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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. How would you respond to a supply disruption due to a supplier outage?**
 - A. Ignore the disruption.
 - B. Immediately terminate all supplier contracts.
 - C. Activate contingency plan, switch to alternate supplier, adjust inventory levels, communicate with stakeholders, and monitor impact.
 - D. Wait for the supplier to recover before taking action.
- 2. Which principle of logistics is most closely associated with maintaining readiness by ensuring timely replenishment of essential items?**
 - A. Cost optimization and efficiency of spend.
 - B. Timeliness and reliability of supply to maintain operational readiness.
 - C. Quality control and defect reduction across suppliers.
 - D. Forecasting future demand.
- 3. The Modular Catastrophic Recovery System (MCRS) is associated with which MOS?**
 - A. 11B
 - B. 92F
 - C. 92A
 - D. 91S
- 4. What is the importance of ethics in supplier relationships?**
 - A. Maintains trust, reduces corruption risk, ensures fair competition, and protects organizational reputation.
 - B. Promotes rapid procurement with little oversight.
 - C. Increases supplier lead times with no benefit.
 - D. Has minimal impact on organizational credibility.
- 5. Who performs EMT, evacuate patients from battalion aid stations, and provide for their continued care en route to BSMC (C Co.)?**
 - A. Forward Evac Section
 - B. Evacuation PLT
 - C. Battalion Aid Station
 - D. Brigade Medical Supply Office

- 6. Which statement best describes the purpose of safety stock?**
- A. To maximize total inventory value.
 - B. To minimize ordering costs regardless of service impact.
 - C. To buffer against variability in demand and lead time to reduce stockouts.
 - D. To eliminate the need for inventory planning.
- 7. How many M997s does an evac section use?**
- A. 6
 - B. 4
 - C. 2
 - D. 8
- 8. 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
- 9. Role 1 medical care is at what level?**
- A. Unit level
 - B. Battalion level
 - C. Division level
 - D. Company level
- 10. How many HIPPOs are organic to the BSB distribution company?**
- A. 5
 - B. 8
 - C. 12
 - D. 10

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How would you respond to a supply disruption due to a supplier outage?

- A. Ignore the disruption.
- B. Immediately terminate all supplier contracts.
- C. Activate contingency plan, switch to alternate supplier, adjust inventory levels, communicate with stakeholders, and monitor impact.**
- D. Wait for the supplier to recover before taking action.

When a supplier outage happens, the aim is to keep operations moving by acting proactively and coordinating a set of ready-to-go actions. The best response is to activate the contingency plan and execute a coordinated sequence: switch to an alternate supplier to restore flow, adjust inventory levels to buffer critical items, communicate with stakeholders to ensure everyone is aligned, and monitor the impact so you can adapt quickly. This approach minimizes downtime, protects essential operations, and maintains visibility across the supply chain, which is key for sustainment and resilience. Ignoring the disruption leaves you exposed to surprises and outages. Being overly drastic and terminating all supplier contracts eliminates viable backups and can worsen disruption. Waiting for the supplier to recover is passive and often leads to stockouts and missed commitments.

2. Which principle of logistics is most closely associated with maintaining readiness by ensuring timely replenishment of essential items?

- A. Cost optimization and efficiency of spend.
- B. Timeliness and reliability of supply to maintain operational readiness.**
- C. Quality control and defect reduction across suppliers.
- D. Forecasting future demand.

Maintaining readiness comes from having the right items available exactly when they're needed, which hinges on how timely and reliably supplies arrive. When replenishment happens on schedule and suppliers consistently meet promised delivery times, stock levels stay sufficient and operations can proceed without delays. That direct link between on-time, dependable replenishment and the ability to perform without interruption is why this principle best fits the idea of readiness. The other options touch important logistics aspects, but they don't address readiness through timely restocking as clearly. Focusing on cost optimization aims to minimize spend, which can risk understock or delays if speed isn't prioritized. Quality control ensures items meet standards, yet it doesn't guarantee that those items will be replenished quickly enough to prevent interruptions. Forecasting helps anticipate future needs, but without reliable replenishment, predicted demand still won't translate into guaranteed on-time availability. In practice, reinforcing timely replenishment involves managing lead times, safety stock, reorder points, and supplier performance to keep operations ready.

3. The Modular Catastrophic Recovery System (MCRS) is associated with which MOS?

- A. 11B
- B. 92F
- C. 92A
- D. 91S**

The key idea is matching a vehicle recovery capability to the maintenance specialty that handles field-level repair and recovery operations. The Modular Catastrophic Recovery System is a modular kit used to recover and restore damaged equipment in the field, requiring hands-on maintenance skills, troubleshooting, and repair under austere conditions. Those responsibilities are the core of the Sustainment Maintenance Repairer role, the MOS focused on field maintenance and recovery of vehicles and equipment. That makes this system naturally associated with that MOS. The other paths—infantry, fuel, or automated logistics—do not cover vehicle recovery systems, so they aren't the right match.

4. What is the importance of ethics in supplier relationships?

- A. Maintains trust, reduces corruption risk, ensures fair competition, and protects organizational reputation.
- B. Promotes rapid procurement with little oversight.
- C. Increases supplier lead times with no benefit.**
- D. Has minimal impact on organizational credibility.

Ethics in supplier relationships matters because it builds trust, reduces the risk of corruption, ensures fair competition, and protects the organization's reputation. When ethical standards guide procurement, processes are transparent, compliant with laws and policies, and free from bribery or conflicts of interest. This leads to reliable supplier performance, sustainable value, and fewer scandals or penalties that could disrupt supply chains. The other descriptions describe outcomes that ethics wouldn't produce—rushing procurement with little oversight invites unethical behavior, increasing lead times with no benefit signals inefficiency, and saying ethics has little impact on credibility ignores how stakeholders judge integrity. So the strongest choice is the one that centers on trust, risk reduction, fair competition, and reputation protection.

5. Who performs EMT, evacuate patients from battalion aid stations, and provide for their continued care en route to BSMC (C Co.)?

- A. Forward Evac Section
- B. Evacuation PLT**
- C. Battalion Aid Station
- D. Brigade Medical Supply Office

This item focuses on who handles medical evacuation and en route care from the battalion aid station to higher-level medical support. The Evacuation Platoon is trained and organized to move casualties from the battalion aid station to the Brigade Medical Company, providing EMT-level care as needed and ensuring continuity of treatment while en route. They use litter teams and ambulances to carry patients and maintain communications so the next care unit is ready upon arrival. This makes them the best fit for performing evacuation and maintaining care en route. The other units have different roles: the Forward Evac Section is focused on rapid extraction from the frontline toward initial care, the battalion aid station is the receiving and initial treatment point, and the Brigade Medical Supply Office handles logistical support rather than field evacuation.

6. Which statement best describes the purpose of safety stock?

- A. To maximize total inventory value.
- B. To minimize ordering costs regardless of service impact.
- C. To buffer against variability in demand and lead time to reduce stockouts.**
- D. To eliminate the need for inventory planning.

Safety stock is extra inventory held specifically to cover uncertainty in demand and in how long it will take to receive replenishments. It acts as a cushion so you don't run out of stock when actual demand turns out higher than forecast or when supplier lead times extend. By absorbing these variabilities, safety stock helps maintain service levels and reduce the risk of stockouts. This is why the statement that describes its purpose as a buffer against variability in demand and lead time to reduce stockouts is the best fit. The other ideas miss the point: safety stock isn't about maximizing inventory value, nor about cutting ordering costs without regard to service, and it doesn't eliminate the need for planning—planning determines how much buffer is appropriate.

7. How many M997s does an evac section use?

- A. 6
- B. 4**
- C. 2
- D. 8

The key idea is how a medical evacuation section is organized to move casualties quickly while keeping care available on the move. A standard evac section is built around four M997 ambulances. With four vehicles, you can move multiple patients in a single pass, rotate vehicles as needed, and still have one or more ambulances available if one is down or needing maintenance. This size also fits typical unit organizational plans, giving a practical balance between evacuation capacity, speed, and logistical practicality in the field. Fewer than four would limit how many patients you can move at once, while more than four would go beyond the typical section footprint and add unnecessary complexity.

8. 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.

9. Role 1 medical care is at what level?

- A. Unit level**
- B. Battalion level
- C. Division level
- D. Company level

Levels of battlefield medical care are organized by where the care is given. Role 1 care is the initial, on-the-spot treatment provided by the first responders within the unit (combat medics or corpsmen) at the point of injury. The goal is to perform lifesaving actions quickly, control bleeding, secure the airway, handle basic wound care, perform triage, and stabilize the casualty for evac. Because this level is delivered right at the unit where the injury occurs, it is described as unit-level care. Higher echelons carry out more advanced procedures: Role 2 at a battalion-level field aid station or equivalent, Role 3 at a larger field hospital at division level, and Role 4 as definitive care elsewhere. Thus Role 1 is at the unit level.

10. How many HIPPOs are organic to the BSB distribution company?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 12
- D. 10**

Think about what “organic to” means in this context: HIPPOs that fit naturally within BSB’s existing distribution setup— using current channels, warehouses, supplier relationships, and sales teams—without needing new infrastructure or partnerships. To determine the count, you look at each HIPPO and ask if it can be pursued with what BSB already has in place. The HIPPOs that meet these criteria can be handled within the current footprint, so they’re counted as organic. When you go through the list, you find ten such HIPPOs. The others would require expanding capacity, adding new suppliers, or creating new routes outside the current operations, so they aren’t considered organic.

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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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