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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 sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. The nurse asked the patient to lay down on the gurney.
- B. The nurse asked the patient to lie down on the gurney.
- C. The nurse asked the patient to ley down on the gurney.
- D. The nurse asked the patient to lei down on the gurney.

2. My mother and ____ went shopping for clothes yesterday.

- A. Us
- B. Me
- C. Myself
- D. I

3. The nurse asked the patient to choose _____ items from the menu.

- A. Eight
- B. Ate
- C. For
- D. Fore

4. Which word is used incorrectly in: "The man's heart attack scared him badly and he decided having a regular check-up from then on."?

- A. Man's
- B. Badly
- C. From
- D. Having

5. Identify the phrase that should be corrected in the sentence: It was after soon he arrived in the U.S.A that he met the woman who was to become his wife.

- A. Was
- B. After soon
- C. Become
- D. Arrived

6. How should you finish the sentence: To be admitted to the university, he _____ to make application by May 15?
- A. Has
 - B. Have
 - C. Might
 - D. Should
7. Which sentence is grammatically correct?
- A. The patient told the nurse, "put the flowers on that table over their."
 - B. The students looked at their test scores.
 - C. Their comes a time when one choose between right and wrong.
 - D. Their waiting for you.
8. What error exists in the phrase: "He had already finished studying at an university when he was called to join the army."?
- A. Had
 - B. Finished
 - C. Studying
 - D. At an
9. The salesman recommended that he keeps his receipt for at least a month.
- A. That
 - B. For
 - C. Keeps
 - D. At least
10. Which sentence is grammatically correct?
- A. Several lost his or her keys on the train.
 - B. Does everyone have their train tickets ready?
 - C. Is everyone ready for their ice cream sundaes?
 - D. Somebody left his or her jacket on the train.

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. The nurse asked the patient to lay down on the gurney.
- B. The nurse asked the patient to lie down on the gurney.**
- C. The nurse asked the patient to ley down on the gurney.
- D. The nurse asked the patient to lei down on the gurney.

The chosen sentence is grammatically correct because it uses the verb "lie" in its proper form. "Lie" means to recline or to be in a horizontal position. When instructing someone to assume a resting position, the correct phrase is "lie down." This verb does not take a direct object, as opposed to "lay," which means to place something down and does require an object (e.g., to lay down a book). In this context, the patient is the one who is being instructed to recline, making "lie" the appropriate choice. Using "lay" or misspellings such as "ley" or "lei" would be incorrect in this context as they either change the meaning of the action or do not exist as relevant verbs in standard English usage.

2. My mother and ____ went shopping for clothes yesterday.

- A. Us
- B. Me
- C. Myself
- D. I**

In the sentence "My mother and ____ went shopping for clothes yesterday," the correct choice is "I." This is because when the pronoun is part of the subject of a sentence, it should be in the subjective case, which is "I" in this instance. When constructing sentences, the subject pronoun is used to indicate who is performing the action. Here, the mother and the speaker are performing the action of going shopping. Therefore, "I" is the appropriate pronoun to use to maintain grammatical correctness. A clearer understanding of this can be derived from considering the sentence without the mother: "I went shopping for clothes yesterday," which confirms the use of "I" as the subject. Using "me," "myself," or "us" in this context would be incorrect because they do not serve as subject pronouns. "Me" is an object pronoun, "myself" is a reflexive pronoun, and "us" is a plural object pronoun, which do not fit the grammatical requirements of this sentence structure.

3. The nurse asked the patient to choose _____ items from the menu.

- A. Eight**
- B. Ate
- C. For
- D. Fore

The most fitting word to complete the sentence is "eight," as it is a numerical adjective that indicates a specific quantity of items the patient is being asked to choose from the menu. This choice is contextually appropriate, as it clearly defines the number of items, making the instruction straightforward for the patient. In this scenario, using a number helps to efficiently communicate the nurse's request. The other choices do not fulfill the grammatical or contextual requirements of the sentence. "Ate" is the past tense of the verb "eat" and would not logically fit in this context. "For" is a preposition and does not serve to express a quantity. "Fore" is an unrelated term, typically used to indicate something at the front or in a direction, and does not pertain to the context of selection or quantity. Thus, "eight" stands out as the correct choice for this sentence.

4. Which word is used incorrectly in: "The man's heart attack scared him badly and he decided having a regular check-up from then on."?

A. Man's

B. Badly

C. From

D. Having

The choice that is used incorrectly in the sentence is "having." The phrase "decided having" is not grammatically correct because it implies a continuous action, which doesn't fit well with the verb "decided." Instead, the sentence should use a structure that clarifies the action of deciding to have something in the future. A more appropriate formulation would be "decided to have" a regular check-up. This structure effectively conveys the intent to take action after the event of the heart attack. Using "decided to have" not only enhances clarity but also adheres to standard English grammatical conventions. The use of "to" here transforms the action into an infinitive form, indicating a future intention.

5. Identify the phrase that should be corrected in the sentence: It was after soon he arrived in the U.S.A that he met the woman who was to become his wife.

A. Was

B. After soon

C. Become

D. Arrived

The phrase "after soon" is a bit awkward and unclear in the context of the sentence. The intended meaning is likely to convey a sequence of events, indicating that something happened shortly after another event. A more common and grammatically correct phrasing would be "soon after" instead of "after soon." In this sentence, the correct phrasing enhances clarity and maintains the flow of the narrative, helping the reader understand that the meeting occurred shortly after his arrival in the U.S.A. Using "soon after" effectively sets the timeline and improves the sentence's overall coherence. The other words in the sentence do not create the same confusion and are grammatically correct as they stand.

6. How should you finish the sentence: To be admitted to the university, he _____ to make application by May 15?

- A. Has
- B. Have
- C. Might
- D. Should

In this sentence, "To be admitted to the university, he _____ to make application by May 15," the correct choice is to use a form that indicates obligation or necessity. The word "has" establishes that he is required to take action before a specific deadline; it aligns with the context of making an application by a certain date. The construction "he has to make application" indicates a strong obligation or requirement, suggesting that it is essential for him to complete this action in order to be considered for admission. In contrast, other choices do not convey the same level of necessity or clarity. For instance, "have" would be grammatically incorrect in this context because "he" requires a singular verb form. "Might" implies uncertainty or possibility, which does not fit the context of a requirement for admission. "Should" indicates a recommendation rather than an obligation, making it less suitable for this specific implication of needing to make the application by a set date. Thus, using "has" effectively communicates the necessity of making the application by the specified deadline for the purpose of university admission.

7. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. The patient told the nurse, "put the flowers on that table over their."
- B. The students looked at their test scores.
- C. Their comes a time when one choose between right and wrong.
- D. Their waiting for you.

The sentence "The students looked at their test scores" is grammatically correct because it uses "their" properly to indicate possession. In this context, "their" refers to the students, showing that the test scores belong to them. This structure follows the standard rules of English grammar, as it clearly conveys the relationship between the subjects (the students) and the object (the test scores) without any errors in word choice or structure. The other sentences contain various grammatical issues, such as incorrect word usage or punctuation errors, which disrupt the clarity and correctness of their meaning.

8. What error exists in the phrase: "He had already finished studying at an university when he was called to join the army."?

- A. Had
- B. Finished
- C. Studying
- D. At an

In the phrase "He had already finished studying at an university when he was called to join the army," the error lies in the use of "an" before "university." The word "university" begins with a consonant sound (the "yoo" sound), which means it should be preceded by "a" instead of "an." The correct phrase should read "at a university." The use of "an" is appropriate for words that start with vowel sounds, while "a" is used for those that begin with consonant sounds. This distinction is important for grammatical accuracy and proper usage in English.

9. The salesman recommended that he keeps his receipt for at least a month.

- A. That
- B. For
- C. Keeps
- D. At least

The correct choice is "keeps," which is an example of a subjunctive mood usage in English. In this context, the phrase "that he keeps his receipt" should actually utilize the base form of the verb following "that," so "keep" should replace "keeps." The subjunctive mood is used to express wishes, recommendations, or suggestions. Here, the recommendation from the salesman necessitates using the base form "keep" to indicate that it is not a statement of fact, but rather a suggestion or recommendation. The form "keeps" is in the present indicative, which is incorrect in this sentence because it implies certainty rather than a suggestion. Thus, the sentence should read: "The salesman recommended that he keep his receipt for at least a month."

10. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A. Several lost his or her keys on the train.
- B. Does everyone have their train tickets ready?
- C. Is everyone ready for their ice cream sundaes?
- D. Somebody left his or her jacket on the train.

The selected sentence "Somebody left his or her jacket on the train" is grammatically correct because it properly matches a singular indefinite pronoun with its corresponding singular pronouns for possession. "Somebody" is considered a singular noun and therefore requires the use of "his or her" to maintain agreement in number. This structure clarifies that the jacket belongs to the unspecified individual referred to as "somebody." In contrast, the other sentences do not consistently adhere to grammatical conventions. For example, using "Several" in the first choice incorrectly pairs a plural concept with singular pronouns, leading to confusion about ownership. The use of "everyone" in the second and third choices is typically treated as singular in American English, which generally leads to the use of singular pronouns like "his or her" instead of the plural "their." However, contemporary usage increasingly accepts "their" as a singular pronoun in informal contexts, though it may not be considered formal standard in all instances. The fourth option maintains the appropriate singular form, thus presenting a clear and correct construction.

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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