

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. Upper body equipment for users in wheelchairs must have grasping devices no greater than __ inches above the accessible surface.
 - A. 44 inches
 - B. 50 inches
 - C. 54 inches
 - D. 58 inches

2. What is the maximum horizontal distance between a sliding pole and any access structure?
 - A. 15 inches
 - B. 18 inches
 - C. 20 inches
 - D. 36 inches

3. What is the minimum width at its widest cross section for suspended component hazard recommendations to not apply?
 - A. 1 inch
 - B. 2 inches
 - C. 1/2 inch
 - D. 3/4 inch

4. Under what condition may Seesaw Use Zones overlap with neighboring equipment?
 - A. If there is a minimum of 6 feet between equipment for adjacent play surfaces no more than 30 inches
 - B. If there is a minimum of 9 feet between equipment for adjacent play surfaces no more than 30 inches
 - C. If there are safety nets
 - D. Always

5. What should be the seat height range for Spring Rockers, Preschool?
- A. 14 and 28 inches
 - B. 10 and 24 inches
 - C. 12 and 30 inches
 - D. 15 and 25 inches
6. What is the maximum height without barriers for elevated structures designed for ages 2-5?
- A. 30"
 - B. 20"
 - C. 48"
 - D. 29"
7. Track Rides: The handle should be between ___ and ___ from the surfacing.
- A. 64 inches and 78 inches
 - B. 50 inches and 60 inches
 - C. 70 inches and 84 inches
 - D. 40 inches and 52 inches
8. What is the diameter of a head probe?
- A. 7"
 - B. 8"
 - C. 9"
 - D. 10"
9. How much clearance must there be of no overhead obstructions above the designated playing surface?
- A. 84 inches
 - B. 72 inches
 - C. 96 inches
 - D. 60 inches

10. What is essential for conveying playground rules and instructions?

- A. Colorful Paint
- B. Interactive Screens
- C. Signage/labeling
- D. Guided Tours

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Upper body equipment for users in wheelchairs must have grasping devices no greater than ___ inches above the accessible surface.

- A. 44 inches
- B. 50 inches
- C. 54 inches
- D. 58 inches

The appropriate height for grasping devices on upper body equipment intended for users in wheelchairs is set at no greater than 54 inches above the accessible surface. This standard is crucial for ensuring that individuals who use wheelchairs can adequately reach and utilize the equipment. If the grasping devices are positioned higher than 54 inches, it may hinder accessibility and usability for those individuals, thereby not adhering to guidelines designed to promote inclusive playground experiences. The 54-inch limit is a carefully considered measurement that balances safety, reachability, and the diverse needs of users with varying mobility capabilities, thus ensuring all children have the opportunity to play and engage with playground equipment.

2. What is the maximum horizontal distance between a sliding pole and any access structure?

- A. 15 inches
- B. 18 inches
- C. 20 inches
- D. 36 inches

The maximum horizontal distance is measured from the point where the pole is attached to the access structure to the furthest point on the pole that is able to slide horizontally. This distance is limited in order to ensure stability and safety when using the pole. Options A, B, and D are incorrect because they are less than the maximum distance, and therefore do not meet the safety regulations.

3. What is the minimum width at its widest cross section for suspended component hazard recommendations to not apply?

- A. 1 inch
- B. 2 inches
- C. 1/2 inch
- D. 3/4 inch

The minimum width at its widest cross section for suspended component hazard recommendations to not apply is 1 inch. This standard is based on safety guidelines intended to prevent potential entrapment hazards for children's heads or limbs. When a component measures at least 1 inch in width, it significantly reduces the risk that a child's body part could become lodged in any gaps or openings. The data and research surrounding playground safety indicate that dimensions smaller than this can increase the likelihood of entrapment, necessitating the application of stricter safety measures. Choosing a width of 1 inch as the threshold effectively ensures that suspended components are sufficiently large to mitigate such hazards, thereby promoting a safer play environment.

4. Under what condition may Seesaw Use Zones overlap with neighboring equipment?

A. If there is a minimum of 6 feet between equipment for adjacent play surfaces no more than 30 inches

B. If there is a minimum of 9 feet between equipment for adjacent play surfaces no more than 30 inches

C. If there are safety nets

D. Always

Seesaw Use Zones may overlap with neighboring equipment if there is a minimum of 6 feet between the equipment and the adjacent play surfaces are no more than 30 inches. This is the appropriate distance to ensure children's safety while playing on different equipment. Option B is incorrect because it states 9 feet, which is a greater distance than the recommended 6 feet. Option C is incorrect because safety nets alone do not guarantee safe overlapping of equipment. Option D is incorrect because overlapping of equipment is only deemed safe when the specific distance and play surface criteria are met.

5. What should be the seat height range for Spring Rockers, Preschool?

A. 14 and 28 inches

B. 10 and 24 inches

C. 12 and 30 inches

D. 15 and 25 inches

Spring Rockers designed for preschool-aged children typically have a seat height range between 14 and 28 inches. Options B, C, and D have incorrect seat height ranges for this age group. Option B is too low and may cause difficulty for children to use the rocker properly. Option C is too high and may pose a safety risk for younger children who may struggle to reach the ground. Option D also has a too narrow range and may not accommodate all children comfortably. Therefore, option A is the most suitable and correct choice.

6. What is the maximum height without barriers for elevated structures designed for ages 2-5?

A. 30"

B. 20"

C. 48"

D. 29"

For elevated structures designed for ages 2-5, the maximum height without barriers is typically limited to 30 inches. This is to ensure the safety of young children who may be playing on the structure. Options B, C, and D are all incorrect because they either exceed or fall short of this maximum height limit. Option B is 20 inches, which is lower than the recommended maximum for safety purposes. Option C is 48 inches, which is well above the limit and could pose a safety risk for young children. Option D is 29 inches, which also falls short of the maximum height limit. Therefore, option A is the most appropriate and safest choice for a maximum height without barriers for elevated structures designed for ages 2-5.

7. Track Rides: The handle should be between ___ and ___ from the surfacing.

A. 64 inches and 78 inches

B. 50 inches and 60 inches

C. 70 inches and 84 inches

D. 40 inches and 52 inches

The handle should be between 64 inches and 78 inches from the surfacing in order to ensure the rider's safety and comfort. Option B is incorrect because it is too low and may cause the rider to feel uncomfortable and insecure on the ride. Option C is too high and may put the rider in an awkward position while holding onto the handle. Option D is also too low and may not provide enough support for the rider. It is important to have the handle at the correct height to allow the rider to maintain control and enjoy the ride.

8. 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".

9. How much clearance must there be of no overhead obstructions above the designated playing surface?

A. 84 inches

B. 72 inches

C. 96 inches

D. 60 inches

The recommended clearance above a designated playing surface is 84 inches. This is to ensure the safety and comfort of players by providing enough space for them to jump, swing, or perform their activities without hitting their head on any overhead obstructions. Options B, C, and D are incorrect because they do not provide enough clearance and can pose a risk of injury. Option B is only 72 inches, which is lower than the recommended 84 inches, while option C is too high at 96 inches and can make the space feel too open and uninviting for players. Lastly, option D is too low at only 60 inches and can restrict the movement of players and limit their range of motion. Therefore, option A with a clearance of 84 inches is the most appropriate and safe choice.

10. What is essential for conveying playground rules and instructions?

- A. Colorful Paint
- B. Interactive Screens
- C. Signage/labeling
- D. Guided Tours

While colorful paint may make the playground visually appealing, it does not convey any specific rules or instructions. Interactive screens may engage children, but they are not a reliable method for conveying playground rules. Guided tours may help children explore the playground, but they do not provide specific instructions for safety. Therefore, the most essential option for conveying playground rules and instructions would be signage or labeling, as it provides a direct and clear way of communicating important information to children.

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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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