Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries Exam 1 Practice (Sample)

Study Guide

Everything you need from our exam experts!

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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

1. Which nerve injury is typically the most mild with no axon disruption?

A. Neuropraxia

B. Axonotmesis

C. Neurotmesis

D. Palsy

2. Which doctrine provides limited protection to individuals who voluntarily provide emergency care?

A. Good Samaritan Law

B. Sovereign Immunity

C. Misfeasance

D. Malfeasance

3. Which nerve injury is defined as mildest, with no disruption of axons?

A. Axonotmesis

B. Neurotmesis

C. Neuropraxia

D. Palsy

4. Which nerve injury involves temporary loss without disruption of axons and is typically the mildest form?

A. Axonotmesis

B. Neurotmesis

C. Paresthesia

D. Neuropraxia

5. Dislocation is characterized by a bone being forced out of its normal position and typically requiring reduction.

A. Dislocation

B. Subluxation

C. Contusion

D. Sprain

6. What is the term for the point at which elasticity is exceeded, leading to permanent deformation or failure?

A. Elastic Limit

B. Plastic Region

C. Yield Point

D. Ultimate Strength

7. Tachycardia and hyperventilation due to reduced oxygen availability describe which condition?

A. Altitude Sickness

B. Dehydration

C. Heat Exhaustion

D. Hypoxia

8. Which plan is generally restrictive and does not cover out-of-network care?

A. Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)

B. PPO

C. Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

D. Medicare

9. Which condition is characterized by shivering stopping at about 85–90°F and a high risk of death below 77–85°F, and is prevented by layered waterproof clothing?

A. Hypothermia

B. Hyperthermia

C. Frostbite

D. Dehydration

10. What term describes tissue's resistance to load?

A. Elasticity

B. Stiffness

C. Ductility

D. Hardness

Answers

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

Explanations

1. Which nerve injury is typically the most mild with no axon disruption?

A. Neuropraxia

B. Axonotmesis

C. Neurotmesis

D. Palsy

The key idea is the different severities of nerve injuries. Neuropraxia is the mildest type and is defined by a transient blockage of nerve conduction without any disruption to the axon itself. The nerve fibers remain intact, including the axon and the surrounding connective tissue, so there is no Wallerian degeneration. Recovery happens quickly once the compression or demyelination resolves, typically over days to weeks, because the axon and its pathways are still intact and only the myelin or local nerve environment has been affected. In contrast, axonotmesis involves disruption of the axon while the connective tissue scaffold remains, leading to Wallerian degeneration distal to the injury and slower, longer recovery as axons regrow through the preserved nerve sheath. Neurotmesis means complete nerve disruption, often with damage to supporting structures, resulting in poor spontaneous recovery without surgical repair. Palsy is a general term for weakness or paralysis and doesn't specify the level of structural nerve injury. So, the most mild injury with no axon disruption is neuropraxia.

2. Which doctrine provides limited protection to individuals who voluntarily provide emergency care?

A. Good Samaritan Law

B. Sovereign Immunity

C. Misfeasance

D. Malfeasance

Good Samaritan laws provide limited protection to individuals who voluntarily provide emergency care. They're designed to encourage bystanders to help without fear of being sued for ordinary negligence, as long as the aid is given in good faith, within the responder's training, and without seeking compensation. The protection is not absolute: it typically applies when the helper acts reasonably, does not grossly mishandle the situation, and does not continue care beyond the point where professional help arrives or where safety becomes an issue. If someone acts with gross negligence, beyond their training, or for personal gain, the protection may not apply. Sovereign Immunity, by contrast, protects government entities and employees from certain lawsuits, not private individuals providing emergency aid. Misfeasance and malfeasance describe improper or illegal actions, not protective doctrines for rescuers.

3. Which nerve injury is defined as mildest, with no disruption of axons?

A. Axonotmesis

B. Neurotmesis

C. Neuropraxia

D. Palsy

The key idea is recognizing the mildest form of peripheral nerve injury in the common classification that describes how nerves respond to trauma. Neuropraxia is the mildest type, and it occurs when the nerve's axon remains intact but there is a temporary block in conduction due to focal demyelination or compression. Because the axon itself isn't damaged, there's no Wallerian degeneration, and function often returns quickly once the myelin is repaired and the edema or pressure resolves. This is why it's the best answer here: the scenario describes a temporary loss of function with no axonal disruption. The other types involve actual damage to the axon or the entire nerve structure, leading to longer recovery times and, in some cases, incomplete recovery. Axonotmesis involves axonal disruption with preserved connective tissue; regeneration occurs along the intact pathways but takes time. Neurotmesis is a complete nerve disruption, often requiring surgical repair. Palsy is a clinical manifestation (paralysis) rather than a specific injury pattern. So, neuropraxia fits the description of the mildest injury with no disruption of axons and typically a rapid, complete recovery.

4. Which nerve injury involves temporary loss without disruption of axons and is typically the mildest form?

A. Axonotmesis

B. Neurotmesis

C. Paresthesia

D. Neuropraxia

Nerve injuries are categorized by how much the nerve fibers and supporting structures are affected. In the mildest form, there is a temporary loss of function caused by a conduction block from demyelination, while the axon remains intact. This is neuropraxia. Because the axon isn't damaged, there's no Wallerian degeneration and recovery happens relatively quickly as the myelin is repaired, often over days to weeks. In sports injuries, this often presents after a compressive or stretch event where strength and sensation return once conduction is restored. The other forms involve actual axonal injury or complete disruption: axonotmesis has axonal damage with preserved connective tissue, leading to distal degeneration and a slower, longer recovery that may be partial; neurotmesis is a complete nerve disruption with a poor prognosis without surgical repair. Paresthesia is an abnormal sensation that can accompany nerve injuries but is not itself a separate injury type.

5. Dislocation is characterized by a bone being forced out of its normal position and typically requiring reduction.

A. Dislocation

B. Subluxation

C. Contusion

D. Sprain

Dislocation is about a bone being forced completely out of its normal position within a joint, so the joint surfaces are no longer in contact. This disrupts joint stability and function and usually requires a reduction to realign the bones and restore proper articulation. Subluxation is a partial displacement where the joint surfaces still touch, so it's less severe and may not always need full reduction. Contusion is a bruising injury to soft tissue with no joint displacement, while a sprain is an injury to ligaments with the joint still in normal alignment. That complete displacement and need for realignment make dislocation the correct term.

6. What is the term for the point at which elasticity is exceeded, leading to permanent deformation or failure?

A. Elastic Limit

B. Plastic Region

C. Yield Point

D. Ultimate Strength

The point where elasticity ends and permanent, plastic deformation begins on the stress–strain response is the yield point. Up to this point, the material returns to its original shape when the load is removed. Once you cross the yield point, dislocations move and the material deforms permanently even after unloading. If you keep increasing the load, you can reach the ultimate strength and eventually fail, but the onset of permanent deformation itself is defined by the yield point.

7. Tachycardia and hyperventilation due to reduced oxygen availability describe which condition?

A. Altitude Sickness

B. Dehydration

C. Heat Exhaustion

D. Hypoxia

When oxygen availability drops, the body immediately tries to deliver more oxygen to tissues. The heart increases its rate to boost blood flow, and breathing quickens to take in more oxygen and expel CO_2. This combination of tachycardia and hyperventilation is the classic acute response to low oxygen at high altitude, so the condition described by these signs is altitude sickness. Dehydration and heat exhaustion can cause rapid heart rate, but not as a direct response to reduced oxygen; hypoxia is the general problem, but the scenario fits altitude sickness—the specific clinical context of hypoxia due to being at high altitude.

8. Which plan is generally restrictive and does not cover out-of-network care?

A. Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)

B. PPO

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D. Medicare

Understanding how insurance networks affect coverage is key here. An Exclusive Provider Organization is designed around a single exclusive network of in-network providers. If you stay in that network, you're covered, but services obtained outside the network are typically not covered at all, except for emergencies. That makes this plan especially restrictive regarding where you can receive covered care. In contrast, a PPO generally allows you to see out-of-network providers, though at higher costs, giving more flexibility. An HMO also restricts you to in-network care and often requires a primary care physician and referrals for specialists, with little to no coverage outside the network except in emergencies. Medicare operates under federal rules with its own network and coverage rules that don't map directly onto these private-plan distinctions. So the plan that is generally restrictive and does not cover out-of-network care is the Exclusive Provider Organization.

9. Which condition is characterized by shivering stopping at about 85–90°F and a high risk of death below 77–85°F, and is prevented by layered waterproof clothing?

A. Hypothermia

B. Hyperthermia

C. Frostbite

D. Dehydration

Hypothermia occurs when the body's core temperature drops in cold conditions. Early on, shivering helps generate heat, but as cooling continues the shivering can stop around 85–90°F because the body's energy stores are depleted. When core temperature falls further, below about 77–85°F, the risk of death increases due to impaired heart and brain function. Layered waterproof clothing prevents hypothermia by trapping insulating air and reducing moisture and wind-driven heat loss. This set of signs and protection fits hypothermia, not overheating (hyperthermia), tissue freezing (frostbite), or dehydration.

10. What term describes tissue's resistance to load?

A. Elasticity

B. Stiffness

C. Ductility

D. Hardness

Stiffness describes a tissue's resistance to deformation under load. When a force is applied, stiffer tissue deforms less for the same load, and this relationship is captured by $k = F/\Delta L$ (the amount of force needed to produce a given displacement). The higher the stiffness, the smaller the deformation. This is separate from elasticity, which is about returning to the original shape after the load is removed; ductility refers to how much permanent deformation a material can undergo before failure, and hardness relates to resistance to surface indentation rather than overall deformation under a load.

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!