

Healthcare - Autonomy, Ethics, and System Levels 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 term means compliance in or approval of what is done or proposed by another?**
 - A. Consent**
 - B. Artificial Intelligence**
 - C. Mass media**
 - D. Citizen**

- 2. A relationship between two or more individuals is best described as:**
 - A. Leader**
 - B. Partnership**
 - C. Interprofessional**
 - D. Implement**

- 3. A plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim is called a**
 - A. Debt**
 - B. Barrier**
 - C. Implement**
 - D. Strategies**

- 4. Which term is defined as a set of moral principles; a theory or system of moral values?**
 - A. Autonomy**
 - B. Advocate**
 - C. Macrosystem**
 - D. Ethics**

- 5. What term means ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to support a cause or damage an opposing cause?**
 - A. Propaganda**
 - B. Grasstop**
 - C. Grassroot**
 - D. Root-cause analysis**

- 6. Which term corresponds to the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age, and the people's access to power, money, and resources?**
- A. Socioeconomic**
 - B. Emotional intelligence**
 - C. Social determinants of health**
 - D. Integrity**
- 7. Which term is the ability to recognize, understand, and deal skillfully with one's own emotions and the emotions of others?**
- A. Emotional intelligence**
 - B. Integrity**
 - C. Beneficence**
 - D. Policy makers**
- 8. Which term describes the direct environmental impact nurses and care teams have on patients?**
- A. Macrosystem**
 - B. Advocate**
 - C. Holistic**
 - D. Microsystem**
- 9. What term describes the supreme, absolute power a state has to govern itself and its population without external control?**
- A. Sovereignty**
 - B. Federalism**
 - C. Constitution**
 - D. Propaganda**

10. Which term refers to a neurodevelopmental disorder with persistent impairments in social interaction, communication, patterns of behavior, activities, or interests, affecting cognition and/or language?

A. Autism spectrum disorder

B. Public opinion

C. Forum

D. Alteration

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which term means compliance in or approval of what is done or proposed by another?

A. Consent

B. Artificial Intelligence

C. Mass media

D. Citizen

Consent is the term that captures the idea of giving permission or agreement for something to be done or proposed by someone else. It reflects a voluntary choice to approve proceeding, and in healthcare, it underpins autonomy by ensuring a person understands what will happen, agrees to it, and can withdraw at any time. In short, consent is about yes to another's plan, with the person's own authorization guiding the action. The other terms don't express this idea of agreeing to a proposed action. Artificial Intelligence refers to machine-based intelligence, not approval or permission. Mass media denotes channels of communication, not an act of consent. A citizen is a person with certain rights and duties within a state, not the act of approving another's proposal.

2. A relationship between two or more individuals is best described as:

A. Leader

B. Partnership

C. Interprofessional

D. Implement

A partnership captures the essence of two or more individuals working together with shared goals, mutual respect, and joint accountability. This relationship emphasizes collaboration, equal input, and shared decision-making, which fits situations where people contribute their perspectives and skills to achieve a common outcome. Why this fits better than the others: calling someone a leader implies a hierarchy or authority over others, which isn't necessary to describe the way two people relate to each other in a collaborative sense. Interprofessional describes collaboration across different professions, which is broader than a simple two-person relationship and focuses on roles rather than the interpersonal dynamic. Implement describes an action—carrying out a plan—not the nature of the relationship itself. In many healthcare and ethics contexts, the term partnership best conveys a joint, participatory relationship between individuals.

3. A plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim is called a

- A. Debt**
- B. Barrier**
- C. Implement**
- D. Strategies**

Understanding this concept means recognizing that a strategy is a deliberate, coordinated set of actions and policies designed to reach a large goal. It provides direction, prioritizes resources, and guides decision-making over time, especially for complex, long-term aims. Using the plural form fits because, in policy or planning contexts, there are often multiple strategies to pursue to achieve the overall aim, even though a single strategy can also exist. The other terms don't describe a plan of action: debt is a financial obligation, a barrier is an obstacle, and implement is the verb meaning to carry out a plan rather than the plan itself.

4. Which term is defined as a set of moral principles; a theory or system of moral values?

- A. Autonomy**
- B. Advocate**
- C. Macrosystem**
- D. Ethics**

Ethics refers to a set of moral principles that guide what people ought to do and help professionals evaluate judgments about right and wrong. It provides a framework for deciding how to act in situations where values clash, such as balancing patient autonomy with beneficence, protecting confidentiality, and ensuring justice in care. This makes it the best answer because the other terms describe different ideas: autonomy is the right of individuals to govern their own choices; an advocate is someone who supports or defends a cause or patient; a macrosystem refers to the broad cultural and societal context in ecological models. While these can influence healthcare decisions, they don't themselves define a system of moral values. Ethics, in contrast, is the field that studies and applies those moral principles in practice.

5. What term means ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to support a cause or damage an opposing cause?

- A. Propaganda**
- B. Grasstop**
- C. Grassroot**
- D. Root-cause analysis**

Propaganda means ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to support a cause or damage an opposing one. It's crafted to influence beliefs and actions by presenting information in a biased way—often using selective facts, emotional appeals, slogans, and repetition—instead of offering a balanced or thorough examination. This intent to persuade sets it apart from simply providing information or analyzing a situation. The other terms don't fit because grassroots and grasstop refer to who is driving a movement (the broad base of ordinary people versus influential leaders), and root-cause analysis is a method for identifying underlying reasons behind a problem, not for persuading or shaping opinions.

6. Which term corresponds to the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age, and the people's access to power, money, and resources?

- A. Socioeconomic**
- B. Emotional intelligence**
- C. Social determinants of health**
- D. Integrity**

Social determinants of health describe the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age, and how power, money, and resources are distributed to influence health outcomes. This framework explains why health varies based on where someone lives, their housing and neighborhood safety, education, income and employment, social support, and access to healthcare. It goes beyond just one's income or education to include structural and environmental factors that shape health opportunities for whole populations. Personal traits like emotional intelligence or integrity don't address these external conditions, so they don't fit the description.

7. Which term is the ability to recognize, understand, and deal skillfully with one's own emotions and the emotions of others?

- A. Emotional intelligence**
- B. Integrity**
- C. Beneficence**
- D. Policy makers**

Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand, and manage both your own emotions and the emotions of others. In healthcare, this means being self-aware so you can regulate your reactions under pressure, and being attuned to patients and colleagues to respond with empathy and clear communication. This capability helps you use emotions to guide decisions, resolve conflicts, and build trust within the team and with patients. The other terms describe different concepts: integrity is about honesty and adherence to moral principles; beneficence is the obligation to act in patients' best interests; policy makers refer to people who create rules, not a psychological skill. So emotional intelligence best fits the description.

8. Which term describes the direct environmental impact nurses and care teams have on patients?

- A. Macrosystem**
- B. Advocate**
- C. Holistic**
- D. Microsystem**

The main idea here is recognizing how the immediate care setting is categorized. The term for the direct, day-to-day environment where care is delivered—the unit or ward, the patient and family, the care team, workflows, and the physical space—is microsystem. This is where nurses and other clinicians directly shape care through their interactions, routines, and use of resources, all of which have a direct impact on safety, efficiency, and patient outcomes. The broader context, macrosystem, covers overarching policies, culture, and systems-level factors that influence care but aren't the immediate environment patients experience. An advocate is someone who supports patient rights and needs, a role within care but not the environmental setting. A holistic approach focuses on treating the whole person, not the specific setting where care occurs.

9. What term describes the supreme, absolute power a state has to govern itself and its population without external control?

- A. Sovereignty**
- B. Federalism**
- C. Constitution**
- D. Propaganda**

Sovereignty is the term for the supreme, final authority a state has to govern itself and its population without external control. It means a state can set and enforce its own laws, determine its own policies, and conduct foreign relations autonomously within its borders. In practice, sovereignty can be shaped or limited by international law, treaties, and global institutions, but the core idea is independent control over internal affairs and external interactions. The other concepts don't describe that ultimate, self-contained authority: federalism involves distributing power between national and regional governments; a constitution is a formal document outlining government structure and powers but doesn't itself denote ultimate authority; propaganda is a tool used to influence public opinion, not a description of political sovereignty.

10. Which term refers to a neurodevelopmental disorder with persistent impairments in social interaction, communication, patterns of behavior, activities, or interests, affecting cognition and/or language?

A. Autism spectrum disorder

B. Public opinion

C. Forum

D. Alteration

Autism spectrum disorder is a neurodevelopmental condition defined by persistent difficulties in social interaction and communication, along with restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities. These features commonly appear in early development and can impact cognition and language to varying degrees. The description in the prompt matches the standard understanding of autism spectrum disorder, which emphasizes both social-communication challenges and restricted behaviors as core aspects. The other terms—public opinion, forum, or alteration—refer to concepts outside of a medical condition and do not describe a neurodevelopmental disorder.

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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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