

CHURCH OF GOD ORDAINED MINISTER 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. What is foundational to society and the church?

- A. Community
- B. State
- C. School
- D. Family

2. Which pair are equal participants in the image of God?

- A. Angels and Humans
- B. Men and Women
- C. Rich and Poor
- D. Parents and Children

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

- A. Crucifies
- B. Rescues
- C. Weakens
- D. Transforms

4. Which statement is a common sign associated with being filled with the Spirit in the Acts narrative?

- A. Speaking in tongues
- B. Prophesying
- C. Healing
- D. Baptism

5. In which verse did Isaiah say that God had spoken?

- A. Revelation 1:1
- B. Isaiah 1:2
- C. Luke 24:44
- D. Romans 3:23

6. What is the minimum age for members and ministers to participate in the international General Assembly of the Church of God (COG)?
- A. 16 years
 - B. 18 years
 - C. 21 years
 - D. 25 years
7. Which outcome is described as a natural outgrowth of a positive relationship with God?
- A. Trustful relationships
 - B. Friendships
 - C. Fellowship
 - D. Respectful relations
8. The International General Assembly elects _____, _____, and _____
- A. The General Overseer, Asst. Gen. Overseer, and Secretary-General
 - B. The General Overseer, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - C. The General Overseer, Assistant Pastor, and Chairman
 - D. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer
9. _____ is an attribute of divine nature.
- A. Mercy
 - B. Power
 - C. Love
 - D. Grace
10. Water baptism by immersion and baptism in the name is made valid by which verse?
- A. Mark 16:16
 - B. Matthew 28:19
 - C. Acts 2:38
 - D. John 3:16

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is foundational to society and the church?

- A. Community
- B. State
- C. School
- D. Family**

The family is the foundational unit for both society and the church. It is in the home that people first learn love, responsibility, and faith, and it is through the family that values, worship habits, and moral foundations are passed down. Strong families create stable communities and give birth to healthy churches, because parents model faith, teach Scripture, and nurture spiritual growth in daily life. The church grows out of and is supported by healthy families; when homes prioritize prayer, Scripture, and godly living, the church is filled with prepared members and faithful leaders. Scripture presents the family as the primary setting for training children and practicing faith, which is why it is considered foundational. While communities, governments, and schools matter, they rest on the family as the starting point for character and faith formation.

2. Which pair are equal participants in the image of God?

- A. Angels and Humans
- B. Men and Women**
- C. Rich and Poor
- D. Parents and Children

The key idea is that all human beings, both male and female, bear God's image equally. In the Creation account, God made humanity in His own image and created them as male and female, affirming that both reflect His likeness. This means equal value, dignity, and worth before God, along with shared responsibilities and opportunities to know Him, relate to Him, and steward His creation. Because of this equality of image, the pair who are equal participants are men and women. Angels and humans are different kinds of beings, and wealth or family roles don't determine who bears God's image.

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

- A. Crucifies**
- B. Rescues
- C. Weakens
- D. Transforms

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.

4. Which statement is a common sign associated with being filled with the Spirit in the Acts narrative?

A. Speaking in tongues

B. Prophesying

C. Healing

D. Baptism

Being filled with the Spirit in the Acts narrative is most clearly evidenced by speaking in other tongues. In the day of Pentecost, the Spirit fills the believers and they immediately begin to speak in languages they hadn't learned, announcing God's wonders to a diverse audience. This outward sign recurs in other scenes as confirmation that God has poured out His Spirit on people who then express that empowerment through speaking in tongues. While Acts also shows other manifestations like prophesying or healing, they are not the consistently highlighted mark of Spirit filling the moment it occurs, and baptism operates as a separate initiation into the faith community. So, speaking in tongues is the best-supported sign associated with being filled in the Acts narrative.

5. In which verse did Isaiah say that God had spoken?

A. Revelation 1:1

B. Isaiah 1:2

C. Luke 24:44

D. Romans 3:23

Isaiah announces a divine pronouncement right from the start, with the prophet declaring that the LORD has spoken. In Isaiah 1:2 the verse says, "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken," which is the specific moment Isaiah states that God has spoken and is sending a message to creation and to his people. The other options come from different books and contexts: Revelation 1:1 is about the revelation given to John in Revelation, Luke 24:44 shows Jesus explaining how the prophets' words were fulfilled, and Romans 3:23 is Paul stating a general truth about humanity's sin. None of those place Isaiah making the claim that God has spoken in the exact way Isaiah 1:2 does. So the best answer is Isaiah 1:2.

6. What is the minimum age for members and ministers to participate in the international General Assembly of the Church of God (COG)?

A. 16 years

B. 18 years

C. 21 years

D. 25 years

The point being tested is that participation in the international General Assembly is opened to those who are sixteen years old and up. This age threshold allows younger members to engage in governance and learn how the assembly operates, while still ensuring participants have reached a level of maturity and responsibility appropriate for representing local churches in discussions and decisions. In this context, ministers who are credentialed to participate must meet the church's licensing or credentialing requirements, which are separate from the basic age rule for participation. So, sixteen is the minimum age that allows both members and ministers to take part in the assembly's activities.

7. Which outcome is described as a natural outgrowth of a positive relationship with God?

A. Trustful relationships

B. Friendships

C. Fellowship

D. Respectful relations

A positive relationship with God shapes character toward reliability and integrity, which naturally leads to trust in your interactions with others. When you walk with God, you learn to rely on His truth, keep your commitments, and act honestly. Those qualities make you someone others can depend on, so you form trustful relationships as a natural outgrowth of that faith. Other outcomes like friendships, fellowship, or respectful relations can accompany faith, but trust best captures the direct, universal result of a true relationship with God—the foundation that enables healthy, dependable connections with others.

8. The International General Assembly elects _____, _____, and _____

A. The General Overseer, Asst. Gen. Overseer, and Secretary-General

B. The General Overseer, Treasurer, and Secretary

C. The General Overseer, Assistant Pastor, and Chairman

D. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer

The International General Assembly selects the three officers who provide both spiritual leadership and organizational governance for the global church. The General Overseer leads as the chief spiritual and administrative head, guiding doctrine, church government, and worldwide mission. The Assistant General Overseer acts as the deputy, supporting the Overseer and stepping in when needed to ensure continuity across regions. The Secretary-General handles the administrative side, keeping records, overseeing official communications, and serving as secretary to the Assembly's meetings and governance processes. Other roles like Treasurer or Chairman belong to different functions and aren't part of the trio elected by the Assembly in this context, which is why only the three specified offices fit the question.

9. _____ is an attribute of divine nature.

A. Mercy

B. Power

C. Love

D. Grace

Grace expresses God's intrinsic disposition toward humanity as unmerited favor shown to the undeserving. It names the specific way God reaches out to bless, save, and empower people not because they earn it, but because of who He is. That's why it's listed as an attribute of divine nature. Mercy relates to not giving the punishment we deserve, and power refers to God's almighty ability, while love describes the overarching, relational goodness of God. Grace specifically highlights the unearned favor central to salvation and daily life, making it the best fit for an attribute of divine nature.

10. Water baptism by immersion and baptism in the name is made valid by which verse?

A. Mark 16:16

B. Matthew 28:19

C. Acts 2:38

D. John 3:16

The main idea here is that salvation is linked to both faith and baptism as a combined response. This verse clearly says that believing and then being baptized leads to salvation, while disbelief excludes. That direct connection makes it the strongest scriptural justification for water baptism as part of the conversion process. Unlike other verses that focus on the form or wording of baptism (such as a specific name to pronounce or a particular baptismal formula), this verse emphasizes the sequence and result: faith followed by baptism results in salvation. It supports the practice of baptism by immersion as the outward step that accompanies true belief, tying the act of baptism to the believer's salvation. Other verses address different aspects—one discusses baptizing in a particular name, another centers on belief for eternal life without mentioning baptism, and another clarifies the baptismal formula. But when asked which verse directly validates both water baptism and its linkage to salvation, this one makes that connection most explicit.

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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