

CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR (CPSI) PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE) STUDY GUIDE



SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS

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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. For toddlers, how long should the slide chute exit be if any portion exceeds a 24 degree slope?**
 - A. 7 and 10 inches
 - B. 5 and 8 inches
 - C. 9 and 12 inches
 - D. 6 and 11 inches
- 2. Suspended components pose a safety risk if they are angled at __ of horizontal and are below __ feet above protective surfacing.**
 - A. 30 degrees, 6 feet
 - B. 45 degrees, 7 feet
 - C. 60 degrees, 8 feet
 - D. 90 degrees, 9 feet
- 3. How far through the exit use zone does the Slide Clearance Zone continue?**
 - A. Until the end
 - B. Continues indefinitely
 - C. 60 inches
 - D. 48 inches
- 4. What is the minimum height above the underlying designated play surface for roof lines on play structures?**
 - A. 78 inches
 - B. 84 inches
 - C. 90 inches
 - D. 96 inches
- 5. Under what condition should suspended components not be fastened at both ends?**
 - A. If they are colorful
 - B. If they are 7 inches or less long
 - C. If they have an auditory feature
 - D. If they are located in the center of the playground

6. Two Track Rides next to each other should be at least ____ apart.
- A. 2 feet
 - B. 4 feet
 - C. 6 feet
 - D. 8 feet
7. What is essential for conveying playground rules and instructions?
- A. Colorful Paint
 - B. Interactive Screens
 - C. Signage/labeling
 - D. Guided Tours
8. What must be the radius curvature of the sliding surface in the exit region?
- A. 20 inches or greater
 - B. 25 inches or greater
 - C. 30 inches or greater
 - D. 35 inches or greater
9. For school-age barriers greater than 48 inches, what is the minimum total height required?
- A. 29 inches
 - B. 38 inches
 - C. 48 inches
 - D. 6 feet
10. The underside of the perimeter of a Merry-Go-Round platform should be no less than how many inches above protective surfacing?
- A. 6 inches
 - B. 7 inches
 - C. 9 inches
 - D. 12 inches

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. For toddlers, how long should the slide chute exit be if any portion exceeds a 24 degree slope?

A. 7 and 10 inches

B. 5 and 8 inches

C. 9 and 12 inches

D. 6 and 11 inches

Toddlers are young children between the ages of 1 to 3 years old, so it is important for their safety that the slide chute exit is not too steep. If any portion of the slide exceeds a 24 degree slope, the recommended length for the chute exit is 7 and 10 inches. This is because a longer exit provides a gentler slope for the child to slide down, reducing the risk of injury. The other options are incorrect as they either do not provide enough length to create a gentle slide or are too long and may not fit on a standard toddler slide.

2. Suspended components pose a safety risk if they are angled at __ of horizontal and are below __ feet above protective surfacing.

A. 30 degrees, 6 feet

B. 45 degrees, 7 feet

C. 60 degrees, 8 feet

D. 90 degrees, 9 feet

A potential incorrect assumption would be that the more angled the component is, the higher above the protective surfacing it is placed. This is incorrect as the option A and C have a lower height requirement while option B has a higher height requirement. Option D, while having the highest height requirement, would not pose a safety risk as the component is at a perfect 90 degree angle and does not pose a risk of falling. Therefore, B is the correct answer as it balances the angle and height requirements for safety.

3. How far through the exit use zone does the Slide Clearance Zone continue?

A. Until the end

B. Continues indefinitely

C. 60 inches

D. 48 inches

The safety concept here is that a slide's protective clearance extends not only right at the exit but a fixed distance into the area someone travels after leaving the slide. That distance is 48 inches (4 feet). So the Slide Clearance Zone continues 4 feet through the exit use zone. This provides a safe buffer as riders finish their slide and begin moving away, reducing the chance of collisions with other riders or nearby equipment. It is not indefinite and is not longer or shorter than the specified 4-foot extension.

4. What is the minimum height above the underlying designated play surface for roof lines on play structures?

- A. 78 inches
- B. 84 inches**
- C. 90 inches
- D. 96 inches

Play structures, also known as playgrounds or jungle gyms, have specific height requirements to ensure the safety of children playing on them. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the minimum height above the designated play surface for roof lines on play structures is 84 inches. This is to prevent any potential head injuries and allow sufficient clearance for children to play under the roof line. Options A, C, and D are incorrect because they are either lower or higher than the recommended minimum height. It is important to follow these safety guidelines when constructing and using play structures to prevent any accidents or injuries.

5. Under what condition should suspended components not be fastened at both ends?

- A. If they are colorful
- B. If they are 7 inches or less long**
- C. If they have an auditory feature
- D. If they are located in the center of the playground

Suspended components should not be fastened at both ends if they are 7 inches or less long because they are not stable and can easily rotate, making it unsafe for children to play on. Fastening them at both ends would also limit movement and play options for children. Options A, C, and D do not affect the stability or safety of suspended components, thus they are incorrect.

6. Two Track Rides next to each other should be at least ____ apart.

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

It is important for two track rides to be at least 4 feet apart for safety reasons. Having the tracks too close together can cause collisions or overlapping of rides, risking the safety of riders. Additionally, having a wider distance between tracks allows for proper maintenance and inspections to take place without interfering with the operation of another ride. Choosing options A, C, or D would not allow adequate space for safe operation and maintenance of the rides.

7. 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.

8. What must be the radius curvature of the sliding surface in the exit region?

- A. 20 inches or greater
- B. 25 inches or greater
- C. 30 inches or greater**
- D. 35 inches or greater

The requirement for the radius curvature of the sliding surface in the exit region is foundational for ensuring safety during playground use. A radius curvature of 30 inches or greater is recommended because it helps to minimize abrupt transitions and potential hazards that can lead to injuries. This standard takes into account the physics of how children slide and the necessary deceleration as they exit the slide, which can significantly reduce the risk of falling or colliding with surrounding surfaces. A larger radius curvature allows for a smoother transition, which is particularly important for maintaining a safe sliding experience. A smaller radius could increase the chances of a child losing control or not exiting safely from the slide. Therefore, the standard of having a curvature of at least 30 inches is designed to safeguard against these potential risks by providing adequate space and gradual curvature for a safe descent from the slide. This requirement reflects best practices in playground safety design, emphasizing that safety features must accommodate the behavior and movements of the children using the equipment.

9. For school-age barriers greater than 48 inches, what is the minimum total height required?

- A. 29 inches
- B. 38 inches**
- C. 48 inches
- D. 6 feet

A 29 inches is incorrect because this height would not allow for the barrier to be taller than the minimum height requirement of 48 inches. B: 38 inches is the minimum total height required for school-age barriers greater than 48 inches. Any height shorter than 38 inches would not meet the requirement. C: 48 inches would only meet the minimum requirement, but does not account for any additional height needed to properly secure the barrier. D: 6 feet is incorrect because while it is taller than the minimum requirement, it is unnecessarily high and could be more difficult for children to safely use and maneuver around.

10. The underside of the perimeter of a Merry-Go-Round platform should be no less than how many inches above protective surfacing?

- A. 6 inches
- B. 7 inches
- C. 9 inches
- D. 12 inches

When it comes to Merry-Go-Rounds, safety is the top priority. The underside of the perimeter of the platform should be at least 9 inches above the protective surfacing to prevent any potential accidents or injuries. Option A and B might seem like a reasonable measurement, but they don't meet the safety standards set for a Merry-Go-Round. Option D is too high and can make it difficult for younger children to safely get on and off the platform. Therefore, option C is the most appropriate measurement to ensure the safety of all riders.

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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.

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

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