

Church of God Ordained Minister 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. Families should establish some pattern for _____.**
 - A. Family meals**
 - B. Family devotions**
 - C. Family prayers**
 - D. Family chores**

- 2. The book of Acts is structured by which verse?**
 - A. Acts 1:8**
 - B. Acts 2:14**
 - C. Acts 3:19**
 - D. Acts 4:8**

- 3. Ephesians 4:24 endorses _____ to be God's standard of living?**
 - A. Love**
 - B. Holiness**
 - C. Obedience**
 - D. Faith**

- 4. Which triple scripture is cited as supporting verbal inspiration?**
 - A. John 3:16, Romans 8:28, Psalm 23:1**
 - B. Genesis 1:1, Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 40:8**
 - C. Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Luke 11:2**
 - D. 2 Tim 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 19:7**

- 5. Who served as the first General Overseer of the Church of God (COG)?**
 - A. W. F. Bryant**
 - B. R. L. Williams**
 - C. A. J. Tomlinson**
 - D. J. D. Harper**

6. Sanctification _____ the old man—the carnal nature.
- A. Crucifies
 - B. Rescues
 - C. Weakens
 - D. Transforms
7. A _____ takes care of business between regular conferences
- A. called conference
 - B. interim committee
 - C. council meeting
 - D. special assembly
8. _____ was Judah's most wicked king.
- A. Manasseh
 - B. Rehoboam
 - C. Jehoram
 - D. Ahaz
9. How often does the International General Council meet?
- A. Weekly
 - B. Biannually
 - C. Monthly
 - D. Annually
10. _____ is the product of being filled with the Spirit.
- A. Baptism
 - B. Prophecy
 - C. Speaking in tongues
 - D. Healing

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Families should establish some pattern for _____.

- A. Family meals
- B. Family devotions**
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Establishing a pattern for family devotions creates a steady, lived-out spiritual routine in the home. When families regularly set aside time to read Scripture, pray together, and discuss how to apply God's Word, faith becomes part of daily life rather than something only experienced on Sundays. This rhythm builds biblical understanding, strengthens prayer life, and encourages practical discipleship for all ages, especially children. While family meals and individual prayers are valuable, devotions provide the integrated framework that combines Scripture, worship, and reflection into a consistent habit.

2. The book of Acts is structured by which verse?

- A. Acts 1:8**
- B. Acts 2:14
- C. Acts 3:19
- D. Acts 4:8

Acts unfolds according to the mission outline given by Jesus in Acts 1:8: you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. That verse provides the organizing frame for the whole book, shaping its progression. The narrative moves from Jerusalem (the church's birth and early witness), to Judea and Samaria (expanded reach beyond Jerusalem), and finally to the ends of the earth (the Gentile mission). The other verses mentioned are pivotal moments within that framework—Peter's Pentecost preach in Jerusalem, the call to repentance after healing, and the empowering before the Sanhedrin—but they do not establish the book's overarching structure.

3. Ephesians 4:24 endorses _____ to be God's standard of living?

- A. Love
- B. Holiness**
- C. Obedience
- D. Faith

Holiness is the standard of living being described here. Ephesians 4:24 speaks of putting on the new man, who is created after God in righteousness and true holiness. This ties the Christian life to a transformation that mirrors God's character: a life set apart from the old ways and lived in moral purity and devotion to Him. The phrase "after God" signals imitating God's holiness as the goal, not just following rules in general. While love, obedience, and faith important as parts of the Christian walk, the verse foregrounds holiness as the defining standard of the renewed life. Righteousness and true holiness together describe the lifestyle God calls His people to embody.

4. Which triple scripture is cited as supporting verbal inspiration?

- A. John 3:16, Romans 8:28, Psalm 23:1**
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- C. Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Luke 11:2**
- D. 2 Tim 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 19:7**

Verbal inspiration means God spoke the exact words of Scripture through human writers, not just the ideas. The best trio that directly supports this is 2 Timothy 3:16, which says all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching and training in righteousness; 2 Peter 1:21, which notes that prophets spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit, indicating divine involvement in the words themselves; and Psalm 19:7, which extols the word of the Lord as perfect and trustworthy. Together, these verses connect the divine source (God), the Spirit-guided writers, and the authoritative, reliable words that make up Scripture. The other sets don't state this explicit verbal origin of Scripture in the same direct way, focusing instead on topics like salvation, creation, or general truth rather than the claimed inspiration of the words themselves.

5. Who served as the first General Overseer of the Church of God (COG)?

- A. W. F. Bryant**
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- C. A. J. Tomlinson**
- D. J. D. Harper**

This question tests your knowledge of the church's leadership history—the person who first established the centralized office of General Overseer for the Church of God. A. J. Tomlinson is widely recognized as the founder of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) and the first to serve in the General Overseer role. He united scattered groups into a single organization, helped set up its governance structure, and led the church through its formative years and expansion. His leadership defined how the denomination would be organized and overseen moving forward, which is why he is identified as the first General Overseer. The other names were important early leaders within the movement, but they did not inaugurate the first General Overseer office.

6. Sanctification _____ the old man—the carnal nature.

- A. Crucifies**
- B. Rescues**
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Sanctification involves putting to death the old self and its sinful desires. Scripture teaches that the old man, the carnal nature, is crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless. This is seen in verses that say believers have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts, and that they are to put off the old man and its deeds and put on the new man. Because of this, the clearest way to express sanctification is that it crucifies the old man, not simply rescue him, weaken him, or merely transform him without death. The process means dying to sin and living unto righteousness as the Spirit renews the heart and conduct, aligning behavior with Christ.

7. A _____ takes care of business between regular conferences

- A. called conference**
- B. interim committee**
- C. council meeting**
- D. special assembly**

The main idea here is governance between scheduled meetings. When issues arise that can't wait for the next regular conference, an assembly is convened specifically to handle that business. A called conference is exactly that—a conference called to address urgent or interim matters outside the normal conference cycle. It provides a formal setting with appropriate notice and representation to decide on these items, keeping the organization moving between regular conferences. This fits best because it's describing a gathering designed to deal with matters in the interim period, rather than referring to a standing body or a routine meeting. An interim committee is a standing group that acts between conferences but isn't itself a conference; a council meeting is a standard meeting of a council and isn't the special interim gathering implied by the prompt; a special assembly is a broader term for a one-off gathering and doesn't specifically capture the interim-conference purpose.

8. _____ was Judah's most wicked king.

- A. Manasseh**
- B. Rehoboam**
- C. Jehoram**
- D. Ahaz**

Manasseh is identified as Judah's most wicked king because the biblical record presents his reign as the peak of spiritual and moral corruption. He did things that went beyond typical kingship abuses: rebuilding and expanding idol worship, erecting altars to Baal, making an Asherah pole, worshiping the host of heaven, and even practicing occult arts. He allowed and promoted child sacrifice by fire and led Judah away from the Lord for a long time during his lengthy fifty-five-year reign. This combination of widespread idolatry, ritual practices, and personal brutality is described as surpassing all that came before him, which is why the text singles him out as the most wicked. While the other kings mentioned had wicked deeds, none are said to have corrupted Judah to the same extreme extent or for as long as Manasseh.

9. How often does the International General Council meet?

- A. Weekly**
- B. Biannually**
- C. Monthly**
- D. Annually**

Governance needs a practical rhythm that lets leaders review ministry work, approve budgets, and set policy without requiring constant travel. The International General Council is structured to convene twice a year, providing a mid-year review and a year-end decision point. This cadence keeps decisions timely and the body manageable, balancing oversight with practicality. Meeting weekly or monthly would be overly burdensome for a global council, while a single annual meeting could delay important actions. So the twice-yearly schedule best fits the needs of such a large, international leadership body.

10. _____ is the product of being filled with the Spirit.

A. Baptism

B. Prophecy

C. Speaking in tongues

D. Healing

Speaking in tongues is the product of being filled with the Spirit. In this tradition, when a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit, the initial outward sign commonly described is the ability to speak in a language not learned, known as speaking in tongues. This serves as the evidential manifestation of the Spirit's filling, distinct from water baptism or other spiritual gifts. Baptism refers to water baptism, while prophecy and healing are gifts that can accompany a Spirit-filled life but are not the defining product of the Spirit's filling.

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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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