

DAVINCI RESOLVE 20 BEGINNER PRACTICE TEST (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. What can a manually created Smart Bin filter clips marked as?**
 - A. Good Takes
 - B. Bad Takes
 - C. Neutral takes
 - D. Final Takes

- 2. Which feature helps you identify speech timing by looking at the waveform visually?**
 - A. Audio waveform
 - B. Video waveform
 - C. Clip color
 - D. Metronome

- 3. What ensures correct playback platform compatibility when exporting?**
 - A. Using alpha channel export
 - B. Rendering with variable frame rate
 - C. Rendering in the native project format
 - D. Choosing the correct export format

- 4. Backing up project libraries protects against which risk?**
 - A. Software updates
 - B. Hardware failure
 - C. Power outages
 - D. User error

- 5. What is the relationship between the Media Pool and the timeline?**
 - A. The Media Pool exposes the timeline.
 - B. The timeline feeds the Media Pool.
 - C. The Media Pool feeds the timeline with clips.
 - D. The Media Pool stores color presets.

- 6. Which activity typically begins the editing of interviews?**
 - A. Adding transitions
 - B. Color correction
 - C. Exporting the timeline
 - D. Selecting strongest soundbites

7. A Smart Bin that groups clips based on metadata is an example of which principle?
- A. Grouping by duration
 - B. Grouping by color
 - C. Using metadata
 - D. Grouping by file type
8. In Resolve, which statement best describes subclips relative to the source media?
- A. A separate project file
 - B. A proxy version
 - C. Portions of longer clips
 - D. A backup of the clip
9. Which feature allows saving a grade snapshot to reuse on other clips?
- A. LUT Library.
 - B. Node Presets.
 - C. Still Stores in the Gallery.
 - D. Clip Console.
10. What does Resolve check during Quick Setup?
- A. CPU speed
 - B. Disk space
 - C. Operating system and graphics card
 - D. Internet connection

Answers

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

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1. What can a manually created Smart Bin filter clips marked as?

- A. Good Takes
- B. Bad Takes
- C. Neutral takes
- D. Final Takes

Smart Bins in Resolve pull in clips based on metadata you assign to them. When you manually mark clips as a good take—using a rating, color label, or a keyword like “Good”—you can set the Smart Bin rule to include clips that are marked as Good. The Smart Bin then auto-collects those clips, giving you a focused view of the best options for editing. This is why the correct label for a manually created Smart Bin filter is Good Takes—the designation you apply to highlight the top takes.

2. Which feature helps you identify speech timing by looking at the waveform visually?

- A. Audio waveform
- B. Video waveform
- C. Clip color
- D. Metronome

Reading speech timing visually comes from the audio waveform, which maps sound energy over time. The waveform shows how loud or soft the speech is and when those changes occur, so you can spot the start and end of spoken phrases, pauses, and the rhythm of the delivery. This lets you place edits or sync points precisely to when speech begins or pauses, based on the actual sound pattern rather than guesswork. The video waveform would only reflect the video signal, not spoken timing; clip color is just a labeling aid, and a metronome provides a separate, steady beat but doesn't show the real timing of the spoken words. The audio waveform is the direct visual cue for timing in speech.

3. What ensures correct playback platform compatibility when exporting?

- A. Using alpha channel export
- B. Rendering with variable frame rate
- C. Rendering in the native project format
- D. Choosing the correct export format

Choosing the correct export format ensures playback compatibility because the format defines the file container and the codecs used for video and audio. Different devices and apps support different combinations, so picking a widely supported format—like MP4 with H.264 video and AAC audio—gives your file the best chance to play smoothly across computers, phones, browsers, and media players without extra steps. Other options don't guarantee cross platform playback: exporting with an alpha channel relates to transparency data and isn't about compatibility, rendering with a variable frame rate can cause timing issues on some players, and exporting in Resolve's native project format isn't intended for broad playback. So, always align the export format with the target platform's supported codecs and containers.

4. Backing up project libraries protects against which risk?

- A. Software updates
- B. Hardware failure**
- C. Power outages
- D. User error

Backups serve as a safety net for your work. By keeping a separate copy of your project library on another drive or in the cloud, you can recover quickly if the primary storage fails. A hardware failure—like a drive crash or corruption—can lose access to your projects, but with a backup you can restore and continue without starting from scratch. That's why backing up project libraries protects against hardware failure. While backups don't prevent the failure itself, they minimize downtime and data loss when it happens.

5. What is the relationship between the Media Pool and the timeline?

- A. The Media Pool exposes the timeline.
- B. The timeline feeds the Media Pool.
- C. The Media Pool feeds the timeline with clips.**
- D. The Media Pool stores color presets.

Clips live in the Media Pool as your library of imported footage. To edit, you bring those clips into the Timeline, arranging and cutting them there. So the Media Pool feeds the timeline with clips whenever you add them to your sequence. It isn't about exposing the timeline, and color presets aren't stored in the Media Pool—they're managed in the Color area (or with specific preset tools), not in the pool itself.

6. Which activity typically begins the editing of interviews?

- A. Adding transitions
- B. Color correction
- C. Exporting the timeline
- D. Selecting strongest soundbites**

Choosing the strongest soundbites from the interview is the first, most important step because it defines the story you're going to tell. By identifying the clearest, most meaningful, and most concise moments, you establish the narrative spine of the edit. This helps you cut away filler and focus on statements that convey the speaker's message, emotion, and intent, which keeps the audience engaged from the start. In a DaVinci Resolve 20 workflow, you'd typically listen through the footage, mark or flag the best moments, and assemble a rough cut using those clips. Once the core material is in place, you can layer in transitions, refine pacing, and then move on to finishing tasks like color correction, audio cleanup, and finally exporting.

7. A Smart Bin that groups clips based on metadata is an example of which principle?

- A. Grouping by duration
- B. Grouping by color
- C. Using metadata**
- D. Grouping by file type

Grouping media by metadata focuses on using descriptive information attached to each clip to organize it. A Smart Bin that sorts clips based on metadata demonstrates how you can set rules to automatically collect footage that shares a tag or attribute, such as keywords, scene type, camera, or date. This approach is more flexible and scalable than sorting by length, by color, or by file type, because those methods rely on a single observable property rather than the richer descriptive data stored with the clip. Metadata-based grouping lets you build dynamic collections that update as new clips with matching attributes are added.

8. In Resolve, which statement best describes subclips relative to the source media?

- A. A separate project file
- B. A proxy version
- C. Portions of longer clips**
- D. A backup of the clip

Subclips are segments taken from a longer source clip. In Resolve, you can set in and out points on a source and turn that selection into its own clip in the Media Pool. This lets you treat a specific moment as a standalone piece without duplicating the media file, while still referencing the original source. Subclips stay linked to the same media, so they're convenient for isolating takes or highlights from a longer shot and then using them in the timeline. They're not separate project files, proxies, or backups—those are different concepts. A separate project file would be a new project, a proxy would be a downscaled version of the media for easier editing, and a backup is a saved copy for safety.

9. Which feature allows saving a grade snapshot to reuse on other clips?

- A. LUT Library.
- B. Node Presets.
- C. Still Stores in the Gallery.**
- D. Clip Console.

Saving a grade snapshot across clips is done by capturing a Still in the Gallery. When you've tuned a clip and want to reuse that exact look, you create a Still from the Color page. That Still stores the current grade settings for that frame and lives in the Gallery as a reusable reference. Later, you can apply that grade to other clips by selecting the Still and choosing to apply the grade, ensuring the same color treatment across shots without regrading each one. Other features serve different purposes: LUT Library holds lookup tables for color transforms, Node Presets save node configurations rather than a specific grade snapshot, and Clip Console isn't used for saving or applying grade snapshots.

10. What does Resolve check during Quick Setup?

- A. CPU speed
- B. Disk space
- C. Operating system and graphics card
- D. Internet connection

Resolve's Quick Setup focuses on whether the system environment will support the program, especially how hardware acceleration will work. The key check is the operating system version and the graphics card (GPU) with its drivers. These determine if Resolve can run smoothly and take advantage of GPU-accelerated features, which is why this is the best answer. Disk space and internet connection aren't the gatekeepers for starting the software in this step, and while CPU performance matters for overall speed, the Quick Setup threshold is set by OS support and GPU compatibility rather than raw CPU speed.

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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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