

PAX LVN Pre-Entrance Vocabulary 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. Contaminated is best described as:**
 - A. Free from all living microorganisms.**
 - B. Completely clean and disinfected.**
 - C. Free from infection.**
 - D. Infected or contaminated by microorganisms.**

- 2. What is the word meaning very friendly?**
 - A. Amiable**
 - B. Gregarious**
 - C. Affable**
 - D. Jovial**

- 3. Which statement about sterile equipment is incorrect?**
 - A. Sterile equipment is free from all living microorganisms.**
 - B. Sterile equipment is used to prevent infection.**
 - C. Sterile equipment can be reused without sterilization if unopened.**
 - D. Sterile equipment must be maintained to prevent contamination.**

- 4. Which term describes the body's protective response to injury or infection, causing redness, heat, swelling, and pain?**
 - A. Edema**
 - B. Necrosis**
 - C. Ischemia**
 - D. Inflammation**

- 5. What word means to obscure text within a document?**
 - A. Delete**
 - B. Erase**
 - C. Remove**
 - D. Redact**

- 6. Which word means 'Lack of language activity'?**
- A. Behoove**
 - B. Chide**
 - C. Chastise**
 - D. Aphasia**
- 7. To obscure information in a document is to ___ it.**
- A. Delete**
 - B. Redact**
 - C. Publish**
 - D. Annotate**
- 8. Which term describes lying on the abdomen?**
- A. Supine**
 - B. Recumbent**
 - C. Prone**
 - D. Lateral**
- 9. Which word means puzzling/confusing?**
- A. Conundrum**
 - B. Quagmire**
 - C. Virtual**
 - D. Jargon**
- 10. Which term describes low blood pressure?**
- A. Hypotension**
 - B. Hypertension**
 - C. Edema**
 - D. Cyanosis**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Contaminated is best described as:

- A. Free from all living microorganisms.
- B. Completely clean and disinfected.
- C. Free from infection.
- D. Infected or contaminated by microorganisms.**

Contaminated means there are microorganisms present on or in something. It is not sterile, not completely clean or disinfected. The idea here is that while something contaminated has microbes on it, that doesn't necessarily mean disease is already present in a person; it means there's a risk because microorganisms are present and could cause infection if transferred. This is why the best description is that something is infected or contaminated by microorganisms. In practice, contaminated items need proper disinfection or sterilization before safe use.

2. What is the word meaning very friendly?

- A. Amiable
- B. Gregarious**
- C. Affable
- D. Jovial

Gregarious describes a person who is sociable and enjoys being around others. When a word is asked for meaning "very friendly," this sense fits because friendliness in social settings comes from wanting company, engaging with people, and being outgoing. A gregarious person thrives in gatherings, makes friends easily, and seeks interaction, which is why this term feels strongest for describing someone who is very friendly. By contrast, amiable and affable highlight a pleasant, agreeable demeanor and ease of talking, while jovial emphasizes cheerful, merry mood; they can be friendly but don't necessarily convey the same strong orientation toward socializing as gregarious.

3. Which statement about sterile equipment is incorrect?

- A. Sterile equipment is free from all living microorganisms.
- B. Sterile equipment is used to prevent infection.
- C. Sterile equipment can be reused without sterilization if unopened.**
- D. Sterile equipment must be maintained to prevent contamination.

Sterile equipment is kept free of viable microorganisms and protected by packaging so it stays sterile until use. The idea that you can reuse sterile equipment without sterilization if it's unopened isn't valid because sterility isn't guaranteed after any reuse or prior use. If equipment has been opened, used, or even stored improperly, it must be sterilized before reuse, or it should be discarded. Many items are designed for single use, and unopened packaging can still be compromised by damage or expiration, so relying on "unopened" alone to allow reuse contradicts proper aseptic practice. The other statements align with maintaining infection prevention: sterile equipment helps prevent infection, and it must be maintained to prevent contamination.

4. Which term describes the body's protective response to injury or infection, causing redness, heat, swelling, and pain?

- A. Edema
- B. Necrosis
- C. Ischemia
- D. Inflammation**

Inflammation is the body's protective response to injury or infection. It brings immune cells and blood flow to the area to fight pathogens and start repair. The redness and heat come from increased blood flow, while swelling results from fluid leaking out of vessels, and pain can arise from chemical signals that sensitize nerves. Edema is swelling that happens during inflammation but isn't the whole process itself. Necrosis is tissue death, and ischemia is reduced blood supply; neither captures the full protective response described by inflammation. So, the term described by those signs is inflammation.

5. What word means to obscure text within a document?

- A. Delete
- B. Erase
- C. Remove
- D. Redact**

Redact is the term used when you obscure or hide parts of a document, typically to protect sensitive information. When something is redacted, the text is intentionally concealed and often replaced with a placeholder, while the rest of the document remains visible. This is different from delete, erase, or remove, which imply taking the text away entirely and changing the document's structure. Redaction keeps the document intact but hides specific content, which is why it's the best fit for meaning to obscure text within a document. For example, a report might have redacted names to protect privacy.

6. Which word means 'Lack of language activity'?

- A. Behoove
- B. Chide
- C. Chastise
- D. Aphasia**

Lack of language activity is described by aphasia, a medical term for impaired language abilities after brain injury or disease. It covers difficulties in speaking, understanding, reading, or writing. The other words don't relate to language function: beha ove means something one should do, while chide and chastise both mean to scold someone. So aphasia is the term that best fits the given meaning.

7. To obscure information in a document is to ___ it.

- A. Delete
- B. Redact**
- C. Publish
- D. Annotate

The idea being tested is choosing the term that means to obscure or hide parts of a document. Redact is the right fit because it specifically refers to masking or removing sensitive information so it isn't readable, while often keeping the rest of the document intact. This is common in legal or government contexts where a document needs to be shared but certain details (like names, numbers, or confidential data) must be hidden. Avoiding disclosure is different from deleting content, which would remove it entirely from the document; publishing would reveal information to others; annotating would add notes or explanations rather than hide content. So redacting preserves the document's structure while concealing the sensitive parts.

8. Which term describes lying on the abdomen?

- A. Supine
- B. Recumbent
- C. Prone**
- D. Lateral

Position terminology in anatomy uses prone to describe lying face down, with the abdomen contacting the surface. That exact orientation—lying on the abdomen—fits prone best. The term comes from Latin pronus, meaning bent forward. In contrast, supine means lying on the back, facing upward; recumbent is a general term for lying down; and lateral means lying on one side. So prone is the correct term because it specifically denotes face-down orientation.

9. Which word means puzzling/confusing?

- A. Conundrum**
- B. Quagmire
- C. Virtual
- D. Jargon

The concept here is choosing a word that specifically describes something puzzling or confusing. Conundrum is a noun that means a puzzling question, problem, or mystery—something that makes you think hard and isn't easy to solve. It captures the sense of confusion and enigma in one word. Quagmire, on the other hand, refers to a difficult or entangling situation where you're stuck, which can be challenging but isn't inherently about something being puzzling or confusing in its nature. Virtual means not physically present or existing online, and it has no relation to puzzling. Jargon means specialized language used by a particular group, which can be confusing to outsiders but it's describing language itself, not a puzzling situation or riddle. So the best fit for puzzling/confusing is conundrum, because it directly denotes a problem or question that is hard to figure out.

10. Which term describes low blood pressure?

- A. Hypotension**
- B. Hypertension**
- C. Edema**
- D. Cyanosis**

Low blood pressure is called hypotension. The prefix hypo- means below or less, and tension refers to pressure, so hypotension literally describes pressures that are lower than normal in the circulatory system. Clinically, it's often considered when systolic pressure is around 90 mmHg or lower or diastolic pressure is around 60 mmHg or lower, though symptoms and context matter. Hypotension can cause lightheadedness or fainting from reduced blood flow to the brain, but some people live with naturally low pressures without issues. The other terms describe different conditions: hypertension is high blood pressure; edema is swelling from excess fluid in tissues; cyanosis is a bluish discoloration of the skin due to low oxygen in the blood.

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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.

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

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