

# Oregon Death Care Consultant Exam Practice (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. What is an unregistered cemetery?**
  - A. A cemetery that offers only religious services.**
  - B. A cemetery with permanent vaults.**
  - C. A cemetery that is not officially recorded or recognized.**
  - D. A cemetery that is always green certified.**
  
- 2. What are the types of cremation in Oregon?**
  - A. Double cremation**
  - B. Direct cremation, witnessed cremation**
  - C. Mini cremation**
  - D. Cremation with embalming**
  
- 3. In the context of cemeteries, what does a preneed service contract refer to?**
  - A. An agreement for future burial or cremation services paid in advance**
  - B. A contract for cemetery real estate sales**
  - C. A contract for future cemetery maintenance only**
  - D. A contract for ceremonial guidelines**
  
- 4. What term refers to placing a body in a tomb or mausoleum?**
  - A. Entombment**
  - B. Disinterment**
  - C. Direct Burial**
  - D. Inurnment**
  
- 5. What defines a non-profit cemetery?**
  - A. It operates without the goal of profit.**
  - B. It is owned by a religious organization.**
  - C. It charges the highest possible fees.**
  - D. It requires mandatory cremation.**

- 6. What is green burial or natural burial?**
- A. A burial method that emphasizes environmentally friendly practices**
  - B. A burial method that uses embalming and metal caskets**
  - C. A burial at sea**
  - D. A traditional burial with concrete vault**
- 7. Which information is typically engraved on a grave marker?**
- A. Deceased's name, birth and death dates, and sometimes a personal message**
  - B. The cause of death**
  - C. The obituary text**
  - D. The cemetery plot number**
- 8. What is the purpose of a cremation garden?**
- A. A designated area in a cemetery specifically for the interment or scattering of cremated remains.**
  - B. To host memorial services.**
  - C. To store fences.**
  - D. To breed trees.**
- 9. A cremation niche is also known as what?**
- A. Ossuary niche**
  - B. A storage cabinet in a columbarium**
  - C. Mausoleum niche**
  - D. Columbarium niche**
- 10. Where is a scattering garden located?**
- A. In a church courtyard.**
  - B. In a public park.**
  - C. In a cemetery.**
  - D. On private property.**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. What is an unregistered cemetery?

- A. A cemetery that offers only religious services.
- B. A cemetery with permanent vaults.
- C. A cemetery that is not officially recorded or recognized.**
- D. A cemetery that is always green certified.

An unregistered cemetery is one that hasn't been officially recorded or recognized by the state's regulatory authority that licenses and oversees cemeteries. Without registration, there's no formal record of its existence or its interment activities, and it may lack the required oversight, consumer protections, and obligations like proper maintenance of records and funds for perpetual care. The other options describe features that aren't about whether a cemetery is officially registered—such as the type of services offered, physical features, or certifications—which don't address the legality or regulatory status of the cemetery.

## 2. What are the types of cremation in Oregon?

- A. Double cremation
- B. Direct cremation, witnessed cremation**
- C. Mini cremation
- D. Cremation with embalming

In Oregon, the main distinction in cremation options centers on how the process is conducted for families: direct cremation and witnessed cremation. Direct cremation means the body is prepared for cremation and cremated soon after death, with little or no public viewing or ceremony beforehand. The cremation happens promptly, and the remains are returned to the family for a memorial service or other arrangements later. This option is often chosen for its simplicity and typically lower cost. Witnessed cremation is when the cremation itself is conducted with family members present, or at least given the option to witness the process. This can provide a sense of participation and transparency for those who want to observe the cremation. The other terms don't describe standard cremation categories. A concept like double cremation isn't a recognized routinely offered type, mini cremation isn't an established category, and cremation with embalming refers to a sequencing choice (whether embalming occurs before cremation) rather than a distinct cremation type itself. Embalming can occur prior to cremation, but that describes preparation, not the cremation type.

**3. In the context of cemeteries, what does a preneed service contract refer to?**

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- B. A contract for cemetery real estate sales**
- C. A contract for future cemetery maintenance only**
- D. A contract for ceremonial guidelines**

A preneed service contract is an agreement in which you pay in advance for funeral or cemetery services to be provided in the future. It's about locking in and guaranteeing the specific arrangements you want—such as burial or cremation, the use of a chapel or gravesite, and related services or products—so those services are already paid for when they're needed. Funds are often placed in a trust or other funded arrangement to ensure the provider can deliver the promised services, sometimes with a price guarantee that protects against cost increases. This is different from buying cemetery real estate, or a maintenance-only contract, or ceremonial guidelines, because the core purpose is to secure and pay for future services rather than property or upkeep or ceremonial rules.

**4. What term refers to placing a body in a tomb or mausoleum?**

- A. Entombment**
- B. Disinterment**
- C. Direct Burial**
- D. Inurnment**

Entombment is the term used when a body is placed in a tomb or mausoleum. This describes the above-ground form of burial, typically involving a casketed remains inside a mausoleum, crypt, or niche. It's distinct from interment, which is burial in the earth; disinterment, which is the removal of remains from a tomb; and inurnment, which means placing cremated remains into an urn. So for placing a body in a tomb or mausoleum, entombment is the precise term.

**5. What defines a non-profit cemetery?**

- A. It operates without the goal of profit.**
- B. It is owned by a religious organization.**
- C. It charges the highest possible fees.**
- D. It requires mandatory cremation.**

Non-profit status means the cemetery runs without the goal of making a profit for owners or shareholders; any surplus is reinvested to maintain grounds, improve services, or support community programs rather than distributed to individuals. That's the defining idea: earnings are used to further the mission, not to enrich private parties. Ownership can vary—it might be a religious organization, a charitable foundation, or a secular nonprofit—but the essential characteristic is how profits are treated, not who owns it. The other points aren't defining features. Ownership by a religious organization isn't required—non-profit cemeteries can be secular as well. Charging the highest possible fees contradicts the nonprofit purpose, which emphasizes service, accessibility, and stewardship rather than maximizing profit. Requiring mandatory cremation is a policy choice that some cemeteries may adopt, but it has nothing to do with whether an organization is non-profit.

## 6. What is green burial or natural burial?

- A. A burial method that emphasizes environmentally friendly practices**
- B. A burial method that uses embalming and metal caskets**
- C. A burial at sea**
- D. A traditional burial with concrete vault**

Green burial, or natural burial, centers on environmentally friendly burial practices that minimize ecological impact. In this approach, the body is placed in a biodegradable container or shroud, embalming is typically avoided or kept to a minimum, and there are no metal caskets or concrete vaults. The goal is to allow natural decomposition and return the body to the earth, often in a natural or native landscape that supports soil health and wildlife. This emphasis on low environmental impact and the use of sustainable materials is what makes it the best description. Other methods described in traditional burials involve embalming with chemicals and non-biodegradable containers or vaults, and are not aligned with the eco-friendly intent of green or natural burial.

## 7. Which information is typically engraved on a grave marker?

- A. Deceased's name, birth and death dates, and sometimes a personal message**
- B. The cause of death**
- C. The obituary text**
- D. The cemetery plot number**

Grave markers are meant to identify the person and provide a lasting tribute. The information you typically see engraved is the deceased's name and the dates of birth and death, which together show who they were and when they lived. A short personal message or epitaph is often added to honor their memory in a concise way. Details like the cause of death are not normally engraved because they're private or could be upsetting, and the obituary text is too long for a marker and is published elsewhere. The cemetery plot number lives in records for locating the grave, not as part of the memorial itself. So the combination of name, birth and death dates, and a brief personal message is the best fit for what's typically engraved on a grave marker.

## 8. What is the purpose of a cremation garden?

- A. A designated area in a cemetery specifically for the interment or scattering of cremated remains.**
- B. To host memorial services.**
- C. To store fences.**
- D. To breed trees.**

A cremation garden is a designated area within a cemetery specifically designed for the interment or scattering of cremated remains. The focus is on providing a respectful, purpose-built space where ashes can be placed in urns or dispersed in approved areas, often with markers or memorial features to honor the deceased. While families may hold ceremonies nearby, the garden's primary role is the disposition of cremated remains in a tranquil setting, not hosting general services, storing fences, or breeding trees.

**9. A cremation niche is also known as what?**

- A. Ossuary niche**
- B. A storage cabinet in a columbarium**
- C. Mausoleum niche**
- D. Columbarium niche**

A cremation niche is a recessed compartment for an urn inside a columbarium, so the standard term is columbarium niche. This wording emphasizes both the function (holding an urn with cremated remains) and the location (within a columbarium, a structure designed for many such niches). An ossuary niche would be associated with bone storage, not individual urns; a storage cabinet isn't a proper term in this context; a mausoleum niche could exist but isn't the precise, widely used label for this purpose.

**10. Where is a scattering garden located?**

- A. In a church courtyard.**
- B. In a public park.**
- C. In a cemetery.**
- D. On private property.**

A scattering garden is a designated landscape area where cremated remains are scattered in a respectful, organized setting. This kind of space is most commonly found on cemetery grounds because cemeteries provide the controlled environment, ongoing maintenance, and official oversight needed for this practice. Being on cemetery property also allows for proper record-keeping and offers a permanent, memorialized place where families can visit, often with markers or plaques to honor the loved one. While other locations such as a church courtyard, a public park, or private property might permit scattering under specific rules, they typically lack the formal designation, regulatory framework, and long-term stewardship that a cemetery provides. That's why a scattering garden is located in a cemetery.

## 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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