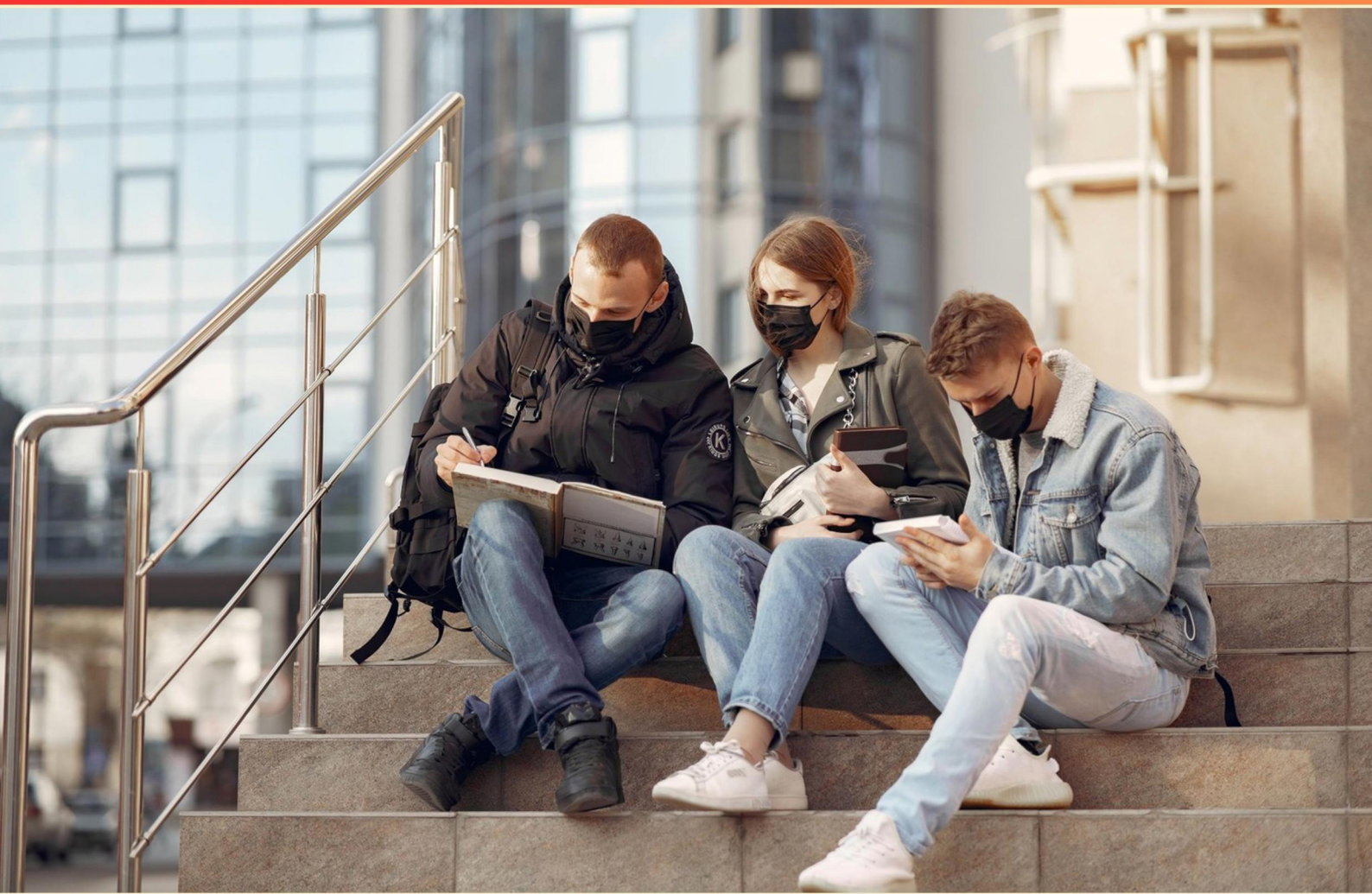


CITY SCHOLARSHIP PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



Prepare with structure. Pass with confidence



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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 energy source is renewable?**
- A. Solar power
 - B. Coal
 - C. Wave power
 - D. Nuclear energy
- 2. Which statement best describes the main function of a city council?**
- A. Enact local ordinances
 - B. Enact local laws and approve budgets
 - C. Oversee state agencies
 - D. Conduct national elections
- 3. The company will upgrade ----- computer systems next week.**
- A. their
 - B. there
 - C. it's
 - D. its
- 4. You have too many ----- but few time to prove you're right.**
- A. hypothesess
 - B. hyphathesises
 - C. hypothesis
 - D. hypotheses
- 5. A proposed bike lane reduces car lanes but could improve safety and reduce congestion. What prudent step should be taken before a full rollout?**
- A. Conduct a traffic impact assessment and run a pilot
 - B. Implement immediately
 - C. Remove all car lanes without analysis
 - D. Conduct a city-wide referendum only
- 6. If a price increases from 50 to 60, what is the percent increase?**
- A. 10%
 - B. 25%
 - C. 20%
 - D. 15%

7. In a city budget, Transportation 40%, Housing 25%, Education 15%, Health 20%. If the total budget is \$480 million, what is Education's allocation?
- A. \$60 million
 - B. \$84 million
 - C. \$72 million
 - D. \$96 million
8. What is a best practice when evaluating a long-term infrastructure option where maintenance costs matter?
- A. Total life-cycle cost, including maintenance and durability
 - B. Initial upfront cost only
 - C. Color of the product
 - D. Supplier location
9. Most basketball players are 6 ----- tall or more.
- A. foot
 - B. footy
 - C. foot
 - D. feet
10. In the sentence 'You have too many ----- but few time to prove you're right', which word is correct?
- A. hypothesis
 - B. hypothesess
 - C. hyphathesises
 - D. hypotheses

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which energy source is renewable?

- A. Solar power
- B. Coal
- C. Wave power
- D. Nuclear energy

Renewable energy comes from sources that naturally replenish on a human timescale. Solar power fits this because sunlight is plentiful and continually produced by the sun, providing an essentially endless source of energy for capture with solar panels. Coal, by contrast, is a fossil fuel formed over millions of years; once burned, it cannot be replenished within any practical timescale. Nuclear energy relies on uranium or other fuel that is finite, so it isn't considered renewable in standard definitions. Wave power comes from ocean waves and is renewable in principle, but its practical availability varies with weather and sea conditions, whereas sunlight is more consistently available globally. Therefore, solar power is the renewable option.

2. Which statement best describes the main function of a city council?

- A. Enact local ordinances
- B. Enact local laws and approve budgets
- C. Oversee state agencies
- D. Conduct national elections

City councils act as the local legislative body. Their main job is to create and adopt laws that apply within the city—these are local ordinances that regulate everyday life, from zoning and permits to public safety and neighborhood rules. At the same time, they oversee how the city spends its money by approving the budget, which funds essential services like police, fire, streets, sanitation, and parks. This combination—passing local laws and approving the budget—captures both the regulatory and financial responsibilities that shape city governance. Other options fall outside the council's scope: overseeing state agencies is a state-level function, and conducting national elections is handled by state or federal authorities. Enacting local ordinances alone misses the vital budgeting role that enables those laws to be put into action.

3. The company will upgrade ----- computer systems next week.

- A. their
- B. there
- C. it's
- D. its

The main idea here is how to show possession when the subject is an organization. Using *their* computer systems reflects the people who work at the company, adopting the singular *they* usage to refer to the group in a natural, inclusive way. This emphasizes who is doing the upgrading—the staff of the company—rather than treating the company as a distant, impersonal entity. The other options don't fit: *there* is not possessive; *it's* is a contraction; *its* is the traditional possessive for a nonhuman singular noun, but here the focus is on the people, making *their* feel more natural in contemporary usage.

4. You have too many ----- but few time to prove you're right.

- A. hypothesess
- B. hyphathesises
- C. hypothesis
- D. hypotheses

The main idea here is number agreement: when you use "too many," you need a plural noun. The word you want is the plural of hypothesis, which is hypotheses. So the sentence reads: You have too many hypotheses but little time to prove you're right. The other forms don't fit because the singular hypothesis doesn't match "too many," and hypothesises is a verb form in some varieties of English, not the plural noun.

5. A proposed bike lane reduces car lanes but could improve safety and reduce congestion. What prudent step should be taken before a full rollout?

- A. Conduct a traffic impact assessment and run a pilot
- B. Implement immediately
- C. Remove all car lanes without analysis
- D. Conduct a city-wide referendum only

When a bike lane proposal reduces car lanes, the prudent step is to gather data and test the change before a full rollout. A traffic impact assessment analyzes how the shift will affect traffic volumes, capacity, delays, and safety, considering current conditions, projected growth, turning movements, bus operations, and pedestrian interactions. It helps predict whether the new design will improve safety and bike use without creating unacceptable congestion or blocking essential flows, and it suggests mitigations like timing changes or design tweaks. Running a pilot in a representative area lets planners observe real-world effects, measure outcomes such as travel times, queue lengths, crash or near-miss data, and rider and driver feedback, and refine the design accordingly. This evidence-based approach reduces risk and builds public and stakeholder confidence before committing to a city-wide change. Skipping assessment and going straight to full implementation can worsen congestion or safety, and removing lanes without data or relying only on public sentiment misses critical engineering information needed to protect both efficiency and safety.

6. If a price increases from 50 to 60, what is the percent increase?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 20%
- D. 15%

Percent change tells you how big a change is relative to the starting amount. To find a percent increase, take the difference between new and old, divide by the original, then multiply by 100. Here, the price goes from 50 to 60, so the increase is $60 - 50 = 10$. That 10 is $10/50 = 0.2$, which equals 20%. So the percent increase is 20%. (As a quick check, 60 is 1.2 times 50, confirming a 20% rise. The other options would correspond to smaller or larger increases: 5 would be 10%, 12.5 would be 25%, and 7.5 would be 15%.)

7. In a city budget, Transportation 40%, Housing 25%, Education 15%, Health 20%. If the total budget is \$480 million, what is Education's allocation?

- A. \$60 million
- B. \$84 million
- C. \$72 million**
- D. \$96 million

Find Education's allocation by applying its percentage to the total budget. Education is 15% of 480 million, so $15\% \text{ of } 480 = 0.15 \times 480 = 72$ million. You can see this as 0.10 of 480 is 48 and 0.05 of 480 is 24, and $48 + 24 = 72$. Or use fractions: $15\% = 3/20$, so $480 \times 3/20 = 24 \times 3 = 72$. Quick check: the other shares 40% (192), 25% (120), and 20% (96) sum with Education's 72 to 480, confirming the breakdown. So Education's allocation is 72 million dollars.

8. What is a best practice when evaluating a long-term infrastructure option where maintenance costs matter?

- A. Total life-cycle cost, including maintenance and durability**
- B. Initial upfront cost only
- C. Color of the product
- D. Supplier location

When maintenance costs matter over the life of an asset, evaluate total life-cycle cost. That means looking beyond the upfront purchase price and estimating every cost that will occur during the asset's life—installation, operation, ongoing maintenance, repairs, downtime, energy use, and eventual disposal. By comparing these costs over the same horizon and, if needed, bringing future costs to present value, you get a true sense of which option is cheaper in the long run. Durability and how often maintenance is required directly shape these future costs: an option with a higher initial price but fewer maintenance needs can be cheaper overall, while a cheaper start might lead to higher upkeep and earlier replacement. The key is to account for maintenance and durability so the decision reflects what it will actually cost over time, not just what it costs upfront. Choices that ignore future spending, focus on appearance, or ignore supplier logistics fail to capture the long-term economic picture.

9. Most basketball players are 6 ----- tall or more.

- A. foot
- B. footy
- C. foot
- D. feet**

Using a numeral with a unit of measurement for height uses the plural form. When you state height after a number, you say six feet tall rather than six foot tall. Foot is singular and typically appears as a compound adjective before a noun (for example, a six-foot-tall player), but in a phrase like this, describing overall height, the plural feet is standard. So the sentence reads: Most basketball players are six feet tall or more.

10. In the sentence 'You have too many ----- but few time to prove you're right', which word is correct?

A. hypothesis

B. hypothesess

C. hyphathesises

D. hypotheses

When you use the word that follows "too many," it must be in its plural form. The noun here comes from Greek and ends in -sis, so its plural changes to -ses. The correct plural is hypothesis hypotheses. That matches "too many," meaning more than one hypothesis. The other options fail because they are either singular, misspelled, or an incorrect plural form. So the sentence should read: You have too many hypotheses but little time to prove you're right. (Note: time with "few" isn't standard here; "little time" is the usual way to express not much time.)

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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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