

# Field Medical Training Battalion (FMTB) Block 1 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. Which Marine disobeyed orders to make multiple rescue trips into heavy fire to save Marines and Afghan soldiers?**
  - A. Dakota Meyer**
  - B. Jason Dunham**
  - C. Daniel Daly**
  - D. Ira Hayes**
  
- 2. Which of the following describes Weapons Condition Four?**
  - A. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed**
  - B. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed; Weapon on Safe**
  - C. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty**
  - D. Magazine Inserted; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed; Weapon on Safe**
  
- 3. Who is commonly credited with stating the phrase 'Uncommon Valor was a common virtue'?**
  - A. Admiral Nimitz**
  - B. General Patton**
  - C. Admiral Halsey**
  - D. General MacArthur**
  
- 4. Which two Marine Forces fall under Operating Forces?**
  - A. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic (MARFORLANT) and Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC)**
  - B. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic (MARFORLANT) and Marine Corps Recruiting Command**
  - C. Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) and Training Activities and Formal Schools**
  - D. Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Marine Corps Systems Command**
  
- 5. Which MEF includes the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) as its air wing, based at Futenma?**
  - A. 3rd MEF**
  - B. 1st MEF**
  - C. 2nd MEF**
  - D. None of the above**

- 6. What is the length of the M16A4?**
- A. 39 5/8 inches**
  - B. 40 1/4 inches**
  - C. 38 1/2 inches**
  - D. 39 inches**
- 7. What does HQMC consist of?**
- A. The Commandant of the Marine Corps and staff agencies that advise and assist him**
  - B. The Joint Chiefs of Staff**
  - C. The Marine Corps Recruiting Command**
  - D. The Secretary of the Navy**
- 8. Which of the following is NOT a component of the Supporting Establishments category?**
- A. Marine Corps Recruiting Command**
  - B. Marine Corps Combat Development Command**
  - C. Marine Corps Systems Command**
  - D. Marine Corps University**
- 9. Which rank is categorized as Field Grade?**
- A. Major/Lieutenant Commander**
  - B. Brigadier General/Rear Admiral (lower half)**
  - C. Lieutenant General/Vice Admiral**
  - D. General/Admiral**
- 10. Which right does a prisoner of war have regarding the Geneva Convention?**
- A. Right to have a copy of the Geneva Convention and its annexes posted where it can be read in proper language and available upon request.**
  - B. Right to receive a personal copy of the Geneva Convention in any language without a request.**
  - C. Right to rewrite the Geneva Convention in their own language.**
  - D. Right to access only after release.**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Which Marine disobeyed orders to make multiple rescue trips into heavy fire to save Marines and Afghan soldiers?**

**A. Dakota Meyer**

**B. Jason Dunham**

**C. Daniel Daly**

**D. Ira Hayes**

Disobeying orders to risk life for teammates under direct enemy fire is the key idea here. During the 2009 battle in Ganjgal, Afghanistan, this Marine repeatedly pushed back into heavy fire to reach and pull wounded Marines and an Afghan soldier to safety, and he also helped recover the bodies of fallen comrades. He did not stay put as ordered, but pressed on to save as many lives as possible, actions that earned him the Medal of Honor. The other well-known Medal of Honor recipients referenced achieved bravery in different wars or circumstances, not this specific rescue under fire in Afghanistan, so the described rescue sequence points to this Marine's actions in Ganjgal.

**2. Which of the following describes Weapons Condition Four?**

**A. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed**

**B. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed; Weapon on Safe**

**C. Magazine Removed; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty**

**D. Magazine Inserted; Bolt Forward; Chamber Empty; Ejection Port Cover Closed; Weapon on Safe**

Condition Four means the firearm is in a fully safe, storage/maintenance state. The rifle has the magazine removed to eliminate any feed source. The bolt is forward and the chamber is empty, so there is no round in the chamber and the action isn't ready to chamber a round. The ejection port cover is closed to protect the interior and indicate the action is secured. Finally, the weapon is on Safe, preventing accidental discharge if a trigger is pulled. This combination is used when the weapon is not intended to be fired, such as during maintenance or long-term storage.

**3. Who is commonly credited with stating the phrase ‘Uncommon Valor was a common virtue’?**

- A. Admiral Nimitz**
- B. General Patton**
- C. Admiral Halsey**
- D. General MacArthur**

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz is commonly credited with saying “Uncommon valor was a common virtue.” He commanded the U.S. Pacific Fleet in World War II and is remembered for publicly praising the Marines’ extraordinary bravery during the Pacific campaigns, especially Iwo Jima. The idea behind the phrase is that acts of remarkable courage by individuals can represent the character of an entire fighting force, turning uncommon bravery into a shared value. The attribution has stuck in popular memory largely because of Nimitz’s leadership role and the Marine Corps’ storied courage in those battles, even though a definitive contemporaneous source for the exact wording isn’t clearly documented. The other listed leaders were indeed prominent, but this specific quotation is not tied to them in credible historical sources.

**4. Which two Marine Forces fall under Operating Forces?**

- A. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic (MARFORLANT) and Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC)**
- B. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic (MARFORLANT) and Marine Corps Recruiting Command**
- C. Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) and Training Activities and Formal Schools**
- D. Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Marine Corps Systems Command**

In the Marine Corps, Operating Forces are the combat-ready units tasked with deploying and conducting operations in theaters around the world. The two Marine Forces that fall under Operating Forces are Marine Corps Forces Atlantic and Marine Corps Forces Pacific. These commands oversee the front-line Marine units assigned to the Atlantic and Pacific regions, respectively, and they serve as the geographic combatant-command link for deploying Marines and their equipment. The other options point to parts of the Supporting Establishment—Recruiting Command handles manpower recruitment, Training Activities and Formal Schools provide training infrastructure, and Combat Development Command along with Marine Corps Systems Command focus on doctrine development and systems acquisition rather than frontline operational forces.

**5. Which MEF includes the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) as its air wing, based at Futenma?**

**A. 3rd MEF**

**B. 1st MEF**

**C. 2nd MEF**

**D. None of the above**

In Marine Corps structure, each Marine Expeditionary Force has its own aviation wing as the air component. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing is based at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa and serves as the air wing for the III Marine Expeditionary Force, the forward-deployed MEF in the Pacific. That's why the MEF that includes the 1st MAW as its air wing, based at Futenma, is III MEF. The other MEFs rely on different air wings (for example, I MEF with 3rd MAW, II MEF with 2nd MAW), so they aren't the ones paired with 1st MAW.

**6. What is the length of the M16A4?**

**A. 39 5/8 inches**

**B. 40 1/4 inches**

**C. 38 1/2 inches**

**D. 39 inches**

Understanding the overall length of a rifle helps with handling, storage, and transport in the field. The M16A4 has a fixed buttstock and a 20-inch barrel, which places its overall length at just under 40 inches. In many training materials and specifications, this length is given as 39 5/8 inches (39.625 inches), a rounding that matches the commonly cited figure for this rifle. That makes it the best-fitting option among the choices. The other lengths differ enough from this standard measurement that they wouldn't align with the established specification for the M16A4's overall length.

**7. What does HQMC consist of?**

**A. The Commandant of the Marine Corps and staff agencies that advise and assist him**

**B. The Joint Chiefs of Staff**

**C. The Marine Corps Recruiting Command**

**D. The Secretary of the Navy**

HQMC refers to Headquarters, Marine Corps—the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the staff agencies that advise and assist him in running the Marine Corps. This is the administrative and policy-making center that supports the Commandant. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, while a crucial DoD body that coordinates matters across the services, is not part of HQMC. The Marine Corps Recruiting Command is a subordinate command under HQMC that handles recruitment, but HQMC itself is defined by the Commandant and the advising staff, not by that single component. The Secretary of the Navy is the civilian head of the Navy and Marine Corps; HQMC operates under the Secretary but is not equivalent to him.

**8. Which of the following is NOT a component of the Supporting Establishments category?**

- A. Marine Corps Recruiting Command**
- B. Marine Corps Combat Development Command**
- C. Marine Corps Systems Command**
- D. Marine Corps University**

Supporting Establishments are the parts of the Marine Corps that enable combat power without forming deployable units. They provide essential enablement like doctrine and future force development, acquisition and sustainment of equipment, and manpower through recruitment. The Combat Development Command shapes doctrine and training concepts, guiding how forces will operate in the future. The Systems Command handles the life cycle of equipment and systems—acquisition, testing, fielding, and sustainment—so Marines have the right tools. The Recruiting Command is responsible for bringing in new Marines and managing accession pipelines. Marine Corps University, while crucial for the professional development and education of Marines, sits in the training and education sphere rather than under Supporting Establishments. So Marine Corps University is not part of the Supporting Establishments.

**9. Which rank is categorized as Field Grade?**

- A. Major/Lieutenant Commander**
- B. Brigadier General/Rear Admiral (lower half)**
- C. Lieutenant General/Vice Admiral**
- D. General/Admiral**

Field grade refers to officers who are above the company level and typically occupy senior leadership roles, with ranks around O-4 to O-6 across services. In practice, this includes Major in the Army/Air Force/Marine Corps and Lieutenant Commander in the Navy/Coast Guard. They represent the starting tier of more advanced, leadership-focused roles beyond early career positions. The correct choice shows Major and Lieutenant Commander, both at the O-4 level, which is the entry point for field-grade officers. The other options depict higher echelons—Generals and Admirals at O-7 and above—who are flag officers rather than field grade, so they don't fit this category.

**10. Which right does a prisoner of war have regarding the Geneva Convention?**

- A. Right to have a copy of the Geneva Convention and its annexes posted where it can be read in proper language and available upon request.**
- B. Right to receive a personal copy of the Geneva Convention in any language without a request.**
- C. Right to rewrite the Geneva Convention in their own language.**
- D. Right to access only after release.**

The key idea is that prisoners of war must be informed of their rights and be able to access the text of the Geneva Convention in a language they can read while in captivity. The Convention requires that the text, including its annexes, be posted in a language the prisoners understand and be available upon request. This ensures they know the protections and obligations that apply to them and can seek clarification or assistance as needed. That's why having a copy posted in a readable language and available on request is the correct approach. The other options presume a personal free copy in any language, let the prisoner rewrite the text, or restrict access until after release, none of which align with providing accessible, in-camp information about the rights and protections under the Convention.

## 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.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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