

Chemical Texture Services Practice Test (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. Which statement describes why sections are used in perm wraps?**
 - A. They create manageable subsections called panels for wrapping**
 - B. They are decorative only**
 - C. They determine chemical strength**
 - D. They are optional and rarely used**

- 2. Which chemical is commonly used in no-mix-no-lye relaxers?**
 - A. Potassium hydroxide**
 - B. Sodium hydroxide**
 - C. Calcium hydroxide**
 - D. Ammonium thioglycolate**

- 3. The key to ensuring complete penetration of permanent wave solution on coarse hair is**
 - A. Saturation of the cortex**
 - B. Equal length processing**
 - C. Temperature control**
 - D. Rapid application**

- 4. Relaxers that contain only one component and are used without mixing are**
 - A. Ammonia-based relaxers**
 - B. Guanidine relaxers**
 - C. Metal hydroxide**
 - D. Ammonia-thiol relaxers**

- 5. Long, coiled, polypeptide chains that make up approximately 97% of the hair's structure are which proteins?**
 - A. Keratin proteins**
 - B. Collagen**
 - C. Elastin**
 - D. Actin**

- 6. A strand test result showing the hair continues to curl indicates which condition?**
- A. Insufficiently relaxed**
 - B. Over processed**
 - C. Fully relaxed**
 - D. Slightly relaxed**
- 7. After applying a relaxer, a periodic strand test is performed to determine what?**
- A. Processing time**
 - B. Curl pattern**
 - C. Scalp sensitivity**
 - D. Porosity**
- 8. After placing a relaxer, which product is used to neutralize remaining hydroxide ions and lower the hair pH?**
- A. Normalizing Lotion**
 - B. Neutralizer**
 - C. Shampoo**
 - D. Conditioner**
- 9. In acid waves, the primary reducing agent is which of the following?**
- A. Glycerl monothioglycolate**
 - B. Glyceryl monothioglycolate**
 - C. Sodium metabisulfite**
 - D. Sodium sulfite**
- 10. What is the term used to describe the long chains formed by amino acids linked together by peptide bonds?**
- A. Polypeptide chains**
 - B. Disulfide chains**
 - C. Nucleotide chains**
 - D. Amino acid chains**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which statement describes why sections are used in perm wraps?

- A. They create manageable subsections called panels for wrapping**
- B. They are decorative only**
- C. They determine chemical strength**
- D. They are optional and rarely used**

Organizing the hair into sections, called panels, is about controlling the wrap so each strand processes evenly. By dividing the head into manageable panels, you can wrap each piece around a rod in a consistent way, preventing tangling and overlapping. This keeps hair evenly saturated with the waving solution and ensures uniform timing across all sections, which directly influences the final curl pattern. The panels are a practical, functional step—not decorative—and they don't change the chemical strength; that comes from the perm solution and processing time. Sectioning isn't optional in proper perm technique, because without it the result would be unpredictable and uneven.

2. Which chemical is commonly used in no-mix-no-lye relaxers?

- A. Potassium hydroxide**
- B. Sodium hydroxide**
- C. Calcium hydroxide**
- D. Ammonium thioglycolate**

No-mix-no-lye relaxers work by using a thioglycolate compound as the active reducing agent. This chemistry breaks the hair's disulfide bonds, allowing the strands to be reshaped into a straight form, and then a neutralizer helps re-set the bonds in the new configuration. The chemical most commonly used in these pre-mixed, no-lye systems is ammonium thioglycolate. This stands in contrast to lye relaxers, which rely on strong hydroxide bases like sodium or potassium hydroxide, and even though some no-lye formulas employ calcium-based systems, ammonium thioglycolate is the standard example of the active ingredient in many no-mix-no-lye relaxers.

3. The key to ensuring complete penetration of permanent wave solution on coarse hair is

- A. Saturation of the cortex**
- B. Equal length processing**
- C. Temperature control**
- D. Rapid application**

Complete penetration of the perm solution relies on thorough saturation of the hair so the chemical can reach the cortex. The cortex is where the bonds are broken and reformed to create the curl, and the cuticle on coarse hair can act as a barrier. When the hair is fully saturated, the waving solution has consistent contact along the entire strand, allowing even diffusion into the cortex and uniform processing. If saturation is incomplete, some areas may stay underprocessed, leading to uneven curl—this risk is heightened with coarse hair because of its thicker cuticle and larger cortex. While factors like how evenly the product is distributed, temperature, and processing time influence how fast and how well the chemical moves, they don't by themselves guarantee complete cortex penetration.

4. Relaxers that contain only one component and are used without mixing are

- A. Ammonia-based relaxers**
- B. Guanidine relaxers**
- C. Metal hydroxide**
- D. Ammonia-thiol relaxers**

The main idea is that some relaxer systems come as a single, ready-to-use formula with no mixing required. Metal hydroxide relaxers fit this description: they contain a metal hydroxide base (such as sodium or potassium hydroxide) in a pre-mixed cream that you apply directly. There's no need to blend separate parts before use, which is why this category is the one-component, no-mix option. Because the active ingredient is a strong metal base, these relaxers are highly effective at breaking the hair's disulfide bonds to straighten, but they're also more aggressive on the scalp and hair. That's why precise timing and scalp protection are essential. The other types typically involve more than one component or require activation by mixing before use, so they aren't single-component products.

5. Long, coiled, polypeptide chains that make up approximately 97% of the hair's structure are which proteins?

- A. Keratin proteins**
- B. Collagen**
- C. Elastin**
- D. Actin**

Hair is built primarily from keratin proteins, which are long, coiled polypeptide chains that assemble into tough fibrous filaments. In the hair shaft, these keratin molecules form hard keratin with many cross-links (disulfide bonds), giving hair its strength, durability, and rigidity. This major structural makeup aligns with the statement that about 97% of hair's protein is keratin. The other options—collagen, elastin, and actin—play roles in other tissues or cellular structures and do not form the main filamentous framework of hair. So the best answer is keratin proteins.

6. A strand test result showing the hair continues to curl indicates which condition?

- A. Insufficiently relaxed**
- B. Over processed**
- C. Fully relaxed**
- D. Slightly relaxed**

The strand test is used to verify whether the chemical relaxer has been left on long enough to break the hair's curl pattern. If the strand still curls after processing, it means not enough time or product has been applied to fully relax the strand—the curl remains. In other words, the hair is insufficiently relaxed, so you'd reapply or extend processing under the same procedure until it straightens. This result isn't due to over-processing (which would often produce hair that's too straight or damaged), and it isn't fully relaxed (no curl) or slightly relaxed (only a small amount of curl remains).

7. After applying a relaxer, a periodic strand test is performed to determine what?

- A. Processing time**
- B. Curl pattern**
- C. Scalp sensitivity**
- D. Porosity**

During a relaxer, you want to stop processing as soon as the hair has reached the desired level of straightening without over-processing. Hair on different strands can respond at different rates, so a periodic strand test is used to check how far the chemical has progressed. By taking a small section and inspecting it at intervals, you determine whether more processing time is needed or if you should stop. This directly guides the processing time to achieve the right result safely. The test isn't about judging the final curl pattern after processing, assessing scalp irritation during the application, or evaluating porosity, which are addressed by different checks or tests.

8. After placing a relaxer, which product is used to neutralize remaining hydroxide ions and lower the hair pH?

- A. Normalizing Lotion**
- B. Neutralizer**
- C. Shampoo**
- D. Conditioner**

The main idea is to stop any remaining chemical action from the relaxer and bring the hair back to a normal pH. After the relaxer has been applied, the hair is highly alkaline, which keeps the bonds open. Normalizing lotion is designed to neutralize the leftover hydroxide ions and lower the hair's pH back toward the neutral range, while also helping to remove any residual chemicals and re-balance moisture. This step protects the hair from over-processing and helps the cuticle lay flat again, contributing to improved manageability and shine. A shampoo cleans but doesn't neutralize alkaline residues, a conditioner focuses on conditioning without stopping chemical action or adjusting pH, and a dedicated neutralizer in other systems often refers to stopping processing and rebuilding bonds, whereas the normalizing lotion used here specifically handles neutralizing and pH restoration as the finish of the relaxing service.

9. In acid waves, the primary reducing agent is which of the following?

- A. Glycerl monothioglycolate**
- B. Glyceryl monothioglycolate**
- C. Sodium metabisulfite**
- D. Sodium sulfite**

In acid waves, the substance that does the primary reducing work is a thioglycolate compound with a glycerol backbone. This reagent, glyceryl monothioglycolate, donates sulfhydryl groups to the hair's disulfide bonds, converting -S-S to two -SH groups. That reduction loosens the cross-links in the cortex, making the hair pliable enough to mold into the desired shape. After wrapping, a neutralizer oxidizes those thiol groups back into disulfide bonds, locking in the new curl. The other options—sodium metabisulfite and sodium sulfite—are not used as the main reducing agent in acid waves; they don't provide the same thiol-based reduction needed to break disulfide bonds in this process.

10. What is the term used to describe the long chains formed by amino acids linked together by peptide bonds?

A. Polypeptide chains

B. Disulfide chains

C. Nucleotide chains

D. Amino acid chains

Long chains formed by amino acids linked by peptide bonds are polypeptide chains. A peptide bond forms when the amino group of one amino acid bonds with the carboxyl group of the next, creating a repeating backbone and a sequence of amino acid side chains along the chain. When many amino acids join this way, the molecule is called a polypeptide; multiple polypeptide chains can associate to form a protein. The term disulfide chains would refer to covalent disulfide linkages between cysteine residues, not the backbone chain. Nucleotide chains are the polymers of nucleotides in nucleic acids, not amino acid polymers. An "amino acid chain" is less precise than the standard term polypeptide chains, which specifically describes long chains of amino acids linked by peptide bonds.

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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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