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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 case is cited as an exception to rehabilitation being primary due to grave adult behaviour?**
 - A. R v Milat & Klein NSWSC [2012]
 - B. R v GDP [1991]
 - C. Khmer Rouge case
 - D. Mabo v Queensland

- 2. The 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery addresses which of the following?**
 - A. Slavery Convention 1926
 - B. Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, Slave Trade and Practices Similar to Slavery (1956)
 - C. Trafficking in Persons Protocol 2000
 - D. Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948

- 3. Which contemporary issue concerns recognition of same-sex relationships?**
 - A. Surrogacy and birth technologies
 - B. Care and protection of children
 - C. Recognition of same-sex relationships
 - D. The changing nature of parental responsibility

- 4. Which treaty defines torture and prohibits it under any circumstances?**
 - A. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
 - B. Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
 - C. International Court of Justice
 - D. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- 5. What term describes a court's power to hear and decide a case?**
 - A. Jurisdiction
 - B. Adversary system
 - C. Precedent
 - D. Remedies

- 6. Which act previously required divorce on fault grounds such as adultery, cruelty, insanity, or desertion?**
- A. Family Law Reform Act 1995
 - B. Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 (Cth)
 - C. Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2011 (Cth)
 - D. Adoption Act 2000 (NSW)
- 7. Which treaty came into force on January 4, 1969?**
- A. Emancipation Act 1833
 - B. International Covenant on Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination
 - C. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - D. Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery (1926)
- 8. Which description best matches incapacitation as a purpose of punishment?**
- A. To prevent the offender from committing further crimes by removing them from society
 - B. To punish for moral culpability
 - C. To deter the offender through fear of punishment
 - D. To assist rehabilitation and reintegration of the offender
- 9. Under which UN Charter article can the UNSC authorize collective action using force to maintain or restore international peace and security?**
- A. Article 2(4)
 - B. Article 42
 - C. Article 7
 - D. Article 51
- 10. Which category includes genocide within international crime?**
- A. Crimes against the international community
 - B. Transnational crime
 - C. Domestic crime
 - D. Corporate crime

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which case is cited as an exception to rehabilitation being primary due to grave adult behaviour?

A. R v Milat & Klein NSWSC [2012]

B. R v GDP [1991]

C. Khmer Rouge case

D. Mabo v Queensland

In sentencing, rehabilitation is usually the main aim, but there is an exception when the gravity of the offence and the offender's conduct mean rehabilitation cannot be the primary objective. R v Milat & Klein NSWSC [2012] is cited as that exception, illustrating a situation where the seriousness of the acts and the offender's pattern of behavior lead the court to prioritise denunciation, deterrence, and community protection over rehabilitation. The other options don't establish this particular exception: the Khmer Rouge case and Mabo v Queensland concern other areas of law (international crimes and native title, respectively), and R v GDP [1991] is not the authority that sets this rule for grave adult offending.

2. The 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery addresses which of the following?

A. Slavery Convention 1926

B. Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, Slave Trade and Practices Similar to Slavery (1956)

C. Trafficking in Persons Protocol 2000

D. Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948

The main idea is recognizing a specific UN treaty that expands abolition beyond traditional slavery. The instrument in question is the 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery. It was created to fill gaps in the earlier 1926 Slavery Convention by extending prohibition to practices that resemble slavery—such as debt bondage and certain forced labor arrangements—and it requires states to take measures to eradicate these practices. This makes it distinct from the Trafficking in Persons Protocol of 2000, which focuses on trafficking within a crime framework; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948, which is a broad rights charter; and the 1926 Slavery Convention, which is the earlier instrument that the 1956 provision supplements.

3. Which contemporary issue concerns recognition of same-sex relationships?

- A. Surrogacy and birth technologies
- B. Care and protection of children
- C. Recognition of same-sex relationships**
- D. The changing nature of parental responsibility

The key idea here is how laws acknowledge and protect partnerships between people of the same sex, and how that recognition has evolved in recent times. This issue covers things like whether same sex couples can marry, or be recognised as distinct de facto or civil union partners with the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual couples. It matters in practical terms—for example, rights to inheritance, property, parenting, alimony, social security, and immigration—and it highlights how legal systems respond to social change to ensure equal treatment. Surrogacy and birth technologies focus on how children are created rather than the formal recognition and status of the relationship itself. Care and protection of children deals with safeguarding children's welfare, often across various family structures, rather than the formal recognition of a couple's partnership. The changing nature of parental responsibility addresses who is legally responsible for a child, which can be influenced by the relationship status but isn't specifically about recognizing same sex relationships. Therefore, the concept that directly targets recognition of same sex relationships is the best fit.

4. Which treaty defines torture and prohibits it under any circumstances?

- A. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- B. Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**
- C. International Court of Justice
- D. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The key idea is that only one instrument formally defines torture and sets an absolute, non-derogable prohibition on it. That instrument is the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It defines torture in its article 1 and makes clear that no exceptional circumstances whatsoever can justify it, committing states to prevent, prohibit, and punish torture in all circumstances. It also includes protections like non-refoulement to prevent returning someone to a place where they could be tortured. The other options don't fit as the defining treaty. The treaty on the rights of persons with disabilities focuses on protections for disabled people rather than a global definition of torture. The International Court of Justice is a judicial body, not a treaty. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a declaration, not a binding treaty with a formal, universal prohibition tied to a precise definition.

5. What term describes a court's power to hear and decide a case?

- A. Jurisdiction**
- B. Adversary system
- C. Precedent
- D. Remedies

Jurisdiction is the power of a court to hear and decide a case. This authority comes from law and depends on factors like where the dispute arose (territorial or geographic reach), the type of issue (subject-matter jurisdiction), and who is involved (personal jurisdiction). If a court lacks jurisdiction, it cannot lawfully proceed, no matter what the parties argue. The other terms describe different ideas: the adversary system is about how cases are litigated between opposing sides; precedent refers to prior court decisions that guide future rulings; remedies are the relief sought or awarded by the court. Understanding jurisdiction helps explain why a case must be heard in a specific court or why it cannot be heard there at all.

6. Which act previously required divorce on fault grounds such as adultery, cruelty, insanity, or desertion?

A. Family Law Reform Act 1995

B. Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 (Cth)

C. Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2011 (Cth)

D. Adoption Act 2000 (NSW)

Divorce used to be based on fault under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 (Cth). It allowed a dissolution of marriage only if one party could prove faultful conduct such as adultery, cruelty, insanity, or desertion. This regime changed with the Family Law Act 1975 (Cth), which introduced no-fault divorce on the basis of irretrievable breakdown (usually after a period of separation). The other acts listed relate to different reforms or areas (family violence measures or adoption) and did not establish a fault-based divorce regime.

7. Which treaty came into force on January 4, 1969?

A. Emancipation Act 1833

B. International Covenant on Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination

C. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

D. Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery (1926)

Entry into force marks when an international treaty's obligations become binding on participating states. The treaty that came into force on January 4, 1969 opened for signature in 1965 and, once enough states ratified it, became legally binding on that date. This instrument focuses on eliminating all forms of racial discrimination and established mechanisms to monitor compliance, making it a foundational anti-discrimination treaty in the UN system. The other items either are not treaties in the same sense (a domestic act in a member state) or did not enter into force on that date: a British emancipation act from 1833 is national legislation, the child rights convention was adopted in 1989 and entered into force in 1990, and the 1926 convention on suppressing the Slave Trade and Slavery entered into force in 1927.

8. Which description best matches incapacitation as a purpose of punishment?

A. To prevent the offender from committing further crimes by removing them from society

B. To punish for moral culpability

C. To deter the offender through fear of punishment

D. To assist rehabilitation and reintegration of the offender

Incapacitation works by protecting the community through removing the offender from society so they cannot commit further crimes while they are confined or restrained. This is the core idea: physically preventing further harm by isolation, typically via imprisonment or other forms of custody. It's not about punishing for moral culpability, which is retribution; nor about deterring others or the offender through fear of punishment, which is deterrence; nor about helping the person reform to return to society, which is rehabilitation. Those other aims describe different purposes of punishment, whereas incapacitation centers on preventing future crimes by removal.

9. Under which UN Charter article can the UNSC authorize collective action using force to maintain or restore international peace and security?

- A. Article 2(4)
- B. Article 42**
- C. Article 7
- D. Article 51

The key idea is that the Security Council can authorize using force only through the enforcement provisions of Chapter VII, specifically when non-forcible measures under Article 41 are deemed inadequate to maintain or restore international peace and security. This is the mechanism that explicitly allows collective action, including the use of armed force, to enforce peace. In contrast, the general prohibition on force in Article 2(4) covers states from using force except in those specific exceptions, so it does not empower the Council to act on its own. The self-defense provision in Article 51 covers responses to an armed attack by a state, not a general Security Council authorization to act in all peacekeeping crises. And while Article 7 relates to the Security Council's authority and functions, it does not itself grant the explicit power to use armed force; that power comes from the enforcement provisions of Chapter VII.

10. Which category includes genocide within international crime?

- A. Crimes against the international community**
- B. Transnational crime
- C. Domestic crime
- D. Corporate crime

Genocide is categorized as a crime against the international community because it harms a protected group in a way that shocks the entire international order. Its impact goes beyond any one nation's borders and concerns humanity as a whole, so international law treats it as an offense that the global community has a responsibility to prevent and punish. That sense of collective liability is what places genocide under crimes against the international community, alongside other grave offenses that threaten peace and security worldwide. It's not a transnational crime in the usual sense, which involves criminal activity that crosses borders for profit or advantage. It's not merely domestic crime, which is confined within a single state's jurisdiction, nor corporate crime, which involves illegal acts by or for corporations. The defining feature here is the impact on the international community as a whole, which is why genocide fits this category.

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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