HIGHER BUSINESS MANAGEMENT – UNDERSTANDING BUSINESS PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE

SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS

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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

1. Organisations whose purpose is to satisfy consumers' wants by producing goods and services

A. Needs

B. Organisations

C. Business organisations

D. Labour

2. In a flat structure, the span of control is wide. What is a common consequence?

A. Increased micromanagement

B. More delegation and empowerment

C. More levels of management

D. Higher costs due to many managers

3. What is a likely effect of increasing VAT on consumer purchases?

A. It would decrease sales.

B. It would have no effect on consumer behavior.

C. It would increase profits for businesses.

D. It would increase sales.

4. Which of the following is an example of a merger?

A. Disney merged with Pixar

B. Santander took over Abbey National

C. Google bought YouTube

D. A bank acquiring a competitor in a different country

5. Which statement correctly defines quotas and tariffs?

A. Quotas are limits on imports and exports; tariffs are taxes on imports and exports.

B. Tariffs are limits on imports and exports.

C. Quotas are taxes on imports and exports.

D. Tariffs are currency controls; imports and exports.

6. What does satisficing mean in corporate objectives?

A. To aim for a satisfactory result rather than for the best possible outcome

B. To maximize long-term profits

C. To invest all profits into growth

D. To achieve perfect efficiency

7. What is a key advantage and limitation of 4G for a business?

A. It enables employees to communicate and download information while on the move much more quickly, though not all areas are equipped with 4G.

B. It makes fixed offices completely obsolete.

C. It has zero cost to implement.

D. It provides unlimited coverage everywhere.

8. In a recession, which statement is true?

A. Prices rise to combat inflation.

B. Businesses hire more staff.

C. All businesses prosper.

D. GDP, employment and demand are low.

9. Which of the following is a disadvantage of a public limited company?

A. Dividends are shared with many shareholders.

B. Ownership remains with a single founder.

C. It never has to publish annual accounts.

D. It cannot be affected by market conditions.

10. Which sector comprises government-owned organisations and agencies that aim to provide a service to society?

A. Private sector

B. Public sector

C. Third sector

D. Quaternary sector

Answers

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

Explanations

1. Organisations whose purpose is to satisfy consumers' wants by producing goods and services

A. Needs

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This is about the type of group formed specifically to meet what people want by turning resources into goods and services. Such groups are called business organisations. They organize inputs like land, labor, and capital to create products or deliver services that customers will pay for, with the aim of earning profit and sustaining the enterprise. The idea that the purpose is to satisfy consumer wants through production highlights why this term fits: it denotes an organized entity operating in markets to create value for customers. The other options don't fit as well: needs are human requirements, not organizations; organisations is too broad and could include non-commercial groups; labour refers to the people who work, not the entity that organizes activities.

2. In a flat structure, the span of control is wide. What is a common consequence?

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With a flat organization there are few layers of management, so one manager oversees many employees. When the span of control is wide, the manager can't micromanage every task. To keep things running smoothly, decision-making authority is pushed down to the people doing the work, which leads to more delegation and empowerment. This happens because empowering workers is the practical way to handle a large number of direct reports without sacrificing performance. The other options don't fit a flat setup—micromanagement is more likely when supervision is narrow, extra levels of management would create a taller structure, and costs aren't typically driven up by having many managers in a flat arrangement.

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Raising VAT raises the price consumers pay for goods and services. When prices go up, the quantity people buy generally falls because their purchasing power is reduced and budget constraints bite. This downward tendency in demand means fewer purchases, so sales volume is likely to drop. While some firms might try to pass the tax fully into prices, the overall effect on consumer purchases remains a decrease, and profits aren't guaranteed to rise since higher prices can reduce volume and overall spending. The idea that there would be no effect or that sales would increase doesn't fit how price changes influence consumer behavior.

4. Which of the following is an example of a merger?

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A merger happens when two separate companies join together to operate as one entity, pooling resources and leadership under a single umbrella. The example Disney and Pixar illustrate this idea by presenting two brands that come together to form a single, unified business entity and strategy. This fits the concept of a merger because it emphasizes the combining of two firms into one operating group, rather than one company merely taking over another. The other scenarios describe acquisitions or takeovers—where one company buys or absorbs another—rather than two firms merging into a new shared entity.

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Quotas and tariffs are two main ways governments control cross-border trade. A quota sets a cap on how much of a good can be bought or sold across the border in a given period. Once that limit is reached, no more of that good can move in or out, which reduces supply and tends to push up prices for the restricted item. A tariff is a charge on goods crossing the border, effectively a tax that raises the price of imported goods and makes them less competitive with domestic products. In many basic explanations, tariffs are described as taxes on imports (and sometimes on exports in less common contexts). The statement that quotas are limits on imports and exports and tariffs are taxes on imports and exports captures these core ideas, which is why it's the best fit.

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Satisficing in corporate objectives is about choosing a course of action that meets acceptable levels of performance rather than chasing the absolute best result. Managers operate with limited information, time, and cognitive capacity, plus the costs of endless searching. So they set standards that are good enough to satisfy stakeholders and keep risk in check. This leads to goals that aim for a satisfactory return or outcome rather than maximizing profits, growth, or efficiency.

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Mobile broadband speed and coverage drive the benefit and limit here. 4G gives much faster data access on the move, so employees can communicate and download information while traveling, boosting productivity and responsiveness for fieldwork, sales, and remote tasks. The key limit is that not all areas have 4G yet, so coverage is incomplete and performance can vary by location and network load. It also doesn't render fixed offices obsolete, and data plans and devices come with costs and usage constraints.

8. In a recession, which statement is true?

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D. GDP, employment and demand are low.

In a recession, overall economic activity slows down. Output drops, unemployment rises, and consumer and business demand weaken. That combination means GDP, employment, and demand are low, which is exactly what the true statement describes. The other ideas don't fit the pattern of a recession. Prices rising to combat inflation would occur in an inflationary period, not during a downturn, and inflation often slows in a recession. Hiring more staff is unlikely when demand is weak and firms cut back on spending, so that's not characteristic either. Finally, the idea that all businesses prosper contradicts the broad downturns seen in recessions, where many firms struggle.

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In a public limited company, ownership is spread among many shareholders. That means any profits that are paid out as dividends go to a large number of owners rather than to a single founder, which can be a disadvantage because it reduces the amount of profits that stay with the company and can increase pressure to pay regular or higher dividends to please the many investors. The other statements don't fit: ownership in a PLC is not held by just one founder, PLCs are required to publish annual accounts, and they are indeed affected by market conditions.

10. Which sector comprises government-owned organisations and agencies that aim to provide a service to society?

A. Private sector

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This question is about ownership and purpose of different parts of the economy. The public sector consists of government-owned organisations and agencies that exist to provide services for society. They're funded and run by the government with the aim of delivering public services—things like healthcare, education, policing, and infrastructure—rather than turning a profit. That's why the right choice is the public sector: it's defined by government ownership and service provision to the public. The private sector is made up of profit-driven businesses owned by individuals or shareholders. The third sector includes charities and voluntary organizations. The quaternary sector focuses on knowledge-based activities like research and information services.

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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!