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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 combination best describes the stability needed for a shepherd/leader?**
 - A. Hope and Perseverance
 - B. Courage and Wisdom
 - C. Faith; Love; and Endurance
 - D. Patience and Humility
- 2. Which milestone occurred first in the church's history?**
 - A. The Bishops Council was established
 - B. Lee College was renamed
 - C. The Declaration of Faith was adopted
 - D. The Assembly approved women to preach
- 3. Caring keeps people as the __ of ministry.**
 - A. Focus
 - B. Priority
 - C. Center
 - D. Core
- 4. Which verse is cited to affirm that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, buried, raised from the dead, and seated at the right hand as Intercessor?**
 - A. Romans 5:9-10
 - B. Isaiah 53:5
 - C. John 3:16
 - D. Luke 1:35
- 5. Sanctification after the new birth is accomplished through which triad?**
 - A. Faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word; and by the Holy Ghost
 - B. Faith in Christ alone
 - C. Church membership
 - D. Personal effort

6. The district overseer sees that a (an) _____ is put forth in his district during the year.
- A. missionary plan
 - B. church budget
 - C. youth program
 - D. evangelistic thrust
7. Which passage describes the premillennial second coming, including the resurrection and catching away of the saints?
- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - B. Acts 1:9-11
 - C. Revelation 19:11-16
 - D. Matthew 24:30-31
8. Which office is the assistant for World Missions?
- A. Director of World Missions
 - B. Assistant Director of World Missions
 - C. Moderator
 - D. Secretary General
9. Which sacrament is typically associated with symbolizing purification and new birth?
- A. Baptism
 - B. Communion
 - C. Footwashing
 - D. Confirmation
10. A worship service should __ believers.
- A. Entertain
 - B. Mature
 - C. Convert
 - D. Discipline

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which combination best describes the stability needed for a shepherd/leader?

- A. Hope and Perseverance
- B. Courage and Wisdom
- C. Faith; Love; and Endurance**
- D. Patience and Humility

Stability for a shepherd/leader comes from combining faith, love, and endurance. Faith grounds the leader in God's guidance and promises, so decisions aren't swayed by shifting trends or personal ambition. Love keeps the heart aimed at the flock's welfare, shaping leadership with compassion, selflessness, and a servant posture. Endurance maintains steadiness over time, enabling faithful care through trials, fatigue, and opposition. Courage and Wisdom are valuable traits for facing challenges, but without faith to anchor trust in God and love to direct care, boldness can miss the right aim or falter under pressure. Patience and Humility describe essential character qualities, yet they may lack the active, sustaining dimension that faith and enduring love provide in long-term shepherding. Hope and Perseverance emphasize resilience, but the missing element of deep, sacrificial love makes the leadership less missional and less relationally nourishing for the flock.

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The earliest milestone is found in recognizing women preaching as part of the church's early ministry practice. In its Pentecostal- Holiness revival era, women were already active preachers and evangelists, often filling preaching roles in meetings and circuits. When the assembly later formalized ministry roles, it codified an arrangement that aligned with what had already been happening in the churches. The other options reflect later developments: establishing a bishops' council introduces a structured governance system after the church has grown; adopting a formal Declaration of Faith comes after doctrine is systematized in writing; and renaming Lee College represents an institutional branding step that occurs well after early ministry practices and organizational foundations are in place.

3. Caring keeps people as the __ of ministry.

- A. Focus
- B. Priority**
- C. Center
- D. Core

Placing people as the top priority keeps ministry oriented around relationships and needs. Caring means we organize time, resources, and decisions around people, not around a schedule, program, or procedure. That is why the best choice is priority: it conveys both importance and ordering—people come first, and everything else follows. A focus is about directing attention to something; it can be about tasks or outcomes, but it doesn't inherently say people come first. A center is the point around which things rotate, which could be a program or location rather than people. A core is the essential part, but it doesn't imply that people hold the ultimate rank in ministry decisions. Making people the priority expresses the true aim of caring in ministry.

4. Which verse is cited to affirm that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, buried, raised from the dead, and seated at the right hand as Intercessor?

A. Romans 5:9-10

B. Isaiah 53:5

C. John 3:16

D. Luke 1:35

John 3:16 is the clearest direct statement that Jesus is the unique, only begotten Son of God. The phrase "only begotten Son" (monogenēs) emphasizes His one-of-a-kind sonship, which is central to who He is in Scripture and why belief in Him brings eternal life. While other verses describe the miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit or the virgin birth (Luke 1:35) and others outline His crucifixion, burial, resurrection, or intercession, this verse most directly anchors the claim of His special divine Sonship. So, for a verse specifically affirming Jesus as the unique Son of God, John 3:16 is the best fit.

5. Sanctification after the new birth is accomplished through which triad?

A. Faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word; and by the Holy Ghost

B. Faith in Christ alone

C. Church membership

D. Personal effort

Sanctification after the new birth is carried out through a threefold channel: faith in the blood of Christ, through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. Trusting in Christ's atoning blood provides the cleansing and reliance on His finished work that begins and sustains the process. The Word acts as the sanctifying truth that reveals God's will, renews the mind, and guides behavior. The Holy Ghost dwells within believers, applying Christ's work, producing inward change, conviction, and empowerment for obedience. Relying on faith in Christ alone, by itself, misses the ongoing means God uses to transform us. Mere church membership or personal effort cannot accomplish lasting sanctification without the Spirit's work and the truth of Scripture shaping our lives.

6. The district overseer sees that a (an) _____ is put forth in his district during the year.

A. missionary plan

B. church budget

C. youth program

D. evangelistic thrust

The idea being tested is the district overseer setting a focused, year-long outreach emphasis for the district. This is described as an evangelistic thrust—a deliberate push to mobilize all churches in the district toward outreach and witnessing throughout the year. It reflects leadership guidance to align activities, events, and resources around a shared goal of reaching the lost. An evangelistic thrust best fits this scenario because it denotes a district-wide, time-bound initiative aimed at evangelism. The other options describe specific programs (a youth program), a financial item (a church budget), or a missionary-oriented plan (a missionary plan) rather than the overarching, district-wide push to evangelize.

7. Which passage describes the premillennial second coming, including the resurrection and catching away of the saints?

A. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

B. Acts 1:9-11

C. Revelation 19:11-16

D. Matthew 24:30-31

The event being tested is the moment when believers are resurrected and then caught up to meet the Lord at his return, a sequence associated with premillennial eschatology. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, Paul clearly describes that when Jesus comes, the dead in Christ will rise first, and those who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord, so we will always be with him. This text explicitly ties together the resurrection of the saints and the catching away, which is why it fits best. The other passages focus on different aspects. Acts 1:9–11 records Jesus' ascension, not the return of believers or a resurrection of the saints. Revelation 19:11–16 depicts Christ's final, glory-filled return with judgment at the end of the tribulation, not the rapture of the living and dead believers. Matthew 24:30–31 speaks of the Son of Man coming with power and gathering the elect, describing a second coming moment rather than the specific rapture event described in Thessalonians.

8. Which office is the assistant for World Missions?

A. Director of World Missions

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C. Moderator

D. Secretary General

In this context, the person who serves as the assistant to World Missions is the one who acts as the deputy to the director, handling coordination, program support, and communication across the World Missions office and stepping in when the director is unavailable. That title directly indicates the supporting role to the head of World Missions. The director is the lead, not the assistant; a moderator is typically the chair or presiding officer in meetings, not the deputy for a specific office; and the secretary general is usually the top administrator in many organizations, not the specific assistant to World Missions. So the assistant to World Missions is best described by the title Assistant Director of World Missions.

9. Which sacrament is typically associated with symbolizing purification and new birth?

A. Baptism

B. Communion

C. Footwashing

D. Confirmation

Purification and new birth are most clearly represented by baptism. Water serves as a sign of cleansing from sin, and the act of being washed or immersed symbolizes dying to the old life and rising to new life in Christ. This mirrors the scriptural idea of being born again and being welcomed into the body of Christ and the covenant community. Because of this, baptism is the sacrament most closely associated with purification and new birth. The other practices emphasize different aspects: communion centers on remembrance and fellowship with Christ, footwashing highlights humility and service among believers, and confirmation focuses on strengthening faith and receiving the Holy Spirit.

10. A worship service should __ believers.

- A. Entertain
- B. Mature**
- C. Convert
- D. Discipline

During worship, the main aim is to mature believers—deepening their understanding of God, strengthening their faith, and shaping their daily lives to follow Christ more closely. This happens as Scripture is taught, prayer is offered, songs lift worship, and the fellowship of believers encourages accountability and service. Worship acts as a formative time, equipping and empowering believers for ministry and growth in holiness, rather than serving primarily to entertain. While conversions can occur, they are not the sole or defining purpose of a worship service. Disciplining believers is a matter for appropriate church governance contexts, not the central function of corporate worship itself.

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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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