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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 approach is least acceptable when giving feedback to a peer?**
 - A. Specific suggestions
 - B. Balanced critique
 - C. Encouraging tone
 - D. Personal insult

- 2. What term describes the 3-4 letter suffix at the end of a document name (for example, PSD)?**
 - A. Document Type
 - B. File Extension
 - C. File Format
 - D. Version Number

- 3. The basic unit of a raster image?**
 - A. Vectors
 - B. Dots
 - C. Pixels
 - D. Bits

- 4. Removing saturation from a color is called what?**
 - A. Saturation
 - B. Hue
 - C. Desaturation
 - D. Value

- 5. The degree of lightness or darkness of a color is called what?**
 - A. Value
 - B. Hue
 - C. Saturation
 - D. Brightness

- 6. Which term refers to the 216 colors that display consistently across major web browsers?**
- A. Hue
 - B. Value
 - C. Spectrum
 - D. Web Safe Colors
- 7. When cutting with an X-Acto knife, what should you use to guide the cut and cut away from yourself?**
- A. Metal Straight Edge
 - B. Ruler
 - C. Cutting Board
 - D. Safety Glass
- 8. The right to stop people from copying your creative work is called?**
- A. Trademark
 - B. Copyright
 - C. Patent
 - D. Licensing
- 9. Which term describes colors arranged next to each other on the color wheel?**
- A. Analogous
 - B. Triadic
 - C. Monochromatic
 - D. Complementary
- 10. In Illustrator, what are the points that define a path called?**
- A. Control Points
 - B. Anchor Points
 - C. End Points
 - D. Vertex Points

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which approach is least acceptable when giving feedback to a peer?

- A. Specific suggestions
- B. Balanced critique
- C. Encouraging tone
- D. Personal insult**

Giving feedback to a peer should be constructive and respectful, focusing on specific behavior and its impact and offering concrete steps for improvement. The least acceptable approach is a personal insult because it attacks the person rather than the work, damages trust, and reduces the chance that the feedback will be heard or acted on. Insults create defensiveness and can harm working relationships, making it harder for the peer to use any guidance you try to provide. By contrast, specific suggestions give clear direction on what to change, a balanced critique acknowledges what was done well while pointing out areas to improve, and an encouraging tone helps the recipient stay motivated and open to feedback. Together, these approaches support learning and growth.

2. What term describes the 3-4 letter suffix at the end of a document name (for example, PSD)?

- A. Document Type
- B. File Extension
- C. File Format**
- D. Version Number

The 3-4 letter suffix at the end of a file name is called the file extension. This extension identifies the file type to the operating system and applications, helping them know how to open and handle the file. In your example, PSD indicates a Photoshop Document, so the extension tells software that it's a Photoshop file and what kind of data it contains. File format is related but refers to the actual structure or encoding of the data inside the file. The suffix you see on the filename is specifically the extension, which is the label used by systems to recognize the file type. Examples of other extensions include .docx, .jpg, and .png.

3. The basic unit of a raster image?

- A. Vectors
- B. Dots
- C. Pixels**
- D. Bits

Rasters are made up of tiny colored squares called pixels. These pixels form a grid, and each one holds the color value for that spot, so the whole image is a mosaic of pixels. That's why increasing resolution adds more detail—the more pixels in the grid, the finer the image appears. Vectors, by contrast, describe shapes with mathematical formulas and scale without losing clarity. Bits are the smallest data units in storage, but the image's basic building block is the pixel.

4. Removing saturation from a color is called what?

- A. Saturation
- B. Hue
- C. Desaturation
- D. Value

Desaturation is the process of removing saturation, which means reducing a color's vividness or intensity toward gray. Saturation measures how pure or intense a color is, so lowering it makes the color look duller while its hue (the color family like red, blue, or green) stays the same. Value describes how light or dark the color is, and while desaturation changes chroma, it doesn't inherently change the hue; complete desaturation yields a neutral gray at a given lightness. That's why removing saturation is described as desaturation.

5. The degree of lightness or darkness of a color is called what?

- A. Value
- B. Hue
- C. Saturation
- D. Brightness

Value describes how light or dark a color appears. It measures lightness versus darkness regardless of the hue and is what you adjust when you create shading or contrast in artwork. Hue is the color family (red, blue, yellow), not its lightness. Saturation is the color's intensity or purity (how vivid it is), not how light or dark it looks. Brightness is a term often used in digital contexts to describe luminance, which can overlap with value but value is the standard term for lightness/darkness in traditional color theory.

6. Which term refers to the 216 colors that display consistently across major web browsers?

- A. Hue
- B. Value
- C. Spectrum
- D. Web Safe Colors

Web-safe colors are a fixed palette designed so colors look the same across different browsers and systems, especially on older displays with limited color support. The 216 colors come from combining six levels for each RGB channel (00, 33, 66, 99, CC, FF), producing a 6x6x6 cube of colors. Using this set helped avoid color shifts when pages were viewed on various platforms, making the appearance more predictable across major browsers. Hue, value, and spectrum describe general color properties or ranges, not a specific cross browser palette, so they don't refer to this standardized set.

7. When cutting with an X-Acto knife, what should you use to guide the cut and cut away from yourself?

A. Metal Straight Edge

B. Ruler

C. Cutting Board

D. Safety Glass

Use a metal straight edge to guide the blade. A straight edge gives a true, rigid edge for the X-Acto to ride along, so the cut stays straight and you won't wander off the line. Because it's metal, it won't get knife-scarred or warped, staying reliable for repeated cuts. Press it firmly against the work surface and cut away from your body to keep your hands clear of the blade. A plastic ruler can nick or slip, and a cutting board, while useful as a surface, won't provide a guiding edge. Safety glass isn't suitable for cutting and can be unsafe.

8. The right to stop people from copying your creative work is called?

A. Trademark

B. Copyright

C. Patent

D. Licensing

Copyright is the protection that gives the creator exclusive control over copying, distributing, displaying, and creating derivative works of their original creations fixed in a tangible form. This means you can prevent others from copying or using your work without permission, which is exactly what the right to stop people from copying refers to. Trademarks cover brand identities like logos and names, patents cover new inventions, and licensing is simply permission to use someone else's protected work.

9. Which term describes colors arranged next to each other on the color wheel?

A. Analogous

B. Triadic

C. Monochromatic

D. Complementary

Analogous color schemes describe colors that sit next to each other on the color wheel. This proximity means they share similar hue and temperature, creating a harmonious, cohesive look. Because the colors blend smoothly, it's a reliable choice when you want a quiet, unified design without jarring contrast; think of blue, blue-green, and green together. The other terms describe different arrangements: a triadic scheme uses colors evenly spaced around the wheel, which yields more energy and contrast; a monochromatic scheme uses various values of a single hue; and complementary colors are opposite each other on the wheel, delivering strong contrast and visual pop.

10. In Illustrator, what are the points that define a path called?

- A. Control Points
- B. Anchor Points**
- C. End Points
- D. Vertex Points

Anchor points are the points that define a path in Illustrator. When you draw with the Pen tool, each click places an anchor point, and the segments connect those points to form the path. For curves, those anchors have handles (direction/Bezier handles) that you drag to shape the curve, but it's the anchor points themselves that set the path's structure. Other terms like control points refer to the handles that influence the curve, not the defining points, and end points or vertex points aren't the standard Illustrator terms for the points that define a path.

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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.

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!

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