

# HESI A2 Vocabulary 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. Don't worry about getting everything right, 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, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## **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.**

## **7. Use Other Tools**

**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!**

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## Questions

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- 1. If a plan is contingent, what does that mean?**
  - A. It is guaranteed.**
  - B. It is not dependent on other factors.**
  - C. It relies on other conditions.**
  - D. It is thoroughly organized.**
  
- 2. In the context of the sentence, what does the word OVERT mean?**
  - A. Unnecessary.**
  - B. Tangible.**
  - C. Energetic.**
  - D. Obvious.**
  
- 3. How would you describe someone who is fanatical in their beliefs?**
  - A. Indifferent**
  - B. Zealot**
  - C. Vicarious**
  - D. Wanton**
  
- 4. What is the meaning of the word exiguous?**
  - A. Superfluous.**
  - B. Defective.**
  - C. Inadequate.**
  - D. Eager.**
  
- 5. What does the term "revere" mean?**
  - A. To express disdain for something**
  - B. To feel deep respect or admiration**
  - C. To ignore or overlook**
  - D. To challenge or criticize**
  
- 6. What is the best definition for the word gestate?**
  - A. Conceive**
  - B. Provide**
  - C. Delete**
  - D. Remind**

**7. What does "cumbersome" mean?**

- A. Easy to handle**
- B. Large or heavy and difficult to carry**
- C. Lightweight and manageable**
- D. Simple and uncomplicated**

**8. What is the meaning of the word occlude?**

- A. Release.**
- B. Invade.**
- C. Prevent.**
- D. Direct.**

**9. What is the meaning of the word conflate?**

- A. Falsify**
- B. Merge**
- C. Anticipate**
- D. Expand**

**10. Select the meaning of the capital word in this sentence:**

**Having spent hours preparing her research, Eirinn felt that her colleague's hasty rejection of her presentation was UNTOWARD and merited a formal complaint.**

- A. Inappropriate.**
- B. Delicate.**
- C. Friendly.**
- D. Eager.**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. If a plan is contingent, what does that mean?**

- A. It is guaranteed.
- B. It is not dependent on other factors.
- C. It relies on other conditions.**
- D. It is thoroughly organized.

When a plan is described as contingent, it means that it depends on certain conditions or factors that must be met for it to proceed or be implemented. This implies that the plan cannot be executed in its entirety unless specific circumstances or prerequisites are fulfilled. For example, a contingency plan for an event might state that the event will be held outside unless it rains, in which case an indoor location will be utilized. In this context, the option stating that it relies on other conditions clearly captures the essence of what a contingent plan entails, indicating that its success or implementation hinges on external factors. Understanding this concept is crucial in scenarios such as project management, emergency preparedness, or any planning where uncertainty exists, as it emphasizes the importance of being adaptable to changing situations.

**2. In the context of the sentence, what does the word OVERT mean?**

- A. Unnecessary.
- B. Tangible.
- C. Energetic.
- D. Obvious.**

The term "overt" refers to something that is open, clear, and easily observable. When something is described as overt, it means that it is not hidden or concealed; instead, it is apparent and readily understood. The context in which "overt" is often used typically emphasizes straightforwardness and visibility. For instance, if actions, behaviors, or opinions are overt, they do not leave room for ambiguity or doubt—they are direct and clear to everyone involved. This aligns perfectly with the choice that describes "overt" as "obvious," as both terms convey a sense of clarity and lack of discretion. Understanding "overt" in this way can help in numerous contexts, from discussing communication styles to interpreting behaviors in various settings.

### 3. How would you describe someone who is fanatical in their beliefs?

- A. Indifferent
- B. Zealot**
- C. Vicarious
- D. Wanton

A person described as fanatical in their beliefs is someone who exhibits excessive zeal or passion for a particular ideology or cause. The term "zealot" aptly captures this fervent commitment, implying an individual who is uncompromising and enthusiastic, often to the point of radicalism. Zealots are typically characterized by their intense dedication and willingness to promote their beliefs, sometimes disregarding opposing viewpoints. In contrast, a person who is indifferent shows a lack of interest or concern, which is the opposite of being fanatical. Vicarious refers to experiencing something through another person rather than directly, which does not relate to the passionate adherence to beliefs. Wanton typically describes actions that are reckless or unrestrained, often with a negative connotation, but it does not convey the focused and intense commitment associated with fanatical beliefs. Thus, the choice of "zealot" accurately reflects a person who holds extreme beliefs with fervent devotion.

### 4. What is the meaning of the word exiguous?

- A. Superfluous.
- B. Defective.
- C. Inadequate.**
- D. Eager.

The word "exiguous" refers to something that is very small in quantity or insufficient; therefore, it accurately aligns with the meaning of inadequate. This term conveys a sense of deficiency or a lack of elements necessary to meet a certain standard or need. In various contexts, such as describing resources or evidence, exiguous implies that what is available is not enough to satisfy the requirements or expectations. This understanding of exiguous as insufficient directly supports the choice of inadequate as the correct answer. The other options, although they have their own meanings, do not capture the essence of something being insufficient in quantity or extent, which is what exiguous specifically denotes.

### 5. What does the term "revere" mean?

- A. To express disdain for something
- B. To feel deep respect or admiration**
- C. To ignore or overlook
- D. To challenge or criticize

The term "revere" means to feel deep respect or admiration for someone or something. This word is often associated with a sense of honor and veneration. When someone reveres a person, they hold that individual in high regard, often due to their achievements, character, or contributions to society. This emotional connection is marked by a profound appreciation and a sense of loyalty or devotion, which distinguishes it from mere respect. The other options suggest negative or dismissive attitudes, such as disdain, indifference, or challenge, which do not align with the positive connotation of "revere." This further highlights why the correct answer captures the essence of deep admiration that the word conveys.

## 6. What is the best definition for the word gestate?

- A. Conceive**
- B. Provide**
- C. Delete**
- D. Remind**

The term "gestate" refers specifically to the process of carrying a developing embryo or fetus within the womb, which is closely associated with conception. When something is said to be "gestating," it implies that it is in a stage of development or making progress from an initial idea or concept towards a completion. Therefore, the word "conceive," which means to form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind, aligns perfectly with the essence of gestation, as both involve the notion of beginning a process that leads to creation or development. This connection to the initial stage of development solidifies "conceive" as the best definition for "gestate."

## 7. What does "cumbersome" mean?

- A. Easy to handle**
- B. Large or heavy and difficult to carry**
- C. Lightweight and manageable**
- D. Simple and uncomplicated**

The term "cumbersome" refers to something that is large or heavy and, as a result, difficult to carry or manage. When describing an object or task as cumbersome, it conveys that it may cause inconvenience or require more effort than is preferable. For example, a cumbersome piece of furniture might be difficult to move because of its weight and size, which directly aligns with the definition provided in the correct answer. Understanding this word can help when discussing items or situations that pose a burden or challenge due to their physical characteristics.

## 8. What is the meaning of the word occlude?

- A. Release.**
- B. Invade.**
- C. Prevent.**
- D. Direct.**

The word "occlude" generally means to block, obstruct, or prevent something from passing through or being accessed. In various contexts, it can refer to the obstruction of blood flow in a medical sense or the blockage of light or other substances. Therefore, the choice of "prevent" aligns perfectly with the meaning of "occlude," as it captures the essence of stopping something from occurring or reaching its intended destination. Understanding this term can aid in grasping concepts where blockage or obstruction is a key factor, particularly in fields like medicine, biology, or even geography.

**9. What is the meaning of the word conflate?**

- A. Falsify
- B. Merge**
- C. Anticipate
- D. Expand

The meaning of the word "conflate" is to merge two or more distinct ideas, concepts, or entities into one. This action often leads to a blending of differences and may sometimes result in confusion between the original components. The term is commonly used in discussions involving language, where two definitions or interpretations are combined, potentially creating ambiguity or misunderstanding. Therefore, choosing "merge" as the correct answer accurately captures the essence of conflate, emphasizing the act of bringing together separate elements into a single, unified whole.

**10. Select the meaning of the capital word in this sentence:  
Having spent hours preparing her research, Eirinn felt that her colleague's hasty rejection of her presentation was UNTOWARD and merited a formal complaint.**

- A. Inappropriate.**
- B. Delicate.
- C. Friendly.
- D. Eager.

The word "untoward" in the context of the sentence indicates something that is inappropriate or not favorable. It describes an action or behavior that is considered to be against what is expected in a professional setting, especially in relation to her colleague's abrupt rejection of Eirinn's research presentation. Given that Eirinn spent significant time preparing her work, the colleague's reaction is deemed unacceptable, hence meriting a formal complaint. This aligns perfectly with the definition of "untoward" as inappropriate or unseemly behavior, reinforcing that the colleague's response was not suitable or respectful under the circumstances.

## 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!**