

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



**SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE
WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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. Which book mentions Alexander Hamilton Middle School?**
 - A. The Shadow of the Cobblestones
 - B. The Lantern's Rise
 - C. The Moonlit Map
 - D. The Serpent's Secret
- 2. What distance is described as the journey's destination in the novel?**
 - A. Five hundred miles
 - B. One thousand miles
 - C. Three hundred miles
 - D. Three thousand six hundred miles, more or less
- 3. A MetroCard subway pass was taped to a jar of dill pickles. What was the MetroCard taped to?**
 - A. A jar of dill pickles
 - B. A backpack
 - C. A notebook
 - D. A window
- 4. The best bakery claim is tied to which two cities?**
 - A. Miami and Orlando
 - B. Orlando and Tampa
 - C. Miami and Tampa
 - D. Fort Lauderdale and Miami
- 5. In which book does the quote "Everything's bigger and better in America" appear?**
 - A. New From Here by Kelly Yang
 - B. The World Beyond
 - C. A Country of Dreams
 - D. American Echoes

- 6. Who is the author of the novel mentioned in the material?**
- A. Suzanne Collins
 - B. J.K. Rowling
 - C. Rick Riordan
 - D. Alan Gratz
- 7. The flower children protest referenced in the book was directed at which war?**
- A. The Korean War
 - B. World War II
 - C. The Gulf War
 - D. The Vietnam War
- 8. Which novel opens with the main character in health and physical education class thinking about the day before?**
- A. The Great Gatsby
 - B. The Hunger Games
 - C. Merci Suarez Changes Gears
 - D. To Kill a Mockingbird
- 9. Which novel includes a line where a girl is carried over a horse 'like a sack of potatoes'?**
- A. The Sea of Stories
 - B. The Serpent's Secret
 - C. The Lost Crown
 - D. The Silent Orchard
- 10. A pizza was said to taste like toasted eraser. In which book does this description appear?**
- A. The Flavor of Fear
 - B. New From Here by Kelly Yang
 - C. A Bite of History
 - D. The Tasted World

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which book mentions Alexander Hamilton Middle School?

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Recognizing exact setting details within a book is what this item asks you to do. The Serpent's Secret includes a moment where that middle school is named, Alexander Hamilton Middle School, which anchors the story in a real-world location. That precise naming is the clue that points to this title, because the other books use different settings or entirely fictional contexts and do not introduce that school by name. When studying, look for any mention of real-world institutions like schools, cities, or other identifiers—the named details are the giveaways that connect a title to a specific setting.

2. What distance is described as the journey's destination in the novel?

- A. Five hundred miles
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- C. Three hundred miles
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The main idea here is how a journey's endpoint can be defined by distance to convey scale and stakes. The distance described as the destination is the large, approximate figure of about three thousand six hundred miles. Choosing that magnitude signals an epic, arduous voyage rather than a routine trip—the endpoint is reached only after enduring a long trek, which aligns with the novel's sense of a transformative quest. The "more or less" wording shows the author isn't fixated on an exact number, just on the idea of a very long journey. The shorter distances would read as comparatively ordinary trips and wouldn't carry the same sense of epic effort or culmination that the story aims to evoke.

3. A MetroCard subway pass was taped to a jar of dill pickles. What was the MetroCard taped to?

- A. A jar of dill pickles**
- B. A backpack
- C. A notebook
- D. A window

This item tests your ability to remember a specific detail from a description. The scenario states that the MetroCard subway pass was taped to a jar of dill pickles, so the MetroCard was taped to the jar of dill pickles. The other options aren't described as the surface in contact with the MetroCard, so they don't fit the given detail.

4. The best bakery claim is tied to which two cities?

- A. Miami and Orlando
- B. Orlando and Tampa
- C. Miami and Tampa**
- D. Fort Lauderdale and Miami

The point this question tests is how a marketing claim is anchored to real places where the business operates or has recognition. When a claim says the "best bakery" is tied to two cities, it means the brand is presenting its top status in both of those markets, signaling credibility through geographic reach and presence. In this case, Miami and Tampa are the two cities connected to the bakery's claim, suggesting there are outlets or strong customer-facing evidence in both places that support calling it the best there. The other city pairs don't fit because they wouldn't reflect the material's linked locations for this claim—one or both cities aren't the ones the bakery uses to back up being the best.

5. In which book does the quote "Everything's bigger and better in America" appear?

- A. New From Here by Kelly Yang**
- B. The World Beyond
- C. A Country of Dreams
- D. American Echoes

The line plays on the idea that many newcomers see America as a land of bigger opportunities and brighter possibilities, a viewpoint that often drives immigrant narratives. This question tests your ability to pin down the source of a quote by matching that voice and theme to a book. New From Here by Kelly Yang centers on a family starting anew in the United States and wrestling with dreams, reality, and the pull between homeland longing and American opportunities. A character expressing that "Everything's bigger and better in America" fits the narrator's experience of encountering and weighing the promise of the American Dream, making this book the best match for the line. The other titles would not align with that particular voice and moment as strongly, because they don't center around the immigrant arrival experience in the same way.

6. Who is the author of the novel mentioned in the material?

- A. Suzanne Collins
- B. J.K. Rowling
- C. Rick Riordan
- D. Alan Gratz**

When a question asks who wrote the novel mentioned in the material, you infer the author by linking the described book to the author's known works. The material points to a story that fits Alan Gratz's historical fiction approach, particularly his novels that follow young characters through refugee experiences across different eras. That alignment makes Gratz the best match for the described title. The other authors are famous for different series—one for a dystopian saga about a girl in a futuristic arena, another for a wizarding world, and another for myth-based adventures—so their well-known works don't fit the described novel as closely.

7. The flower children protest referenced in the book was directed at which war?

- A. The Korean War
- B. World War II
- C. The Gulf War
- D. The Vietnam War**

Antiwar activism from the flower child era centered on opposing U.S. involvement in Vietnam. The movement grew out of the 1960s counterculture, with protests, teach-ins, and peace demonstrations that urged an end to the draft and military action in Vietnam. The imagery and spirit—flowers in helmets, calls for peace—became emblematic of that time and tied directly to the Vietnam War. The other conflicts happened in different eras or contexts and didn't spark the same widespread youth-led antiwar movement, so the referenced protest is directed at the Vietnam War.

8. Which novel opens with the main character in health and physical education class thinking about the day before?

- A. The Great Gatsby
- B. The Hunger Games
- C. Merci Suarez Changes Gears**
- D. To Kill a Mockingbird

Opening scenes that begin in the middle of everyday life reveal a character's voice, priorities, and the moments that push them toward change. This novel starts with Merci Suarez in health and physical education class, thinking about the day before. That choice drops you straight into her perception and the ordinary rhythms of school, where friendships, family expectations, and social status matter. By centering her thoughts on yesterday, the author signals that what matters most is how Merci handles ordinary moments and the adjustments ahead—money, relationships, and identity within her family and community. The mood is intimate and observant, inviting you to notice small details that show who she is and what she's about to face. Other well-known openings establish very different worlds or stakes—The Great Gatsby with its doors and parties, The Hunger Games with survival on a stark stage, or To Kill a Mockingbird through a child's early Alabama days—scenes that frame the story in unique tensions that don't hinge on a school-day moment like this one.

9. Which novel includes a line where a girl is carried over a horse 'like a sack of potatoes'?

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- C. The Lost Crown
- D. The Silent Orchard

Identifying a source from a vivid, specific line hinges on recognizing the voice and tone of the book. The image of a girl being carried over a horse "like a sack of potatoes" is a distinctly down-to-earth, humorous moment that fits the lively, contemporary middle-grade fantasy voice of The Serpent's Secret. That book often blends everyday language with adventurous fantasy, using such rough, physical scenes to ground the action and bring characters to life. The other titles come from different genres or styles, and they're less likely to feature that exact, memorable simile in a scene of rough handling, making The Serpent's Secret the best match for this line.

10. A pizza was said to taste like toasted eraser. In which book does this description appear?

A. The Flavor of Fear

B. New From Here by Kelly Yang

C. A Bite of History

D. The Tasted World

This question tests recognition of a distinctive, sensory detail that helps identify a specific book. A line describing pizza as tasting like toasted eraser uses a vivid, quirky metaphor to convey a character's sensory experience and mood. That kind of unusual, memorable description is characteristic of New From Here by Kelly Yang, where the voice often relies on sharp, concrete imagery to express how characters feel about food, memory, and their new surroundings. The other titles don't show that same signature line or tonal texture, so they don't fit as well with this particular description.

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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.

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

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