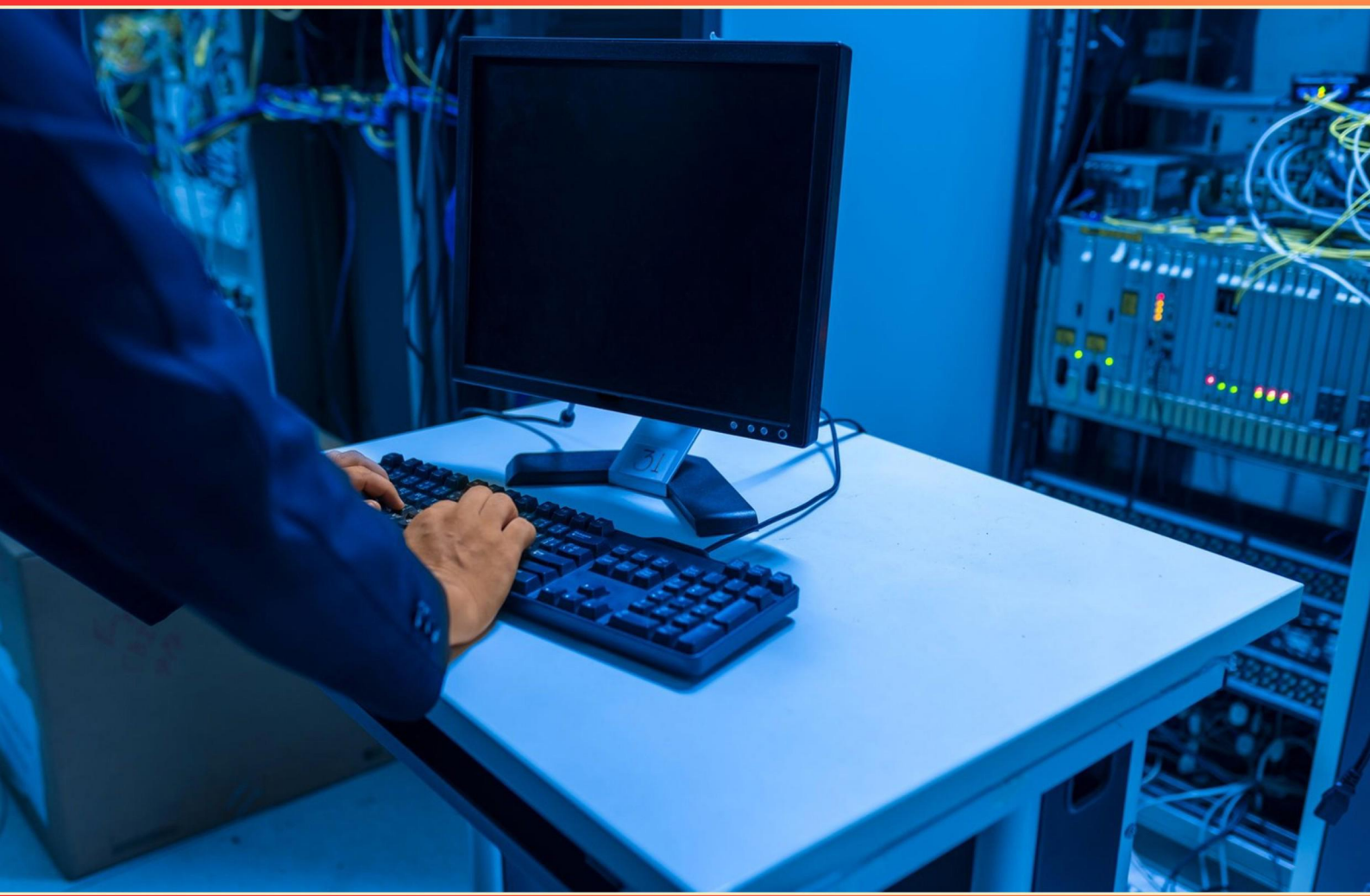
COMPTIA NETWORK+ PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

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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   B. TCP/5060 and TCP/5061

   C. TCP/389 and UDP/514

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

Explanations

1. What does a screened subnet provide in terms of security?

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A screened subnet, often referred to as a DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), is designed to add an additional layer of security between the internal network and the Internet. This setup typically involves placing certain servers that provide services to external users (like web or mail servers) in the screened subnet. By doing so, these servers are isolated from the internal network, thereby mitigating the risk of direct attacks on internal resources. The core idea is that if an attacker compromises a server in the screened subnet, they do not automatically gain access to the internal network. This additional layer acts as a buffer, allowing the organization to apply strict security measures, such as firewalls and access control lists, to monitor and control the traffic between the Internet, the screened subnet, and the internal network. This design enhances security by limiting exposure and providing a controlled environment where external attacks can be contained, thereby protecting sensitive resources within the internal network.

2. Which ports are commonly associated with SIP (Session Initiation Protocol)?

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SIP, or Session Initiation Protocol, is primarily used for initiating, maintaining, and terminating real-time sessions that involve video, voice, and messaging applications. The correct ports associated with SIP are TCP/5060 and TCP/5061. Port 5060 is the default port used for SIP communications, allowing SIP messages to be sent and received over a TCP connection. This port is used not just for the SIP itself but is also utilized for SIP signaling in most implementations. Port 5061 serves the same purpose but specifically uses Transport Layer Security (TLS) to provide a secure connection for SIP signaling. This makes it advantageous in environments requiring encrypted communications, such as VoIP implementations, to protect sensitive session information from potential eavesdropping or interception. The other port options provided do not relate to SIP. For example, TCP/3389 is associated with Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP), TCP/389 is used for LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol), and UDP/162 is used for SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) traps, while TCP/445 is used for SMB (Server Message Block) protocols. These associations make it clear that the correct answer aligns with the known ports for SIP, reinforcing your understanding of network

3. What is the recommended best practice for VPC security?

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The recommended best practice for Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) security involves establishing secure connections, and utilizing a transit gateway through a VPN is an effective way to achieve this. A transit gateway facilitates the management of multiple VPCs and on-premises networks, allowing for a central point of control and reducing complexity. By using a VPN to connect to the transit gateway, you establish an encrypted connection that enhances security, ensuring that data in transit is protected from unauthorized access and potential threats. Connecting to the transit gateway also simplifies the networking architecture, improving scalability and security management as you can manage traffic flow more effectively between multiple network resources. Incorporating VPN security measures aligns with best practices for VPCs as it mitigates risk while enabling secure communication between diverse network environments without exposing sensitive data to the public internet. Choosing this approach is in direct contrast to the alternatives, which could expose the VPC to vulnerabilities by either allowing unrestricted access, eliminating crucial security measures, or only using public IP addresses without proper protection mechanisms. Each of these options significantly compromises the integrity and security of network communications within a VPC.

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The correct answer highlights that switch spoofing primarily involves negotiating a trunk link to escape from a VLAN. In a typical network configuration, switches can separate broadcast domains using VLANs. When a switch is tricked into believing it should establish a trunk link, it may inadvertently allow traffic from multiple VLANs to flow across it. This can lead to unauthorized access to devices and data within those VLANs, effectively breaking the segregation that VLANs are meant to enforce. By manipulating the configuration negotiation process—specifically, the Dynamic Trunking Protocol (DTP)—an attacker can exploit this vulnerability. Once the trunk link is established, the attacker's device can communicate with devices on various VLANs, potentially accessing sensitive information or disrupting normal network operations. In other contexts, impersonating a legitimate user focuses more on identity theft or gaining unauthorized access, while disrupting Spanning Tree Protocol operations usually involves creating network loops rather than necessarily gaining access to additional VLANs. Flooding a switch with MAC addresses primarily aims to overwhelm the switch's resources but does not directly involve manipulating VLAN configurations or trunking negotiations.

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The Subscriber Connector (SC) is characterized primarily by its locking mechanism, which uses a push technique to secure the connector in place. This design enhances the stability and reliability of the connection, ensuring that it remains intact even in environments where movement or vibration may occur. The push mechanism is advantageous in a variety of networking situations because it prevents the connector from accidentally disconnecting, which can lead to data loss or network outages. Other features of the SC connector also contribute to its utility. While it is true that some may consider it compact, the defining feature that sets it apart in network environments is the straightforward locking mechanism. In contrast, the bayonet-style connectors often rely on a twist mechanism, which is not indicative of the SC's design. Additionally, while certain connectors do combine functions, the SC does not merge two separate connectors into one; rather, it functions as a standalone connector dedicated to specific networking tasks. Thus, the correct identification of the SC's locking feature underscores its importance in maintaining secure and reliable connections in fiber optic networks.

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The Frame Check Sequence (FCS) is a crucial component in an Ethernet frame, primarily serving the purpose of error detection. When data is transmitted over a network, there is always a possibility that it may become corrupted due to interference, hardware faults, or other transmission issues. The FCS is a type of checksum that is calculated based on the contents of the frame prior to transmission. Upon receiving the frame, the destination device recalculates the FCS based on the received data and compares it against the FCS value included in the frame. If both values match, it indicates that the frame was likely received without errors. If there is a discrepancy, it suggests that the frame may have been altered, prompting the receiver to discard it or request a retransmission. This process is essential for maintaining data integrity across the network. While some choices might touch on relevant concepts, they do not align with the specific function of the FCS. Organizing the data payload and determining the frame type address other aspects of frame structure but do not directly pertain to error detection. Encrypting the data involves securing the information being transmitted, which the FCS does not accomplish. Thus, the primary purpose of the FCS is indeed to calculate checksums for error

7. In terms of rack height, what does "1U" represent?

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In the context of rack height, "1U" represents a specific measurement used in standard rack-mounted equipment that is commonly utilized in data centers and server rooms. The "U" stands for "rack unit," and 1U is defined as 1.75 inches in height. This measurement is critical for ensuring that equipment can be properly fitted into standardized racks, which are designed to accommodate various devices such as servers, networking gear, and other components. Using this standardized measurement allows for an organized and efficient stacking of equipment, making it easier to manage space within racks. Racks often accommodate multiple units, so understanding the significance of 1U is essential for anyone involved in network management, data center operations, or hardware installation. The other choices do not reflect the universally accepted definition of rack units. Specifically, 1 foot and 1 inch are too large and small, respectively, while 2 inches exceeds the standard U measurement. Since the industry predominantly recognizes 1U as being 1.75 inches, that makes it the correct answer in this context.

8. What does Power over Ethernet (PoE) enable?

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Power over Ethernet (PoE) is a technology that allows both power and data to be transmitted simultaneously over a single Ethernet cable. This capability simplifies the installation of devices such as IP cameras, VoIP phones, and wireless access points, as it eliminates the need for separate power sources. By providing electrical power through the same cable used for data transmission, PoE enhances the flexibility of network design and reduces clutter from additional wiring. Other options focus on different aspects of networking. The transmission of data only does not account for the power component, which is a key feature of PoE. Increased network speed pertains to the performance of the network itself, rather than the capability of PoE, and segmentation of a network relates to dividing a network into different segments for performance and management, which is unrelated to the powering aspects of PoE technology.

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As a signal travels from the sending device to the receiving device, it experiences attenuation, which refers to the loss of signal strength as it propagates over distance. This phenomenon occurs due to various factors, including resistance in the transmission medium, interference from external sources, and the physical limitations of the medium itself (such as cable or air). The attenuation can vary depending on the type of medium used (e.g., copper cables, fiber optics, or wireless transmission) and the distance the signal must travel. As a result, the further the signal has to go, the weaker it typically becomes by the time it reaches the receiving device. Understanding attenuation is crucial for network design and troubleshooting, as it affects overall performance and the quality of communication between devices. Network engineers need to consider attenuation when planning networks to ensure that signals can be effectively received and interpreted, and often use repeaters or amplifiers to mitigate its impact when necessary.

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GRE (Generic Routing Encapsulation) primarily provides a mechanism for encapsulating a variety of network protocols. This encapsulation allows different types of data packets to be encapsulated into the GRE packet format, enabling them to be transmitted over an IP network. This is particularly useful for creating point-to-point connections across different network architectures and allows for the transportation of non-IP protocols over IP networks. For example, GRE can encapsulate protocols such as IPX, AppleTalk, and others, making it versatile for connecting disparate systems. By facilitating encapsulation, GRE plays a crucial role in the implementation of virtual private networks (VPNs), enabling the secure and efficient transmission of broader types of traffic while maintaining the integrity and compatibility of the underlying data. The other options don't correctly reflect GRE's primary purpose. Secure data transfer is typically associated with protocols like IPsec. Logging network messages relates more to monitoring and management protocols, rather than encapsulation. Managing remote desktops is covered under other specific protocols like RDP or VNC, which do not involve GRE.

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!