

Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) 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

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- 1. What is the minimum length for handgrips intended to be gripped by two hands on Seesaws/Spring Rockers?**
 - A. 3 inches
 - B. 4 inches
 - C. 5 inches
 - D. 6 inches
- 2. Under what condition must wheelchair accessible ramps have a curb projecting above the ramp at both edges?**
 - A. Ramps with no handrails
 - B. Guardrails not extending to within 1 inch of ramp surface
 - C. Ramps with a single rail and no barrier
 - D. Ramps more than 48 inches high
- 3. What is the diameter of a head probe?**
 - A. 7"
 - B. 8"
 - C. 9"
 - D. 10"
- 4. What is the maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress?**
 - A. 12 inches
 - B. 18 inches
 - C. 20 inches
 - D. 6 feet
- 5. What is the minimum radius of curvature for the transition from sliding portion to exit region for toddlers?**
 - A. 18 inches
 - B. 16 inches
 - C. 20 inches
 - D. 22 inches

6. Merry-Go-Round Use Zone MAY NOT overlap with other use zones if the rotating equipment is less than what measurement?

- A. 20 inches**
- B. 24 inches**
- C. 18 inches**
- D. 30 inches**

7. For slides no greater than 4 feet, the slide chute exit for preschool/school age children should be no more than how many inches above the protective surfacing?

- A. 11 inches**
- B. 12 inches**
- C. 9 inches**
- D. 15 inches**

8. What is the minimum height of the upper rail for barriers on elevated structures for ages 2-5?

- A. 29"**
- B. 23"**
- C. 38"**
- D. 20"**

9. For preschool/school-age, what is the vertical height of the sides of an open chute with a curved cross section?

- A. 4 inches**
- B. 5 inches**
- C. 6 inches**
- D. 7 inches**

10. The slide platform should be at least how deep to ensure safety?

- A. 10 inches**
- B. 12 inches**
- C. 14 inches**
- D. 16 inches**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the minimum length for handgrips intended to be gripped by two hands on Seesaws/Spring Rockers?

- A. 3 inches**
- B. 4 inches**
- C. 5 inches**
- D. 6 inches**

The minimum length for handgrips intended to be gripped by two hands on Seesaws/Spring Rockers is 6 inches. This length ensures that both hands have enough space and support for a comfortable and safe grip while using the equipment. Options A, B, and C are all smaller than the recommended length and may not provide enough support for two hands. Option D is the best choice for ensuring the safety and comfort of users on Seesaws/Spring Rockers.

2. Under what condition must wheelchair accessible ramps have a curb projecting above the ramp at both edges?

- A. Ramps with no handrails**
- B. Guardrails not extending to within 1 inch of ramp surface**
- C. Ramps with a single rail and no barrier**
- D. Ramps more than 48 inches high**

Ramps with no handrails or a single rail and no barrier do not necessarily require a curb projecting above the ramp because they do not have a guardrail that could potentially block the wheelchair from slipping off the ramp. Additionally, ramps less than 48 inches high may not need a curb unless there is a risk of falling. Therefore, ramps must have guardrails that extend to within 1 inch of the ramp surface to ensure safety for wheelchair users and avoid the need for a curb.

3. What is the diameter of a head probe?

- A. 7"**
- B. 8"**
- C. 9"**
- D. 10"**

A 7" - This option is likely too small for the diameter of a head probe as it is less than the next available option. B: 8" - This option is also likely too small for the diameter of a head probe as it is less than the correct answer. D: 10" - This option is likely too large for the diameter of a head probe as it is greater than the correct answer. The diameter of a head probe would typically range from 8-9 inches, with 9 inches being the most common size. Therefore, the most appropriate answer is C: 9".

4. What is the maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress?

- A. 12 inches**
- B. 18 inches**
- C. 20 inches**
- D. 6 feet**

The maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress is typically around 12 inches. This allows for young children to safely navigate between different levels without the risk of falling or tripping. The other options of 18 inches, 20 inches, and 6 feet are not ideal as they are either too high for young children to easily navigate or too high for them to reach without assistance. It is important to always consider the safety and capabilities of young children when designing and constructing playground equipment.

5. What is the minimum radius of curvature for the transition from sliding portion to exit region for toddlers?

- A. 18 inches**
- B. 16 inches**
- C. 20 inches**
- D. 22 inches**

The minimum radius of curvature for the transition from sliding portion to exit region for toddlers is 18 inches. This means that the curve connecting the bottom of the slide to the platform where the child exits should have a minimum radius of 18 inches. Options B, C, and D have a larger radius, which would not meet the minimum requirement. A smaller radius could cause safety hazards and discomfort for toddlers. Therefore, 18 inches is the best option for a smooth and safe slide experience for toddlers.

6. Merry-Go-Round Use Zone MAY NOT overlap with other use zones if the rotating equipment is less than what measurement?

- A. 20 inches**
- B. 24 inches**
- C. 18 inches**
- D. 30 inches**

A Merry-Go-Round Use Zone MAY NOT overlap with other use zones if the rotating equipment is less than 20 inches. This means that if the Merry-Go-Round is smaller than 20 inches, it is allowed to overlap with other use zones. Options B, C, and D are all larger than 20 inches, so they do not meet the criteria and cannot be the correct answer. Additionally, mentioning the measurement of 20 inches and stating that it cannot overlap with other use zones indicates that the answer is A.

7. For slides no greater than 4 feet, the slide chute exit for preschool/school age children should be no more than how many inches above the protective surfacing?

- A. 11 inches**
- B. 12 inches**
- C. 9 inches**
- D. 15 inches**

The correct answer, A: 11 inches, is the most appropriate height for the exit of a slide chute for preschool/school age children. This is because the protective surfacing should be able to cushion their fall, and having the exit at this height ensures that they do not fall from a greater distance and potentially get injured. The other options, B: 12 inches, C: 9 inches, and D: 15 inches, are not as appropriate because they either increase the risk of injury or are too low for young children to easily slide down.

8. What is the minimum height of the upper rail for barriers on elevated structures for ages 2-5?

- A. 29"**
- B. 23"**
- C. 38"**
- D. 20"**

The minimum height of the upper rail for barriers on elevated structures for ages 2-5 is 29 inches. This is based on safety standards and regulations to prevent young children from easily climbing or falling over the barrier. Options B, C, and D do not meet this minimum height requirement and may not provide adequate protection for this age group.

9. For preschool/school-age, what is the vertical height of the sides of an open chute with a curved cross section?

- A. 4 inches**
- B. 5 inches**
- C. 6 inches**
- D. 7 inches**

The vertical height of the sides of an open chute with a curved cross section for preschool/school-age children is 4 inches. This is because the side height of the chute should be at a level that is easy and safe for young children to climb and slide down, and a height of 4 inches allows for a gentle slope that is not too steep or too shallow. Options B, C, and D are incorrect as they are either too high or too low, which could make it difficult or unsafe for preschool/school-age children to use the chute. Option B is too high, option C is too low, and option D is also too high. Overall, the answer of 4 inches is the most suitable height for young children to use the chute comfortably.

10. The slide platform should be at least how deep to ensure safety?

- A. 10 inches**
- B. 12 inches**
- C. 14 inches**
- D. 16 inches**

A and B are incorrect as they do not meet the safety standards and depth required for a slide platform. The slide platform should be deeper than 10 or 12 inches to ensure safety. D is incorrect because it exceeds the recommended depth for a slide platform. A platform that is too deep can also be dangerous as it can cause a person to fall too far when sliding down the slide. The correct answer is C, as it meets the recommended depth of at least 14 inches, providing a safe experience for users of all ages.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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