

HESI WEST COAST UNIVERSITY PRACTICE EXAM (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 denotes the frequency of new cases in a population?**
 - A. Infection
 - B. Hydration
 - C. Incidence
 - D. Hematologic
- 2. Which term concerns maintaining body fluid balance?**
 - A. Hygiene
 - B. Impaired
 - C. Hydration
 - D. Impending
- 3. Which term means outcome?**
 - A. Prognosis
 - B. Precaution
 - C. Recur
 - D. Renal
- 4. Which term describes a substance or material that cannot be penetrated?**
 - A. Impervious
 - B. Imply
 - C. Incidence
 - D. Infection
- 5. Which term means 'to the point'?**
 - A. Cease
 - B. Concise
 - C. Consistency
 - D. Bilateral
- 6. Which term means lengthening?**
 - A. Expand
 - B. External
 - C. Extension
 - D. Fatigue

7. Which term means to deduce from evidence?

- A. to swallow
- B. within the body
- C. to conclude
- D. infer

8. Which term means 'A characteristic or constant factor, limit'?

- A. Otic
- B. Pathogenic
- C. Posterior
- D. Parameter

9. Which term is defined as a characteristic or constant factor, limit?

- A. Ongoing
- B. Oral
- C. Pathogenic
- D. Parameter

10. Which term means 'producing a strong effect'?

- A. Ongoing
- B. Potential
- C. Potent
- D. Pathogenic

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which term denotes the frequency of new cases in a population?

- A. Infection
- B. Hydration
- C. Incidence**
- D. Hematologic

The main idea is measuring how often new cases occur in a population over a defined time period. This is incidence. It specifically tracks the risk of developing the disease, focusing on new occurrences rather than existing cases. Hydration, hematologic, and infection do not describe the rate at which new cases appear: infection is the process of becoming infected, hydration is fluid status, and hematologic relates to blood. Incidence can be expressed as cumulative incidence (the proportion of people at risk who develop the disease over a set period) or as an incidence rate (the number of new cases per person-time, such as per 1,000 or per 100,000 person-years). For example, if 50 new cases occur in a population of 10,000 people over a year, the cumulative incidence is $50/10,000 = 0.005$, or 0.5% for that year.

2. Which term concerns maintaining body fluid balance?

- A. Hygiene
- B. Impaired
- C. Hydration**
- D. Impending

Hydration is about having enough body water to maintain fluid balance and support essential bodily functions. When hydration is adequate, fluid intake matches loss, helping to preserve circulating blood volume, temperature regulation, and electrolyte balance. This makes hydration the best term for describing the state of maintaining body fluid balance. Hygiene relates to cleanliness and infection prevention, not fluid status. Impaired is a general nursing diagnosis descriptor that can apply to many problems and doesn't specify fluid balance. Impending refers to something likely to occur soon and does not describe the current fluid state.

3. Which term means outcome?

- A. Prognosis**
- B. Precaution
- C. Recur
- D. Renal

Prognosis is the likelihood of how a disease will progress and what the outcome for the patient is likely to be. It encompasses the expected course, chances of recovery, potential complications, and typical duration. It's the way clinicians convey what to expect after diagnosis or treatment. Precaution refers to a safety measure taken to prevent harm; it's about preventing problems rather than describing the likely result of a condition. Recur means to happen again after a period of remission, or to return. Renal relates to the kidneys. These terms describe actions, recurrence, or anatomy, not the overall outcome.

4. Which term describes a substance or material that cannot be penetrated?

A. Impervious

B. Imply

C. Incidence

D. Infection

Permeability is about whether something can pass through a material. A material that cannot be penetrated is impervious, meaning it blocks passage completely to liquids or gases under typical conditions. This describes a nonporous, sealed barrier—like a waterproof coat or a solid plastic membrane that stops water or air from getting through. The other terms don't describe a barrier to penetration: to imply means to suggest something indirectly, incidence refers to how often something occurs, and infection is the invasion of pathogens. So impervious is the best fit.

5. Which term means 'to the point'?

A. Cease

B. Concise

C. Consistency

D. Bilateral

The idea being tested is finding a word that means "to the point." A concise description or answer uses as few words as possible while still conveying the essential meaning, making communication clear and efficient. Among the options, concise fits best because it directly describes language that is brief and to the point. The other terms describe different ideas: cease means to stop, consistency refers to reliability or uniformity, and bilateral means involving two sides or parties. So concise is the right choice.

6. Which term means lengthening?

A. Expand

B. External

C. Extension

D. Fatigue

Lengthening is represented by extension. This noun names the act or result of making something longer—stretching it along its length or increasing its length. You can talk about the extension of a deadline, or the extension of a rod, or even a limb being extended in the sense of straightening along a length. Expand can mean to become larger in size or scope in a broader sense, not specifically about length, while external and fatigue do not denote length change.

7. Which term means to deduce from evidence?

- A. to swallow
- B. within the body
- C. to conclude

D. infer

The main idea here is deducing a likely explanation from clues and evidence. Infer is the verb that captures that reasoning process: you look at the available clues, weigh them, and derive a probable conclusion about what is happening. For example, if a patient has fever, shortness of breath, and a chest X-ray showing infiltrates, you infer that pneumonia is a likely diagnosis. The other options don't fit this sense: one means to swallow, another describes a location or context in the body, and the remaining term refers more generally to arrive at a conclusion, which is close but does not specify the reasoning step from evidence as clearly as infer.

8. Which term means 'A characteristic or constant factor, limit'?

- A. Otic
- B. Pathogenic
- C. Posterior

D. Parameter

A parameter is a fixed value that defines or characterizes a system, model, or population. It represents a constant factor or limit that sets the context for analysis. In practice, a parameter might be the true mean of a population or the rate in a model, values that stay the same within the scenario you're studying. In contrast, data you collect from a sample produce statistics, which are used to estimate the underlying parameter. This distinction helps explain why the term that means a characteristic or constant factor, limit fits best here. The other terms relate to specific body parts (otic), disease-causing agents (pathogenic), or location (posterior), not to a defining constant value.

9. Which term is defined as a characteristic or constant factor, limit?

- A. Ongoing
- B. Oral
- C. Pathogenic

D. Parameter

A parameter is a value that characterizes a population and is treated as a constant in models. It describes a fixed property of the whole group, such as the population mean or population proportion, even if we don't know its exact value. This contrasts with statistics, which are computed from samples and can vary between samples. The other terms don't fit because ongoing implies continuation, oral relates to the mouth or administration route, and pathogenic means disease-causing.

10. Which term means 'producing a strong effect'?

- A. Ongoing
- B. Potential
- C. Potent**
- D. Pathogenic

Potent describes something that produces a strong effect, often with a small amount. In medical or pharmacology contexts, potency reflects how strong an effect a drug has per dose—the higher the potency, the smaller the dose needed for the effect. For example, a potent analgesic can relieve pain quickly at low doses. The other terms don't convey strength in that way: ongoing means continuing over time; potential means possible or capable but not the actual strength; pathogenic means disease-causing.

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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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