CERTIFIED FINANCIAL CONSULTANT (CFC) PRACTICE EXAM (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

1. Which term describes the risk associated with a policyholder's behavior that affects the likelihood of a loss?

A. Morale hazard

B. Moral hazard

C. Pure risk

D. Speculative risk

2. In which type of insurance does the insurer participate in the profits and losses of the policyholder?

A. Term insurance

B. Participating insurance

C. Non-participating insurance

D. Universal insurance

3. Which health insurance model requires a primary care physician's referral for specialist visits?

A. Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

B. Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

C. Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)

D. Point of Service (POS)

4. Which of the following statements about Medicare Advantage is accurate?

A. Medicare Advantage plans often require members to use specific doctors.

B. Medicare Advantage plans are usually free of monthly premiums.

C. Medicare Advantage plans cover only hospital services.

D. Medicare Advantage is only available to seniors over 75 years old.

5. What is the term for a sales campaign that is conducted through the mail?

A. Telemarketing

B. Cold calling

C. Email marketing

D. Direct-response

6. What is an insurance company called that is owned by its policyholders?

A. Stock insurer

B. Mutual insurer

C. Reciprocal insurer

D. Fraternal insurer

7. What is the benefit based on an insured's loss of earnings after recovering from a disability?

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B. Residual disability

C. Temporary disability

D. Full disability

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B. Loss

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Answers

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

Explanations

1. Which term describes the risk associated with a policyholder's behavior that affects the likelihood of a loss?

A. Morale hazard

B. Moral hazard

C. Pure risk

D. Speculative risk

The term that accurately describes the risk related to a policyholder's behavior influencing the likelihood of a loss is "moral hazard." This concept arises when a person's behavior changes as a result of having insurance coverage, leading them to take on greater risks than they would otherwise. For instance, if a person knows that they have comprehensive car insurance, they might be less careful when driving, thus increasing the chance of an accident. Moral hazard highlights how insurance can create a disconnect between the insured and the risk they are taking on, potentially resulting in an increased frequency of claims. This understanding is critical in fields such as risk management and insurance underwriting, where assessing and mitigating moral hazard is crucial for maintaining the sustainability of insurance products. Other terms mentioned in the question relate to different aspects of risk. Morale hazard, while similar in name, primarily refers to the careless attitude that may develop when someone is insured, but is not specifically about the actions that increase the probability of a loss. Pure risk involves situations where there are only the possibilities of loss or no loss, without the chance for a gain, while speculative risk refers to scenarios that offer both the possibility of gain and the potential for loss. These distinctions reinforce the validity of "moral hazard" as

2. In which type of insurance does the insurer participate in the profits and losses of the policyholder?

A. Term insurance

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C. Non-participating insurance

D. Universal insurance

Participating insurance is designed to allow policyholders to share in the profits and losses of the insurance company. This type of policy typically provides dividends to policyholders, which can be based on the company's performance, investment returns, and underwriting success. Because policyholders have a vested interest in the insurer's financial health, they can benefit from these dividends over the life of the policy. In contrast, term insurance provides coverage for a specified term and does not accumulate cash value or offer dividends. Non-participating insurance, by definition, does not allow policyholders to receive any portion of the insurer's profits, which means they do not benefit from any dividends. Universal insurance is a flexible premium, adjustable benefit policy, but it does not involve profit sharing in the same way participatory policies do. Thus, the unique feature of participating insurance is its alignment with the policyholder's interest in the insurer's overall financial performance.

3. Which health insurance model requires a primary care physician's referral for specialist visits?

A. Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

B. Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

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D. Point of Service (POS)

The Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) model is designed around the concept of coordinated care. In this structure, individuals typically select a primary care physician (PCP) who serves as the first point of contact for their healthcare needs. One of the hallmark features of HMO plans is the requirement for beneficiaries to obtain a referral from their PCP before seeing a specialist. This system is intended to streamline patient care, ensure that patients are directed to the appropriate specialists for their conditions, and manage healthcare costs more effectively. This emphasis on primary care and referrals helps ensure that healthcare management is centralized, preventing unnecessary visits to specialists and promoting preventive care practices. Moreover, HMO plans often provide lower out-of-pocket costs, incentivizing patients to utilize in-network services and reinforcing the necessity of referrals. In contrast, other models such as Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO) and Exclusive Provider Organizations (EPO) typically allow more flexibility in seeking care directly from specialists without needing a referral. The Point of Service (POS) model combines elements of both HMO and PPO approaches but often still requires referrals like an HMO does, distinguishing it from more flexible models that do not have the same primary care referral requirement.

4. Which of the following statements about Medicare Advantage is accurate?

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Medicare Advantage plans, also known as Medicare Part C, often operate with a network of healthcare providers, which may include specific doctors and hospitals that members are required to use for their care. This requirement is part of the plan design and helps the insurance companies manage costs and services provided to enrollees. By requiring members to use particular providers, Medicare Advantage plans can better coordinate care and negotiate rates, potentially leading to lower out-of-pocket costs for members who adhere to the network restrictions. The other options do not accurately reflect the characteristics of Medicare Advantage. While some plans may have low or no monthly premiums, many do charge a premium, and other costs such as copayments and deductibles may still apply. Additionally, Medicare Advantage plans are comprehensive and include coverage for a wide range of services beyond just hospital services, such as outpatient care, prescription drugs, and preventive services. Lastly, access to Medicare Advantage is available not only to seniors over 75 but generally to anyone eligible for Medicare, which includes those 65 and older as well as certain younger individuals with disabilities or specific health conditions.

5. What is the term for a sales campaign that is conducted through the mail?

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B. Cold calling

C. Email marketing

D. Direct-response

The term for a sales campaign that is conducted through the mail is "Direct-response." This term specifically refers to marketing strategies aimed at prompting immediate responses from recipients, typically through mail, by encouraging them to take action such as making a purchase, signing up for a service, or requesting more information. Direct-response marketing is designed to elicit a quick reaction, making it distinct from other marketing approaches that might focus on brand awareness or long-term engagement. The other options represent different types of marketing or sales activities. Telemarketing involves using the phone to reach potential customers; cold calling is a form of telemarketing where calls are made to individuals who have not previously expressed interest in the product or service. Email marketing utilizes electronic mail to communicate with prospects and customers but does not involve physical mail. Hence, "Direct-response" is the most accurate descriptor for a sales campaign specifically conducted through mail.

6. What is an insurance company called that is owned by its policyholders?

A. Stock insurer

B. Mutual insurer

C. Reciprocal insurer

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A mutual insurer is defined as an insurance company that is owned by its policyholders. In this model, the policyholders have a direct stake in the insurer's operations and financial performance, often impacting decision-making processes such as dividend distributions or profit-sharing. The primary purpose of a mutual insurance company is to provide insurance coverage efficiently for its members rather than to generate profits for shareholders, which is typically the case with stock insurers. Policyholders of a mutual insurer benefit from potential dividends and typically participate in electing the board of directors, further reflecting their ownership stake. This structure contrasts sharply with stock insurers, which are focused on maximizing shareholder value. Although reciprocal and fraternal insurers also have unique organizational structures revolving around group members, they do not embody the same policyholder ownership characteristic inherent to mutual insurers.

7. What is the benefit based on an insured's loss of earnings after recovering from a disability?

A. Partial disability

B. Residual disability

C. Temporary disability

D. Full disability

The concept of residual disability refers to the scenario where an insured individual has recovered from a disability but is still experiencing a loss of earnings due to limitations associated with their recovery. This form of disability insurance provides benefits based on the difference between the individual's pre-disability earnings and their current earnings after returning to work. The essence of residual disability coverage is to assist individuals who, while no longer completely disabled, are unable to work to their full capacity or earn the same wages they did prior to the disability. This form of coverage acknowledges the challenges faced in the transition back to full productivity and provides the financial support necessary to bridge the gap in income during this recovery phase. Partial disability typically refers to situations where an individual can still perform some work but may not be able to perform all of their regular job duties. Temporary disability covers situations where the disability is expected to last for a limited time, and full disability indicates a situation where an individual cannot work at all. While these terms are relevant in the context of disability insurance, they do not specifically address the loss of earnings experienced after an insured has begun returning to work, which is the defining characteristic of residual disability.

8. Which is a basis for a claim against an insurance policy?

A. Accident

B. Loss

C. Theft

D. Damage

A basis for a claim against an insurance policy fundamentally relates to the occurrence of a loss that is covered under the terms of the policy. In the context of insurance, "loss" refers to a financial setback resulting from events such as accidents, theft, or damage to property. When a policyholder experiences a situation leading to a loss, they have the right to file a claim to seek financial reimbursement or coverage for that loss, provided it falls within the scope of their policy. The specific circumstances (like accidents, theft, or damage) are manifestations of types of losses, but the core concept that triggers the claim process is the actual loss itself. By understanding that loss is the central element that prompts a claim, it becomes clear why this option represents the underlying basis for claims against an insurance policy. The other options refer to specific events or circumstances that may lead to a loss but do not capture the essential nature of the claims process itself.

9. Under what basis may applicants who are blind be rated substandard for life insurance?

A. Only on basis of information unrelated to their blindness

B. On a case-by-case basis regardless of their condition

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D. None, they cannot be rated substandard

The basis for rating applicants who are blind as substandard for life insurance revolves around the underwriting process and the criteria used to assess risk. When considering an applicant's blindness, insurers typically evaluate whether factors associated with the applicant's overall health, rather than their blindness alone, warrant a substandard rating. Selecting information unrelated to the blindness means that the insurer is focused on additional health factors, lifestyle choices, or conditions that may pose a higher risk for mortality or morbidity. For instance, if a blind applicant also has other medical issues, such as heart disease or diabetes, the insurer may consider these factors in their underwriting decision. Thus, if the applicant's blindness does not present any additional health risks related to their overall well-being, they should not be automatically rated substandard. This approach helps ensure that blind applicants are not discriminated against solely because of their condition, allowing for a fair assessment that considers the full picture of their health. It promotes inclusivity within the underwriting process while still enabling insurers to manage their risk effectively based on comprehensive health evaluations.

10. If an applicant has an existing condition, how might that affect their ability to secure a life insurance policy?

A. It will not affect their eligibility at all

B. They might be offered a higher premium

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D. They will receive a refund on their premium

When an applicant has an existing condition, it typically leads to a more thorough evaluation of their health status by life insurance underwriters. Due to the increased risk associated with pre-existing medical conditions, insurers often respond by adjusting the terms of coverage. Offering a higher premium is common as it reflects the additional risk the insurer is taking on. This adjustment ensures that the insurance company can compensate for the likelihood of a claim being made due to the applicant's health condition. In contrast, not affecting eligibility at all is generally unrealistic in the context of existing health issues, as insurers assess risk carefully to protect their financial interests. Automatic denials may occur in certain high-risk situations but are not universally applied to all applicants with conditions. Additionally, offering a refund on premiums would be incompatible with standard policy practices, as premiums are charged based on risk assessment and coverage terms agreed upon at the start of the policy. Therefore, adjusting the premium to account for existing conditions accurately reflects industry norms.

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!