

HEALTHCARE SCIENCE END OF PATHWAY 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. The term meaning relating to the arm area.

- A. Brachial
- B. Otic
- C. Cardiac
- D. Femoral

2. Which prefix means outside?

- A. Endo
- B. Exo
- C. Eu
- D. Intra

3. Which term describes a non-emergency, planned surgery that can be scheduled in advance?

- A. Urgent Surgery
- B. Elective Surgery
- C. Emergency Surgery
- D. Muscle Tone

4. Study of tissues?

- A. Histology
- B. Epithelial
- C. Anatomy
- D. Microbiology

5. A process that prevents or inhibits the growth of pathogenic organisms

- A. Leukopenia
- B. Cardiopulmonary
- C. Pericarditis
- D. Antisepsis

6. Which term refers to an area in which the epidermis is missing, exposing the dermis?
- A. Fissure
 - B. Scar
 - C. Excoriation
 - D. Ulcer
7. Which abbreviation is used to denote high blood pressure?
- A. BP
 - B. HTN
 - C. HPT
 - D. HBP
8. Which term is used to describe the crescent-shaped heart valve?
- A. Tachycardia
 - B. Semilunar
 - C. Supraclavicular
 - D. Subdural
9. What is the abbreviation for Liver?
- A. Hepat
 - B. Gyne
 - C. Irid
 - D. Hist
10. Which suffix means 'to kill'?
- A. algia
 - B. ase
 - C. ic
 - D. cide

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. The term meaning relating to the arm area.

A. Brachial

B. Otic

C. Cardiac

D. Femoral

Relating to the arm area is described by the term brachial. In anatomy, brachial is the standard word used for structures and regions of the upper limb—from shoulder to elbow—so you'll see it in terms like the brachial artery or brachial plexus. The other options point to different regions: otic means ear, cardiac means the heart, and femoral relates to the thigh or femur. So brachial is the best fit for the arm.

2. Which prefix means outside?

A. Endo

B. Exo

C. Eu

D. Intra

Understanding prefixes that describe location helps decode medical terms. Outside is conveyed by exo-; you can see it in words like exoskeleton or exterior, where the meaning is something located outside or outer. The other prefixes here point to different ideas: endo- and intra- mean inside or within, while eu- means good or true rather than position. So the prefix that means outside is exo-.

3. Which term describes a non-emergency, planned surgery that can be scheduled in advance?

A. Urgent Surgery

B. Elective Surgery

C. Emergency Surgery

D. Muscle Tone

Elective surgery refers to a planned, non-emergency operation that can be scheduled in advance. It isn't about immediate life-or-death action, and the timing can be arranged to suit the patient and surgeon, even though the procedure may be medically necessary in some cases. Examples include cataract removal or joint replacement. By contrast, urgent surgery needs to happen soon to prevent harm, and emergency surgery must be performed immediately. Muscle tone is unrelated to this concept.

4. Study of tissues?

- A. Histology
- B. Epithelial
- C. Anatomy
- D. Microbiology

Histology is the study of tissues. It focuses on the microscopic structure of tissues—the arrangement of cells into organized layers and networks, and how that structure supports function. In practice, histology uses thin tissue sections, special stains, and microscopes to reveal details not visible to the naked eye. This makes it the best fit for asking about the study of tissues. Epithelial is a type of tissue, anatomy is a broad study of body structure, and microbiology looks at microorganisms, not tissues.

5. A process that prevents or inhibits the growth of pathogenic organisms

- A. Leukopenia
- B. Cardiopulmonary
- C. Pericarditis
- D. Antisepsis

Antisepsis is the use of chemical agents to prevent or inhibit the growth of pathogenic organisms on living tissue. This fits the description because the goal is to suppress microbial growth where the body is exposed, reducing infection risk. The other terms are not about antimicrobial processes: leukopenia is a low white blood cell count, affecting immune defense but not describing a growth-inhibiting procedure; cardiopulmonary relates to heart and lung function; pericarditis is inflammation of the pericardium. Antisepsis differs from disinfection (which targets inanimate surfaces) and sterilization (which aims to kill all microorganisms). In practice, antiseptics like chlorhexidine or alcohol prep skin to prevent infection.

6. Which term refers to an area in which the epidermis is missing, exposing the dermis?

- A. Fissure
- B. Scar
- C. Excoriation
- D. Ulcer

The concept here is how skin injuries are classified by depth and cause. An excoriation describes a superficial skin loss where the epidermis is removed, exposing the underlying dermis. This usually results from scratching or rubbing and presents as a raw or crusted area on the skin. This fits best because it specifically denotes epidermal loss with dermal exposure, which distinguishes it from a fissure (a linear crack in skin), a scar (fibrous tissue remaining after healing), and an ulcer (a deeper, crater-like breakdown that can extend into deeper tissues). Understanding the depth and cause helps explain why excoriation is the right term for a lesion where the epidermis is missing and the dermis is exposed.

7. Which abbreviation is used to denote high blood pressure?

- A. BP
- B. HTN**
- C. HPT
- D. HBP

High blood pressure is called hypertension, and in clinical shorthand the standard abbreviation for that condition is HTN. This abbreviation is widely used in medical records, guidelines, and prescriptions to indicate a diagnosed condition. BP refers to the actual blood pressure measurement (the numbers), not the disease itself. HBP is a less formal term seen more in everyday language, and HPT isn't a recognized abbreviation for this purpose. So HTN is the appropriate shorthand for denoting high blood pressure.

8. Which term is used to describe the crescent-shaped heart valve?

- A. Tachycardia
- B. Semilunar**
- C. Supraclavicular
- D. Subdural

Semilunar describes the crescent-shaped heart valves. The aortic and pulmonary valves are called semilunar because their cusps form a half moon shape as they close to prevent backflow from the arteries into the ventricles. This distinguishes them from the atrioventricular valves (mitral and tricuspid), which have different structures and are not crescent-shaped. The other terms don't relate to heart valves: tachycardia means a fast heart rate; supraclavicular refers to a region above the clavicle; subdural is an intracranial space term.

9. What is the abbreviation for Liver?

- A. Hepat**
- B. Gyne
- C. Irid
- D. Hist

In medical terminology, organ names are built from combining forms that identify the structure. For the liver, the root is hepat- (also seen as hepato- when forming terms). That is why hepat is the abbreviation representing the liver, as in hepatic/hepatology. The other roots point to different structures—gyne- to female reproductive organs, irid- to the iris of the eye, and hist- to tissue—so they're not used for the liver.

10. Which suffix means 'to kill'?

- A. algia
- B. ase
- C. ic
- D. cide**

Suffix that means to kill is -cide, coming from the Latin caedere, to kill. When you add it to a word stem, the term refers to killing or the act of killing. For example, homicide is the killing of a person, suicide is killing oneself, and pesticide is a substance designed to kill pests. The other suffixes have different meanings: -algia means pain (neuralgia), -ase denotes an enzyme (lipase), and -ic forms adjectives meaning pertaining to or having the nature of (cardiac, athletic).

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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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