Sacramentary

C. Scriptural sense of Scripture

D. The truth for salvation that God wanted written down

In studying Scripture, we look at how the words on the page convey God's saving plan, not just the surface text. The term that describes the truth for salvation God wanted written down is Scriptural sense of Scripture. This idea captures how Scripture as a whole reveals the salvific message God intends, embracing how the events, persons, and words point toward redemption beyond their literal wording. Lectionary and Sacramentary are about how worship is organized—readings for the liturgy and prayers/rituals for the sacraments—rather than the specific salvific truth the scriptures are meant to convey. The phrase describing the salvific truth itself isn't the standard term; the recognized concept here is the scriptural sense of Scripture, which helps readers understand the deeper, salvific meaning the sacred authors intended.

5. Which of the following is NOT a Marian dogma?

A. Immaculate Conception

B. Assumption

C. Mary intercedes for us

D. Mother of God

A dogma is a formally defined teaching that the Church declares to be revealed by God and binding for all Catholics. Among Marian dogmas, the Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary was conceived without original sin; the Assumption holds that she was taken up body and soul into heaven; and being Mother of God (Theotokos) affirms Mary's role as the mother of Jesus, who is God, a truth defined to safeguard the mystery of Christ. The statement that Mary intercedes for us describes her role as an intercessor and advocate—believed and supported by Scripture and tradition—but it has not been defined as a formal Marian dogma. So the idea that Mary intercedes for us is not a Marian dogma.

6. What term refers to Jesus rising from the dead on the third day?

- A. Ascension**
- B. Death**
- C. Atonement**
- D. Resurrection**

The main idea here is the term for Jesus rising from the dead on the third day. That event is called resurrection. It refers specifically to Jesus coming back to life after his crucifixion and burial, occurring on the third day, and it is a foundational moment in Christian belief that leads into his appearances and, later, his ascension. Understanding the other terms helps keep the distinction clear: ascension is Jesus' rising up to heaven after the resurrection, not the act of coming back to life itself. Death is simply the event of Jesus dying on the cross. Atonement is the broader idea of reconciliation between God and humanity that Christians believe Jesus accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection, but it isn't the act of rising from the dead. Thus, the term that best matches "rising from the dead on the third day" is resurrection.

7. Mary was conceived without Original Sin. What is the term for this dogma?

- A. Immaculate Conception**
- B. Assumption**
- C. Perpetual Virginity**
- D. Mediation**

The main idea being tested is Mary's sinlessness from the moment of her conception. The term for this belief is the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary was preserved free from original sin by God's grace from the very moment she was conceived in her mother's womb. This isn't about Jesus's conception or about Mary's virginity or her role as mediator; it specifically names Mary's own conception as free from the stain of original sin. The doctrine was formally defined as dogma in the 19th century (Pope Pius IX, 1854) to affirm that Mary was uniquely prepared to bear the Incarnate Word. In contrast, the Assumption refers to Mary being taken body and soul into heaven, Perpetual Virginity to her virginal state before, during, and after Jesus's birth, and Mediation (or Mary as mediator) is a different theological concept. So, the term for Mary conceived without Original Sin is Immaculate Conception.

8. Which term describes a habit of doing good?

- A. Virtue**
- B. Vice**
- C. Habit**
- D. Character**

A habit of doing good is virtue. Virtue is a stable, morally good tendency that leads you to act well across different situations. It isn't just a single action, but a pattern that develops through deliberate practice and repeated good choices, so it becomes part of who you are. By contrast, a habit is simply a repeated action, not necessarily moral. A vice is the opposite—a repeated bad habit. Character refers to the overall moral makeup you've built from your virtues and vices, not a single habit. So virtue best captures the idea of consistently doing good.

9. What is the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ called?

A. Baptism

B. Eucharist

C. Transubstantiation

D. Reconciliation

The change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called transubstantiation. In Catholic teaching, at the moment of consecration in the Eucharist, the substances of bread and wine become the actual Body and Blood of Christ, while the outward appearances—taste, look, texture—remain the same. This distinction between what something is made of (the substance) and how it appears on the outside explains why believers can still see and taste the bread and wine even though their essence has become Christ's Body and Blood. The term captures that real, not symbolic, transformation that underpins the belief in the Real Presence during the Eucharist. The ceremony itself is the Eucharist, the sacrament in which believers participate in Christ's saving action; the other terms refer to different sacraments or understandings—Baptism is about cleansing and new life, and Reconciliation concerns forgiveness of sins—while they do not describe the change of the elements.

10. Being created in the image and likeness of God explains the source of human dignity.

A. Being created in the image and likeness of God

B. The truth for salvation that God wanted written down

C. Scriptural sense of Scripture

D. Lectionary

The source of human dignity is being created in the image and likeness of God. This idea, often called the *imago Dei*, means that humans reflect certain divine qualities—rational thought, free will, moral responsibility, and the capacity to love and relate to God and others. Because God gives this value at creation, every person possesses inherent worth simply by being human, regardless of abilities, status, or achievements. The other options refer to religious texts or liturgical practices—things that help us know or worship God—but they do not explain why humans have this intrinsic dignity.

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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