

BSB Composition Sustainment 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 PLTs are in the BSB Alpha Company?**
 - A. Transportation, Supply, Fuel and Water**
 - B. Transportation, Maintenance, Medical**
 - C. Security, Logistics, Communications**
 - D. Transportation**

- 2. Role 2 medical care augments which services?**
 - A. Physical therapy and optometry**
 - B. Dental and radiology**
 - C. Pharmacy and laboratory**
 - D. Emergency medicine**

- 3. Explain endorsement and acceptance in contract execution.**
 - A. The process where the customer approves supplier performance or deliverables with formal acceptance criteria.**
 - B. The process of signing a non-disclosure agreement.**
 - C. The process of negotiating price.**
 - D. The process of refund authorization.**

- 4. What is the purpose of supplier scorecards?**
 - A. To evaluate supplier performance against KPIs**
 - B. To offset exchange rates**
 - C. To set employee bonuses**
 - D. To forecast market trends**

- 5. In ABC analysis, which category would typically receive the most stringent controls?**
 - A. C items**
 - B. A items**
 - C. B items**
 - D. All categories equally**

- 6. How do you handle obsolescence risk in an inventory portfolio?**
- A. Rely solely on demand forecasting without supplier commitments.**
 - B. Ignore obsolescence risk to avoid costs.**
 - C. Increase stock of all items regardless of lifecycle.**
 - D. Monitor product lifecycle, maintain forecast, secure supplier commitments, implement alternative parts, salvage value, and timely phase-out.**
- 7. What is the MOS that handles water?**
- A. 92F**
 - B. 11B**
 - C. 92W**
 - D. 35U**
- 8. Who is the primary supply and transportation hub of the BCT?**
- A. BSB Bravo Distribution Company**
 - B. Alpha Company, BSB**
 - C. BSB Alpha Distribution Company**
 - D. BCT Support Command**
- 9. Which unit element provides immediate medical triage and support at the battalion level?**
- A. Forward Surgical Team**
 - B. Medical Logistics Platoon**
 - C. Battalion Aid Station (BAS)**
 - D. Combat Medical Support Team**
- 10. What best describes ESG considerations in procurement?**
- A. Integrating sustainability, ethical practices, and governance structures into supplier selection and monitoring.**
 - B. Focusing exclusively on lowest price when selecting suppliers.**
 - C. Relying on internal preferences without supplier audits.**
 - D. Ignoring governance frameworks in procurement decisions.**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What PLTs are in the BSB Alpha Company?

- A. Transportation, Supply, Fuel and Water**
- B. Transportation, Maintenance, Medical**
- C. Security, Logistics, Communications**
- D. Transportation**

In a Brigade Support Battalion, company-level platoons are organized around core sustainment functions that keep the unit moving and fed. For Alpha Company, the platoons are named after these key logistics roles: Transportation handles moving people and cargo, Supply takes care of provisioning and issuing general supplies, and Fuel and Water provides the essential fuel and water distribution to units. Together, these three platoons cover the essential mobility and provisioning tasks the company supports. The other options mix in functions that aren't part of Alpha Company's platoon lineup. Maintenance, Medical, Security, and Communications belong to different units or sections within the broader sustainment or support structure, not within Alpha Company as a set of three platoons focused on transportation, provisioning, and fuel/water. A single Transportation platoon would leave out critical support needs, so it isn't the complete answer.

2. Role 2 medical care augments which services?

- A. Physical therapy and optometry**
- B. Dental and radiology**
- C. Pharmacy and laboratory**
- D. Emergency medicine**

Role 2 care is about boosting forward medical capabilities to handle acute, life-saving needs on the battlefield. It enhances emergency medical services—triage, resuscitation, stabilization, and limited surgical care—so wounded personnel can be stabilized and prepared for evacuation. That focus on urgent, in-the-materiel treatment is what makes emergency medicine the service augmented by Role 2. The other options aren't the primary focus of Role 2: rehabilitative services like physical therapy and vision care (optometry) aren't the main forward-acute-care mission; dental and radiology are important support functions but not the core augmentation of Role 2; pharmacy and laboratory are essential support but do not define the core Role 2 enhancement in the same way as emergency medicine.

3. Explain endorsement and acceptance in contract execution.

- A. The process where the customer approves supplier performance or deliverables with formal acceptance criteria.**
- B. The process of signing a non-disclosure agreement.**
- C. The process of negotiating price.**
- D. The process of refund authorization.**

Endorsement and acceptance in contract execution mean the client officially approving what the supplier has delivered and confirming it meets the agreed requirements. Endorsement is the client's formal approval of the supplier's performance or outputs, while acceptance is the formal sign-off that those deliverables comply with the defined acceptance criteria. This formal approval, often documented as a signed acceptance or milestone sign-off, triggers key project events such as payment, transfer of risk, and project or contract closure. This concept fits the described option, which states that the client approves supplier performance or deliverables with formal acceptance criteria. The other activities listed—signing a non-disclosure agreement, negotiating price, or refund authorization—do not capture the idea of formally approving and accepting completed work against agreed standards in contract execution.

4. What is the purpose of supplier scorecards?

- A. To evaluate supplier performance against KPIs**
- B. To offset exchange rates**
- C. To set employee bonuses**
- D. To forecast market trends**

The main idea is to measure supplier performance against predefined KPIs. A supplier scorecard provides an objective view of how well a supplier contributes to your operations, usually tracking metrics like on-time delivery, quality, cost, lead time, responsiveness, and compliance. By turning performance data into a clear score, it helps you see trends, compare suppliers, and drive improvement—informing development plans, contract decisions, and supplier segmentation. This tool is about performance management and supplier relationships, not about offsetting exchange rates, setting employee bonuses, or forecasting market trends, which are handled in other areas. Overall, it creates accountability and consistency in how suppliers are evaluated and managed.

5. In ABC analysis, which category would typically receive the most stringent controls?

- A. C items
- B. A items**
- C. B items
- D. All categories equally

In ABC analysis, controls are allocated based on how much each item contributes to annual consumption value. The category that gets the most stringent controls is the high-value group—the small set of items that accounts for the largest share of spending. Because these items drive the biggest portion of inventory cost and the greatest impact if something goes wrong, you enforce tight record-keeping, precise forecasting, frequent checks, and strict approval and supplier management for them. The middle-value items require moderate controls, while the low-value items can be managed with simpler, looser procedures since their individual cost is small even if they're numerous. So the strictest controls go to the high-value category, not the middle or low-value ones.

6. How do you handle obsolescence risk in an inventory portfolio?

- A. Rely solely on demand forecasting without supplier commitments.
- B. Ignore obsolescence risk to avoid costs.
- C. Increase stock of all items regardless of lifecycle.
- D. Monitor product lifecycle, maintain forecast, secure supplier commitments, implement alternative parts, salvage value, and timely phase-out.**

Managing obsolescence risk in an inventory portfolio hinges on actively coordinating product lifecycle, forecast updates, supplier commitments, alternative parts, salvage value, and timely phase-out. By watching where each item sits in its lifecycle, you know when demand is likely to fade or a component may be discontinued, so you can adjust orders before you're stuck with unsellable stock. Keeping forecasts current with lifecycle signals helps prevent over- or under-stocking as technology and supplier plans evolve. Securing supplier commitments adds flexibility—longer lead times, minimum quantity assurances, or forward-buy options—so you can scale back or reallocate quantities without incurring heavy losses. Implementing alternative parts gives you a substitute path if a preferred component becomes obsolete, maintaining availability without rushing costly redesigns. Salvage value strategies recover some money from surplus or obsolete stock through liquidation, refurbishment, or resale, reducing write-downs. A timely phase-out plan ensures obsolescent items are retired on a planned schedule with clear end-of-life terms, freeing capital for current technology and preventing lingering dead stock. Together, these practices create a resilient portfolio that adapts to lifecycle shifts and supplier realities, rather than holding onto items that no longer fit.

7. What is the MOS that handles water?

- A. 92F
- B. 11B
- C. 92W**
- D. 35U

Water purification and supply is handled by the Water Treatment Specialist. This MOS focuses on ensuring safe drinking water in field conditions by testing water quality, operating purification equipment, performing treatments, and distributing water to units. It includes setting up water points, maintaining purification gear, and following safety standards to keep soldiers hydrated and healthy in austere environments. The other options correspond to roles that don't deal with water: one specializes in fuels and fuel distribution, another is focused on ground combat infantry operations, and the remaining is a signals/communications and security role. None of those focus on water treatment and supply, which is why the Water Treatment Specialist is the correct choice.

8. Who is the primary supply and transportation hub of the BCT?

- A. BSB Bravo Distribution Company
- B. Alpha Company, BSB
- C. BSB Alpha Distribution Company**
- D. BCT Support Command

The central idea is that the distribution function within a Brigade Support Battalion is the main logistics hub for the Brigade Combat Team. The Alpha Distribution Company is the unit designated as the primary supply and transportation hub, handling the receipt, storage, issuing, and distribution of materiel and coordinating transport to support all BCT elements. This makes it the focal point for keeping the brigade supplied and moving, while other distribution units exist to support operations in various ways, and the BCT Support Command handles broader, higher-level support rather than serving as the brigade's day-to-day logistics hub.

9. Which unit element provides immediate medical triage and support at the battalion level?

- A. Forward Surgical Team
- B. Medical Logistics Platoon
- C. Battalion Aid Station (BAS)**
- D. Combat Medical Support Team

Battalion Aid Station is the point at the battalion level that handles immediate triage and stabilization for casualties. It serves as the first organized medical care hub after initial field care, quickly sorting injuries by severity, performing essential life-saving stabilization, and coordinating the next steps of evacuation to higher-level care. Forward Surgical Team provides definitive surgical care forward, which is beyond the battalion's immediate triage role. Combat Medical Support Team offers near-line medical support but is smaller and not the central battalion-level triage hub. Medical Logistics Platoon deals with supplies rather than medical treatment.

10. What best describes ESG considerations in procurement?

- A. Integrating sustainability, ethical practices, and governance structures into supplier selection and monitoring.**
- B. Focusing exclusively on lowest price when selecting suppliers.**
- C. Relying on internal preferences without supplier audits.**
- D. Ignoring governance frameworks in procurement decisions.**

ESG considerations in procurement mean evaluating suppliers on more than just price or capability. It involves assessing environmental impact, social practices, and governance—and weaving those criteria into how you select suppliers and how you monitor them over time. This approach often includes asking about a supplier’s sustainability policies, labor standards, ethical conduct, and internal controls, using due diligence, requiring codes of conduct, and tracking performance with ESG-related metrics or audits. The aim is to manage risk, uphold ethical standards, and align the supplier base with the organization’s values and regulatory needs. That’s why the best choice describes integrating sustainability, ethical practices, and governance structures into supplier selection and monitoring. Focusing only on lowest price misses ESG risk and long-term value. Relying on internal preferences without audits ignores verification and governance, while ignoring governance frameworks contradicts the very governance aspect of ESG.

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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.

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

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