NMNC 4310 MOBILITY 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.

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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!

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Questions

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1. Muscle atrophy is defined as which of the following?

A. Gain of muscle mass

B. Loss of muscle tone

C. Increased muscle strength

D. Twitching only

2. Injury involving T1–L2 spinal segments most likely leads to which problem?

A. Urinary issues

B. Visual impairment

C. Hearing loss

D. Gastroesophageal reflux

3. What is a primary action in the treatment of a spine injury?

A. Stabilize

B. Remove the Patient from Scene

C. Administer Diuretics

D. Massage the Spine

4. What is an example of a task that can be delegated to a patient care tech for an SCI patient?

A. Obtain a blood pressure.

B. Turn the patient independently.

C. Assess the IV site.

D. Do initial teaching for incentive spirometer.

5. The nurse is providing care to a client. Which nursing action has the highest priority when the nurse is moving a client with a neck and spinal cord injury during the assessment process?

A. Removing the cervical spine collar

B. Monitoring for autonomic dysreflexia

C. Implementing the logrolling technique

D. Administering the prescribed pain medication

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6. Which medications are listed under Meds for spine injury treatment?

A. Antiemetics, Pain Meds, Steroids

B. Antibiotics Only

C. Antivirals and Anticoagulants

D. Vitamins and Minerals

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A. Paralysis in all four extremities

B. Paralysis in the legs only

C. Loss of sensation in the trunk

D. Only mild weakness in limbs

8. What are common signs of autonomic dysreflexia?

A. Headache, diaphoresis, nausea, nasal congestion, bradycardia

B. Cough, fever

C. Seizures

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9. How are gait belts and transfer belts typically used in mobility care?

A. Used to safely assist with transfers and ambulation; applied around the patient's midsection to provide control and prevent falls.

B. Used to restrain patients during transport.

C. Used to measure gait speed.

D. Used as a fashion accessory.

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A. Ipsilateral facial paralysis with inability to close the affected eye

B. Bilateral facial paralysis

C. Loss of auditory function

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Muscle atrophy is defined as which of the following?

A. Gain of muscle mass

B. Loss of muscle tone

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Muscle atrophy means the muscle is shrinking in size because the muscle fibers lose mass or number when they're not used, or due to aging or illness. This loss of size reduces the overall muscle mass and typically lowers strength. It's the opposite of building muscle (hypertrophy), and it's not about increased strength or twitching. The term tone refers to a baseline level of muscle tension, which is a different aspect from muscle size. So the key idea is a decrease in muscle size leading to weaker muscle.

2. Injury involving T1–L2 spinal segments most likely leads to which problem?

A. Urinary issues

B. Visual impairment

C. Hearing loss

D. Gastroesophageal reflux

The key idea is that the thoracolumbar region (T1–L2) supplies the sympathetic outflow to pelvic organs, including the bladder. When this pathway is damaged, the sympathetic control that helps store urine and keep the internal sphincter closed is disrupted. That disruption leads to urinary problems, often described as a neurogenic bladder with issues like retention or incontinence, depending on the exact injury and how the bladder reflexes are affected. Other options don't align with these spinal levels: visual and hearing changes involve cranial and sensory pathways higher up, and gastroesophageal reflux is not primarily controlled by the T1–L2 sympathetic outflow.

3. What is a primary action in the treatment of a spine injury?

A. Stabilize

B. Remove the Patient from Scene

C. Administer Diuretics

D. Massage the Spine

Stabilizing the spine is the priority because any movement can worsen injury to the spinal cord. The goal is to keep the head, neck, and torso in a neutral, aligned position and prevent progression of damage during transport. Start with manual stabilization, then apply a cervical collar if available, and secure the patient to a rigid backboard to minimize movement. Move the patient only if necessary for safety, using proper, careful techniques to avoid twisting the spine. Diuretics have no role in spine injuries and massaging the spine is contraindicated. The central aim is to prevent secondary injury by maintaining spinal stability until advanced care can take over.

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4. What is an example of a task that can be delegated to a patient care tech for an SCI patient?

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Delegation to a patient care tech works best for routine, noninvasive tasks that don't require nursing judgment. Taking a blood pressure is exactly that kind of task: it's a simple vitals measurement that the tech can perform, document, and report if something abnormal shows up. The other tasks require nursing assessment, interpretation, or patient education—assessing an IV site needs clinical evaluation; initial teaching for an incentive spirometer involves instruction and ensuring understanding; and turning a patient with a spinal cord injury requires careful handling and spinal precautions that typically require licensed staff oversight. So, obtaining a blood pressure is the appropriate delegated task.

5. The nurse is providing care to a client. Which nursing action has the highest priority when the nurse is moving a client with a neck and spinal cord injury during the assessment process?

A. Removing the cervical spine collar

B. Monitoring for autonomic dysreflexia

C. Implementing the logrolling technique

D. Administering the prescribed pain medication

The main idea is protecting the spine to prevent any further injury when moving a patient who may have a neck or spinal cord injury. The logrolling technique achieves this by turning the patient as a single unit with the head, neck, and spine kept in a neutral, aligned position. This coordinated movement minimizes rotation, flexion, or extension that could worsen the injury, which is why it's the highest priority during assessment and repositioning. A team approaches the move carefully—one person supports the head and neck, others assist with maintaining alignment—often with the patient on a backboard and still wearing a cervical collar. Removing the cervical spine collar would remove essential stabilization and increase risk, so it isn't appropriate during movement. Monitoring for autonomic dysreflexia is important, but it's a potential complication to watch for over time rather than the immediate priority during the act of moving. Administering pain medication is important for comfort, but it doesn't protect the spine during movement and wouldn't take precedence over maintaining spinal immobilization.

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Meds for spine injury treatment center on keeping the patient comfortable, preventing nausea, and reducing inflammation around the injured spinal region. Antiemetics help control nausea and vomiting that can accompany trauma or opioid use, making it easier to protect the airway and participate in care. Pain medications provide essential analgesia to keep the patient comfortable and to allow for neurological checks and rehabilitation planning. Steroids have been used in the acute phase to try to reduce spinal cord swelling, though their use varies by protocol and guidelines. Other medication types aren't part of the standard spine-injury med list: antibiotics are reserved for infections or contaminated injuries, antivirals and anticoagulants are used for specific issues beyond the typical spine injury, and vitamins/minerals are supportive rather than central spine-injury therapies.

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Tetraplegia is defined by paralysis in all four extremities. This condition occurs when the motor pathways in the cervical (neck) region of the spinal cord are disrupted, leading to loss of voluntary movement in both arms and legs, and sometimes affecting the trunk as well. It's different from paraplegia, which is paralysis of the legs only due to injury lower down in the spine. While sensory changes can occur with tetraplegia, the defining feature is motor paralysis of all four limbs, not merely loss of sensation or only mild weakness.

8. What are common signs of autonomic dysreflexia?

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Autonomic dysreflexia occurs when a noxious stimulus below a spinal cord injury triggers an overwhelming sympathetic response, leading to a sudden spike in blood pressure. The signs that most clearly reflect this crisis include a sudden, severe headache, profuse sweating (diaphoresis), nasal congestion, and bradycardia. Nausea can also accompany the episode. These symptoms arise because the body tries to compensate for the high blood pressure with parasympathetic signals above the level of injury, while below the injury the sympathetic response remains unmitigated. Cough with fever suggests infection rather than this autonomic crisis, and seizures or visual disturbances alone do not capture the typical autonomic dysreflexia pattern.

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Gait belts and transfer belts are safety devices worn around the midsection to give the caregiver a secure grip when helping someone move. Placed over clothing at the waist, the belt is snug enough to control the person without causing discomfort, allowing the caregiver to assist with transfers (like from bed to chair) and with standing or walking. This setup provides a stable point of contact to guide the person, maintain balance, and prevent falls for both the patient and the caregiver. They're not for restraint, not used to measure gait speed, and not a fashion item. Use proper body mechanics and release the belt once the move is complete.

10. Bell's palsy is characterized by which of the following?

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Bell's palsy is a peripheral, unilateral palsy of the facial nerve (cranial nerve VII), which leads to weakness of all the muscles on the affected side of the face, including the muscle that closes the eye. The eye cannot be closed because the orbicularis oculi is paralyzed, a hallmark of this condition. This reflects a lower motor neuron lesion of the facial nerve, so the weakness is on one side and involves the entire half of the face rather than just part of it. The other options point to involvement of different nerves or systems (bilateral facial weakness, hearing loss from the auditory nerve, or limb weakness), which are not characteristic features of Bell's palsy.

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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.

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

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