

# Navy OCS Division Officer (DIVO) 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. 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. Electronic mail is primarily used for which purpose?**
  - A. Security classification review.**
  - B. Quick, informal communication.**
  - C. Official printed formal notices only.**
  - D. Mandatory long-term archiving.**
  
- 2. Where should the National Ensign be placed in parade formation?**
  - A. Center**
  - B. Far right or forward center**
  - C. Far left**
  - D. Behind the formation**
  
- 3. The Command Duty Officer (CDO) functions as which of the following?**
  - A. Executive Officer's assistant**
  - B. Deck Officer**
  - C. Security Officer**
  - D. Commanding Officer's representative**
  
- 4. SELRES enrolled in EFMP must notify the chain of command when mobilized.**
  - A. True**
  - B. False**
  - C. Only for overseas mobilization**
  - D. Not required for mobilization**
  
- 5. Under the Pregnancy Policy, ship transfer occurs after which week?**
  - A. Before 20th week**
  - B. Not specified**
  - C. After 20th week**
  - D. At birth**

- 6. What does paygrade indicate?**
- A. The type of ship assigned**
  - B. Relative standing and pay**
  - C. Uniform size and type**
  - D. Length of service and retirement eligibility**
- 7. The family care plan applies to which of the following groups?**
- A. Single parents**
  - B. Dual military spouses**
  - C. Adult dependents (legal guardian)**
  - D. All of the above**
- 8. Jus ad bellum vs Jus in bello: Which statement is accurate?**
- A. Jus ad bellum governs hostilities within conflict**
  - B. Jus in bello governs initiating armed conflict**
  - C. Jus ad bellum governs humanitarian law**
  - D. Jus ad bellum governs initiating armed conflict; Jus in bello governs conduct within conflict**
- 9. Which MEF is based at Camp Pendleton, CA?**
- A. I MEF**
  - B. II MEF**
  - C. III MEF**
  - D. IV MEF**
- 10. Navy Birthday is observed on which date?**
- A. 13 October 1775**
  - B. 4 July 1776**
  - C. 14 February 1776**
  - D. 11 November 1778**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Electronic mail is primarily used for which purpose?**

- A. Security classification review.
- B. Quick, informal communication.**
- C. Official printed formal notices only.
- D. Mandatory long-term archiving.

Email is built for fast, informal exchanges of information. It lets people send a message to one or many recipients and get a reply when they have a moment, which makes it the go-to tool for quick questions, updates, and coordination in busy environments like Navy units. While it can carry formal notices or be archived, those are not its primary purpose—they're separate functions that rely on specific procedures or systems. Security classifications and formal notice processes exist as structured workflows, not as the main use of email itself. So the best answer is that electronic mail is mainly used for quick, informal communication.

**2. Where should the National Ensign be placed in parade formation?**

- A. Center
- B. Far right or forward center**
- C. Far left
- D. Behind the formation

In parade, flags and colors follow a clear order of display, with the National Ensign treated as the lead color and placed at the position of honor on the right side of the formation. This keeps the flag visible to spectators and ensures it leads the unit as you march forward. Because of how the colors are arranged, the National Ensign is typically placed at the far right of the formation; in some layouts, it may sit at a forward center position to keep the flag in front of the unit while still occupying the right-hand side relative to the march direction. Placing the flag at the center, on the far left, or behind the formation would hide it or violate the established ceremonial order.

**3. The Command Duty Officer (CDO) functions as which of the following?**

- A. Executive Officer's assistant
- B. Deck Officer
- C. Security Officer
- D. Commanding Officer's representative**

The Command Duty Officer is the commanding officer's representative on the watch. In this role, the CDO stands in for the CO on the bridge and during watch sections, coordinating all watchstanders and activities to ensure orders from the CO are carried out, information is relayed up to the CO, and the ship remains safe, secure, and ready. The CDO oversees the actions of departments, handles communications, and directs responses to incidents within the CO's standing orders and the watch bill, escalating to the CO or XO as needed. This isn't about assisting the Executive Officer, who handles the XO's staff and administration, nor is it about the Deck Officer, who is responsible for navigation and piloting the ship, or the Security Officer, who leads the security program. The best description is that the CDO serves as the CO's representative.

**4. SELRES enrolled in EFMP must notify the chain of command when mobilized.**

**A. True**

**B. False**

**C. Only for overseas mobilization**

**D. Not required for mobilization**

When a Selected Reserve member is enrolled in EFMP, there is a responsibility to keep the command informed whenever mobilization occurs. This notification lets the chain of command engage with the EFMP coordinator and local service providers to ensure that the Exceptional Family Member's medical, educational, and supportive services can continue without interruption, no matter where the member is deployed. The need for coordination is not limited to overseas mobilizations; it applies to all mobilizations to guarantee proper planning and support at the new duty location. Therefore, the statement is true. It isn't correct to say it isn't required or that it only applies in one setting, since timely notification is essential for effective EFMP continuity of care and assignment planning.

**5. Under the Pregnancy Policy, ship transfer occurs after which week?**

**A. Before 20th week**

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**C. After 20th week**

**D. At birth**

The policy uses gestational age as the trigger for changing duty status. It sets a cutoff after the twentieth week, meaning ship transfer occurs once pregnancy passes 20 weeks. This reflects increased safety and medical considerations as the pregnancy progresses while still balancing mission needs. Transferring before twenty weeks would not align with this threshold, and options like not specified or at birth don't match the defined gestational-age rule.

**6. What does paygrade indicate?**

**A. The type of ship assigned**

**B. Relative standing and pay**

**C. Uniform size and type**

**D. Length of service and retirement eligibility**

Paygrade shows where you sit on the Navy pay scale, which corresponds to your rank and level of responsibility. It defines your base pay and related compensation, so it reflects your relative standing among personnel and the pay you receive. It isn't about which ship you're assigned to, nor about your uniform size, and it isn't a direct measure of years in service or retirement eligibility—that depends on time in service and policy, while paygrade maps to rank and pay.

**7. The family care plan applies to which of the following groups?**

- A. Single parents**
- B. Dual military spouses**
- C. Adult dependents (legal guardian)**
- D. All of the above**

A Family Care Plan is created so there is a definite plan for who will care for a service member's dependents when the member is unavailable due to deployment, training, or emergencies. It covers anyone who has dependents the member is responsible for, including a single parent with children, spouses in dual-military households who may be deployed or separated, and adult dependents who require care under a legal guardian. The plan establishes guardians, who has medical or legal authority, and how finances and daily needs will be handled, ensuring continuity of care regardless of the scenario. Because all these situations involve dependents who rely on the service member for support, the Family Care Plan applies to all of the above.

**8. Jus ad bellum vs Jus in bello: Which statement is accurate?**

- A. Jus ad bellum governs hostilities within conflict**
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- C. Jus ad bellum governs humanitarian law**
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Starting with the main idea: when it comes to war, the decision to go to war is governed by jus ad bellum, while the rules for how fighting is conducted once war has begun are governed by jus in bello (international humanitarian law). Jus ad bellum focuses on whether initiating armed conflict is legally and morally permissible. It weighs factors like just cause, legitimate authority, last resort, proportionality, and a reasonable chance of success, guiding decisions about entering war. Jus in bello governs conduct during conflict. It sets rules to protect civilians, limit the means and methods of warfare, and ensure humane treatment of combatants and detainees. It covers principles like distinction (target military objectives, not civilians) and proportionality (force used should be proportional to the military objective). Given that, the accurate statement is that jus ad bellum governs initiating armed conflict, and jus in bello governs conduct within conflict. The other options misplace these domains: hostilities within conflict fall under jus in bello, humanitarian law is part of jus in bello, and jus in bello does not govern the decision to initiate war.

**9. Which MEF is based at Camp Pendleton, CA?**

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- C. III MEF**
- D. IV MEF**

Camp Pendleton, California hosts the Marine Expeditionary Force that serves as the West Coast rapid-response force. This MEF is headquartered there, making it the primary West Coast MEF with major elements like a division and aviation wings that enable rapid, combined-arms projection. The other MEFs are based in different regions: II MEF at Camp Lejeune on the East Coast, III MEF in Okinawa, Japan, and IV MEF in New Orleans, Louisiana. A simple way to remember: the West Coast home base corresponds to the MEF starting with the first letter I, while the others are stationed further afield, aligning with their regional roles.

**10. Navy Birthday is observed on which date?**

- A. 13 October 1775**
- B. 4 July 1776**
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The date when the American naval service was first created is October 13, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized fitting out two armed vessels and establishing a naval force for the colonies. This act marks the birth of the U.S. Navy, distinct from Independence Day on July 4, 1776 or the other dates listed, which are not related to the Navy's founding.

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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](mailto: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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