

# Church of God Calling and Ministry Studies (CAMS) 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. **Jesus \_\_ people.**
  - A. Loved
  - B. Guided
  - C. Educated
  - D. Healed
  
2. **The church is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - A. Religious institution; social club
  - B. Ecclesiastical body; secular government
  - C. Human organization; divine organism
  - D. Divine organism; human organization
  
3. **The \_\_\_\_\_ serves as the COG state Women's Ministries president.**
  - A. Wife Of The State Overseer
  - B. State Women's Ministries Director
  - C. District Women's Ministries President
  - D. Local Women's Leader
  
4. **A member's name should remain on the membership roll until an \_\_\_\_\_ for transfer is received.**
  - A. Official request
  - B. Petition
  - C. Formal application
  - D. Written notice
  
5. **The Bishops Council, established in 1929, is composed of which group?**
  - A. All ordained ministers
  - B. All lay members
  - C. Pastors and deacons
  - D. Board members

- 6. Which event occurred earliest among the listed milestones?**
- A. The 1st General Assembly in 1906**
  - B. The COG Evangel publication in 1910**
  - C. The revival at Shearer Schoolhouse in 1896**
  - D. The Bible Training School opening in 1918**
- 7. To successfully build the body of Christ, the church must be**
- A. need-oriented, job-described; and distinctive in style.**
  - B. mission-driven and culturally adaptive.**
  - C. compassion-centered and globally connected.**
  - D. doctrinally sound and numerically growing.**
- 8. Communion is an \_\_ of grace, but is not grace.**
- A. Verb**
  - B. Expression**
  - C. Manifestation**
  - D. Extension**
- 9. How often does the International General Council meet to consider recommendations for the International General Assembly?**
- A. Monthly**
  - B. Quarterly**
  - C. Biennially**
  - D. Annually**
- 10. Which entity provides diverse involvement in order to support an international perspective in fulfilling the mission of the COG?**
- A. World Missions Board**
  - B. Assistant Director of World Missions**
  - C. Secretary General**
  - D. International Council**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Jesus \_\_ people.**

- A. Loved**
- B. Guided**
- C. Educated**
- D. Healed**

Jesus educated people by teaching them about God’s Kingdom, interpreting Scripture, and shaping their understanding so they could live according to God’s will. His ministry centered on instruction, explanation, and mentoring, not just miracles. He taught in parables to reveal truths, clarified misunderstandings for his followers, and trained the twelve to carry on his mission. That emphasis on imparting knowledge, understanding, and formation is why “educated” best describes what Jesus did for people. Healing and guiding were also parts of his work, but education captures the ongoing process of learning and formation Jesus offered—helping people grasp spiritual truths and apply them in everyday life, which is central to discipleship and ministry.

**2. The church is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Religious institution; social club**
- B. Ecclesiastical body; secular government**
- C. Human organization; divine organism**
- D. Divine organism; human organization**

The church operates as two realities at once: a human organization and a divine organism. As a human organization, it has a visible, structured life: local congregations with leaders, councils, rules, budgets, programs, and disciplined practices. This is the governance and institutional side that makes mission possible, provides order, and coordinates believers in shared ministry. As a divine organism, it is the living body of Christ through the Spirit. Believers are joined together, each with unique gifts, united in purpose, and sustained by spiritual life that transcends any one local setting. This underscores the intimate, life-giving reality of the church as more than just a club or club-like group—it is animated by God’s Spirit and charged with representing Christ in the world. So the correct pairing captures both aspects: the church is a human organization with structure and order, and it is a divine organism carrying spiritual life and unity by the Spirit. The other options miss one or both of these dimensions, such as reducing the church to a secular government, a social club, or implying it’s only one side of the equation.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ serves as the COG state Women's Ministries president.

**A. Wife Of The State Overseer**

**B. State Women's Ministries Director**

**C. District Women's Ministries President**

**D. Local Women's Leader**

In this organizational context, the state-level leadership of Women's Ministries is traditionally held by the State Overseer's wife, who serves as the state Women's Ministries president. This arrangement means she provides leadership for women's programs, conferences, and outreach across the state, coordinating with district and local Women's Ministries leaders. The other roles described—such as a separate State Women's Ministries Director, a District Women's Ministries President, or a Local Women's Leader—do not reflect the standard setup tested here, where the oversight at the state level is commonly carried by the overseer's spouse.

4. A member's name should remain on the membership roll until an \_\_\_\_\_ for transfer is received.

**A. Official request**

**B. Petition**

**C. Formal application**

**D. Written notice**

This question checks how membership records are updated when a transfer is being initiated. A member's name should stay on the roll until an official request for transfer is received, because only a formal, documented signal truly initiates the process. An official request provides clear authorization with a date and source, ensuring the record is accurate and auditable. It prevents premature removal based on informal statements and ensures both the sending and receiving bodies recognize and track the change consistently. Other terms like a petition, a formal application, or a written notice don't carry the same formal, documented trigger for initiating the transfer. A petition might relate to other processes, a formal application is usually about joining, and a written notice may be too vague or not definitively recognized as the official act that starts the transfer.

**5. The Bishops Council, established in 1929, is composed of which group?**

- A. All ordained ministers**
- B. All lay members**
- C. Pastors and deacons**
- D. Board members**

This question focuses on who makes up the Bishops Council. In this church governance structure, the council is a clerical body formed from those who have been ordained to ministry. Ordination signifies the authority to oversee doctrinal matters, teach, and shepherd congregations, so the council is composed of all ordained ministers rather than lay members or a generic board. Lay members typically serve on other church bodies, not this bishops' council. The idea of including pastors and deacons is close, since many such roles are ordained, but the council encompasses all ordained ministers, not just those two roles. A board member designation implies a different administrative group outside the ordained leadership of the council. So, the Bishops Council is made up of all ordained ministers.

**6. Which event occurred earliest among the listed milestones?**

- A. The 1st General Assembly in 1906**
- B. The COG Evangel publication in 1910**
- C. The revival at Shearer Schoolhouse in 1896**
- D. The Bible Training School opening in 1918**

The event being tested is about placing milestones in chronological order. The earliest among the listed years is the revival at the Shearer Schoolhouse in 1896. This predated the others by more than a decade, before the first General Assembly in 1906, the COG Evangel publication in 1910, and the Bible Training School opening in 1918. So the revival at Shearer Schoolhouse is the earliest milestone, establishing the movement's initial roots before the later organized actions and institutions formed.

**7. To successfully build the body of Christ, the church must be**

**A. need-oriented, job-described; and distinctive in style.**

**B. mission-driven and culturally adaptive.**

**C. compassion-centered and globally connected.**

**D. doctrinally sound and numerically growing.**

The key idea here is that a healthy expression of Christ's body is organized to meet real needs with clear roles, while carrying a distinctive identity in its ministry. Being need-oriented means actively listening to the community and shaping ministries around what people truly require—spiritual nurture, practical help, and opportunities to serve. A well-defined job description for every role ensures volunteers and leaders know their specific responsibilities, reduces confusion, and allows the church to coordinate its efforts so every part of the body functions smoothly together. Maintaining a distinctive style preserves the church's unique expression of its calling, so the ministry has a recognizable character that communicates its mission consistently across different activities. When you combine meeting real needs with clear roles and a coherent, identifiable approach, the church can build up the body effectively and witness accurately to the world. While other options highlight important facets like mission, compassion, global connections, doctrine, or growth, they don't by themselves guarantee the practical structure and identifiable approach that best enable the body to function together in ministry.

**8. Communion is an \_\_ of grace, but is not grace.**

**A. Verb**

**B. Expression**

**C. Manifestation**

**D. Extension**

Communion is an expression of grace, but is not grace. Grace is the unmerited favor and active presence of God given to believers. The act of communion communicates that grace to the community: it is a tangible sign by which God's grace is made real to those who participate, a reminder and participation in what God has already accomplished. It testifies to grace at work rather than being grace itself. The term expression fits best because it captures that outward signifying, communicative role of the rite. The other options miss that nuance: a verb would focus on action rather than the signaling function; a manifestation could imply grace itself rather than a sign of it; an extension suggests spreading something outward, which doesn't convey the signaling and participating aspect of communion.

**9. How often does the International General Council meet to consider recommendations for the International General Assembly?**

- A. Monthly**
- B. Quarterly**
- C. Biennially**
- D. Annually**

**Biennially.** The International General Council gathers on a two-year cycle to review and shape recommendations for the next International General Assembly. This cadence matches the Assembly's own schedule, giving ample time for regional consultation, thorough discussion, drafting, and consensus-building before proposals move forward. Monthly or quarterly meetings would be impractical for coordinating across many regions and producing substantial recommendations, while an annual cycle would compress the timeline and limit depth of deliberation. So, meeting every two years best supports thoughtful governance and alignment with the Assembly's timetable.

**10. Which entity provides diverse involvement in order to support an international perspective in fulfilling the mission of the COG?**

- A. World Missions Board**
- B. Assistant Director of World Missions**
- C. Secretary General**
- D. International Council**

The idea being tested is how to ensure a global, truly worldwide perspective shapes the church's mission. To achieve that, you need a body that brings together voices from many regions, cultures, and church communities, so decisions reflect diverse realities and needs around the world. The International Council serves that role best. It gathers representatives from across the Church of God's international landscape, providing input from multiple contexts and helping to shape policy, strategy, and initiatives in a way that resonates globally. This diverse involvement helps prevent decisions from being dominated by one region and keeps the mission aligned with the church's worldwide reach. The other options are more about specific leadership or administrative functions within missions work. A board focused on world missions handles planning and execution, but it doesn't inherently provide the broad, representative input the International Council does. An individual assistant director or the general secretary is a leadership or administrative role rather than a representative body that channels diverse perspectives from many nations into global decision-making.

## 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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