

# News Currents 2026

## 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. Which renewable energy source gained popularity and investment in 2025?**
  - A. Wind energy**
  - B. Nuclear energy**
  - C. Natural gas**
  - D. Coal energy**
  
- 2. What role did AI play in news reporting by 2025?**
  - A. Decreased reliability of news sources**
  - B. Automation of news gathering and analysis**
  - C. Reduction of newsroom jobs**
  - D. Increased editorial oversight**
  
- 3. What innovation in transportation became mainstream by 2025?**
  - A. Electric bicycles**
  - B. Hyperloop systems**
  - C. Autonomous vehicles**
  - D. Flying cars**
  
- 4. What bird was recently named the national bird of the United States?**
  - A. Bald eagle**
  - B. American robin**
  - C. Red-tailed hawk**
  - D. Golden eagle**
  
- 5. Which group of rebellious colonists chose Paul Revere to deliver a message about the British army?**
  - A. Sons of Independence**
  - B. Sons of Freedom**
  - C. Sons of Liberty**
  - D. Sons of Revolution**

**6. Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson from which state?**

- A. Michigan**
- B. Wisconsin**
- C. Illinois**
- D. California**

**7. Which epic poems are attributed to the poet Homer?**

- A. The Aeneid and the Iliad**
- B. The Iliad and the Odyssey**
- C. Beowulf and The Odyssey**
- D. The Odyssey and The Epic of Gilgamesh**

**8. Which renewable energy source saw significant advancements in 2025?**

- A. Solar energy technology**
- B. Wind power generation**
- C. Hydropower systems**
- D. Geothermal energy**

**9. What does the term "planet parade" refer to?**

- A. Planets exploding**
- B. Planetary alignment**
- C. A space parade**
- D. Asteroid belt phenomenon**

**10. Which composer wrote the unconventional work called "Water Concerto"?**

- A. Tan Dun**
- B. John Williams**
- C. Philip Glass**
- D. Eric Whitacre**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. Which renewable energy source gained popularity and investment in 2025?

- A. Wind energy**
- B. Nuclear energy**
- C. Natural gas**
- D. Coal energy**

Wind energy gained significant popularity and investment in 2025 due to several factors. The global focus on reducing carbon emissions and transitioning to cleaner energy sources has made wind energy an attractive option. Technological advancements have led to more efficient wind turbines, which can generate more power at lower costs. Additionally, many governments and organizations have implemented supportive policies and incentives to promote renewable energy sources, with wind energy often taking a leading position due to its scalability and decreasing cost. The growing urgency to combat climate change has also driven investment towards wind energy projects, as it offers a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels. This increased focus has resulted in enhanced infrastructure development, job creation in the renewable sector, and larger-scale projects being initiated across various regions, further solidifying wind energy's role in the renewable energy landscape. In contrast, nuclear energy, although a low-emission source, faces challenges related to public perception and safety concerns. Natural gas, while considered cleaner than coal, does not align with the same sustainability goals as renewables and is subject to price volatility. Coal energy, associated with high carbon emissions and environmental degradation, continues to decline in favor and investment, making it less favorable in the context of a transition to renewable energy sources.

## 2. What role did AI play in news reporting by 2025?

- A. Decreased reliability of news sources**
- B. Automation of news gathering and analysis**
- C. Reduction of newsroom jobs**
- D. Increased editorial oversight**

By 2025, artificial intelligence significantly transformed news reporting through the automation of news gathering and analysis. AI technologies enabled news organizations to process vast amounts of data much more quickly than human journalists could. This capability allowed for real-time updates and quicker reporting on breaking news, as AI systems could sift through information from various sources, categorize it, and identify pertinent stories. Moreover, AI tools facilitated in-depth data analysis, uncovering insights and trends that journalists could use to create more informative articles. They could generate initial drafts of reports, allowing human reporters to focus on more complex narratives or investigative journalism, thereby enhancing the efficiency of newsrooms. The other choices highlight important aspects of the media landscape around that time. However, they do not encapsulate the primary role of AI, which was to streamline processes and enhance the gathering of news rather than simply diminishing reliability or increasing oversight.

### 3. What innovation in transportation became mainstream by 2025?

- A. Electric bicycles**
- B. Hyperloop systems**
- C. Autonomous vehicles**
- D. Flying cars**

The choice of autonomous vehicles as the correct answer reflects a significant development in transportation technology that has garnered widespread adoption by 2025. Autonomous vehicles are equipped with advanced sensors, machine learning algorithms, and artificial intelligence, allowing them to navigate and operate with minimal or no human intervention. By this time, many cities and regions had integrated autonomous vehicles into public transportation systems, ride-sharing services, and personal use, showcasing their versatility and safety. The increasing focus on sustainability and reducing traffic congestion further fueled the growth of autonomous vehicles, as they offer the potential for improved fuel efficiency and optimized traffic flow. Additionally, notable advancements in legal frameworks and public acceptance contributed to making this technology mainstream. Infrastructure adaptations, such as dedicated lanes and smart traffic signals, also facilitated the integration of these vehicles into everyday transit systems. While electric bicycles, hyperloop systems, and flying cars certainly represent innovative advancements in the transportation sector, they did not achieve the same level of mainstream acceptance and operational prevalence by 2025 as autonomous vehicles did. Electric bicycles saw growth in urban areas, while hyperloop systems were still in developmental phases and not widely implemented. Flying cars remained primarily experimental, with significant regulatory and technological hurdles to overcome before they could be considered mainstream.

### 4. What bird was recently named the national bird of the United States?

- A. Bald eagle**
- B. American robin**
- C. Red-tailed hawk**
- D. Golden eagle**

The bald eagle was named the national bird of the United States due to its strong association with American ideals and values. Chosen in 1782, the bald eagle symbolizes courage, freedom, and strength, making it an apt representative of the nation. Its majestic appearance, with a distinctive white head and tail contrasting against a dark brown body, also adds to its iconic status. The U.S. government saw the bald eagle as a powerful emblem that embodies the spirit and resilience of the country, further solidifying its place as the national bird. Other birds, like the American robin or red-tailed hawk, do not carry the same historical and cultural significance in the context of national identity. While other birds may be celebrated for different reasons, none have been officially designated as the national bird in the way the bald eagle has. The golden eagle, while also a magnificent bird of prey, has not been recognized in the same capacity as the bald eagle in the United States' history.

**5. Which group of rebellious colonists chose Paul Revere to deliver a message about the British army?**

- A. Sons of Independence**
- B. Sons of Freedom**
- C. Sons of Liberty**
- D. Sons of Revolution**

The group of rebellious colonists that chose Paul Revere to deliver a message about the British army was the Sons of Liberty. This organization was formed in the American colonies to resist British rule and protect the rights of colonists. They played a pivotal role in events leading up to the American Revolution, including orchestrating protests and disseminating information about British military actions. Paul Revere's midnight ride in April 1775 was a crucial event in American history, as he warned the colonial militia of the approaching British forces, allowing them to prepare for the battles of Lexington and Concord. The Sons of Liberty were known for their vibrant activism and were instrumental in creating a network of communication among the colonies, which is why they selected Revere for such an important task. In contrast, the other groups listed either did not have a historical basis or were less recognized as the active participants in the resistance against British authority during that period. The Sons of Freedom and Sons of Revolution do not specifically correspond to historical groups linked with Paul Revere's ride, while the term "Sons of Independence" is not historically established in relation to this context. Thus, the Sons of Liberty standout as the correct and historically recognized group in this scenario.

**6. Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson from which state?**

- A. Michigan**
- B. Wisconsin**
- C. Illinois**
- D. California**

Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin. This event was established in 1970 as a way to promote environmental awareness and encourage people to take action toward protecting the planet. Senator Nelson's inspiration came from the massive anti-war protests of the 1960s, which demonstrated the power of grassroots activism. By leveraging this momentum, he aimed to bring environmental issues to the forefront of public consciousness. Wisconsin's significance in this context is highlighted by Nelson's efforts to engage citizens across the nation in environmental advocacy, ultimately leading to the establishment of Earth Day as a global event. The other states mentioned do not have any historical connection to the founding of Earth Day, making Wisconsin the correct answer.

## 7. Which epic poems are attributed to the poet Homer?

- A. The Aeneid and the Iliad
- B. The Iliad and the Odyssey**
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- D. The Odyssey and The Epic of Gilgamesh

The correct choice identifies that the epic poems attributed to Homer are "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey." These two works are foundational texts of ancient Greek literature and are considered masterpieces of epic poetry. "The Iliad" recounts the events of the Trojan War, focusing on the hero Achilles and the themes of honor, wrath, and fate. It captures the glory and tragedy of war and its impact on both individuals and society as a whole. "The Odyssey," on the other hand, tells the story of Odysseus's long and treacherous journey home after the fall of Troy, emphasizing themes of loyalty, cleverness, and the struggles faced by both the hero and his family. These two epics not only reflect the values and beliefs of ancient Greek culture but also have significantly influenced literature, storytelling, and art throughout the centuries. While the other options include notable works, they do not accurately represent Homer's contributions, as works like "The Aeneid" were written by Virgil, "Beowulf" is an Old English epic unrelated to Homer, and "The Epic of Gilgamesh" is an ancient Mesopotamian poem that predates Homer.

## 8. Which renewable energy source saw significant advancements in 2025?

- A. Solar energy technology**
- B. Wind power generation
- C. Hydropower systems
- D. Geothermal energy

The choice of solar energy technology as the correct answer highlights the significant advancements made in this field in 2025. Over the years, solar energy has been at the forefront of renewable energy innovations, and 2025 saw notable improvements in efficiency, storage capabilities, and affordability. Breakthroughs such as the development of higher-efficiency photovoltaic cells, enhanced solar panel manufacturing techniques, and more efficient energy storage solutions have made solar energy more accessible and practical for widespread use. These advancements contributed to lowering the costs associated with solar energy production, making it a more viable alternative to fossil fuels. Additionally, there was an increase in deployment, with more residential and commercial users adopting solar systems, leading to a substantial rise in clean energy generation. While other renewable energy sources like wind power, hydropower, and geothermal energy also saw progress in their respective technologies, solar energy stood out in 2025 due to its rapid growth and technological improvements that made it a leading choice for future energy solutions.

## 9. What does the term "planet parade" refer to?

- A. Planets exploding
- B. Planetary alignment**
- C. A space parade
- D. Asteroid belt phenomenon

The term "planet parade" refers to a planetary alignment, where multiple planets appear to line up in the sky from our perspective on Earth. This phenomenon occurs when planets are on the same side of the Sun and are relatively close to each other in their orbits. This alignment can create a visual spectacle where the planets can be observed in a row against the backdrop of stars, often making them more noticeable to observers. The other options do not accurately represent what a planet parade is. For instance, planets exploding would not be referred to as a parade, as that notion deviates from the actual astronomical phenomenon. A "space parade" could imply a celebration or event in space, which is not relevant to the term in an astronomical context. Finally, while an asteroid belt is an interesting aspect of our solar system, it does not relate to the alignment of planets and therefore does not fit the definition of a planet parade.

## 10. Which composer wrote the unconventional work called "Water Concerto"?

- A. Tan Dun**
- B. John Williams
- C. Philip Glass
- D. Eric Whitacre

The composer of the unconventional work "Water Concerto" is indeed Tan Dun. This innovative piece is notable for its unique use of water as an instrument, exploring the sonic possibilities of this everyday element. Tan Dun, known for his incorporation of natural sounds and unconventional materials in his compositions, utilizes water in a way that creates a rich auditory experience, blending traditional orchestral elements with the sounds produced by flowing, splashing, and interacting water. Tan Dun's approach emphasizes his expertise in combining Eastern and Western musical traditions, often highlighting the importance of nature and the environment in his art. The "Water Concerto" is a prime example of this philosophy, showcasing how music can be influenced by natural elements and can transcend traditional boundaries. In contrast, the other composers listed are renowned for their distinctive styles, but they do not have works known for the same experimental use of water as an instrument. John Williams is famous for his film scores, Philip Glass is recognized for minimalist compositions, and Eric Whitacre is known for his choral works. Each has made significant contributions to music, but none have created a concerto specifically centered around the concept of water in the way Tan Dun has with "Water Concerto."

# 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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