

# **PAX NLN REGISTERED NURSE (RN) VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE) STUDY GUIDE**



## **SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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 term means "unmoved by pity, pigheaded, stubborn"?
  - A. Neurotic
  - B. Quixotic
  - C. Deciduous
  - D. Obdurate
2. To renounce or reject something formally.
  - A. Ravenous
  - B. Abjure
  - C. Justifiable
  - D. Ingenious
3. The suffix -ance, -ence means what?
  - A. Relating to, state of
  - B. Cause of
  - C. Without
  - D. To own
4. Which term refers to the noun meaning "something written"?
  - A. Write on
  - B. Draft
  - C. Inscription
  - D. Manuscript
5. Within the veins is described as what?
  - A. Intravenous
  - B. Subcutaneous
  - C. Intravascular
  - D. Arterial
6. Which word means 'lead to, bring about'?
  - A. Induce
  - B. Pathology
  - C. Transgress
  - D. Chronic

**7. Expire most closely means to:**

- A. Die
- B. Live
- C. Breathe
- D. Die, "breathe last breath"

**8. Confection means**

- A. Bread/cracker with cheese or caviar at a formal party or sofa
- B. Dessert, Sweet
- C. Collective owning
- D. Drink

**9. Which word means using judgement?**

- A. Incursion
- B. Schist
- C. Passe
- D. Judicious

**10. Voluble is most closely synonymous with which word?**

- A. Reserved
- B. Quiet
- C. Talkative
- D. Mute



## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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### 1. Which term means "unmoved by pity, pigheaded, stubborn"?

- A. Neurotic
- B. Quixotic
- C. Deciduous
- D. Obdurate**

*This question tests knowing a word for someone who is unmoved by pity and stubborn in will. The term that fits both parts—unmoved by pity and pigheaded stubbornness—is obdurate. Obdurate describes someone who is hard-hearted and inflexibly resistant to persuasion, showing little or no compassion while sticking firmly to their stance. That combination of a hard heart and stubborn stance is precisely what the phrase implies. The other terms don't capture both ideas. Neurotic centers on emotional instability or excessive anxiety, not a lack of pity or stubbornness. Quixotic means unrealistically idealistic or impractical, not about hardness of heart or stubbornness. Deciduous describes leaves or teeth that shed seasonally, a physical trait rather than a personality characteristic. So obdurate best matches the given description.*

### 2. To renounce or reject something formally.

- A. Ravenous
- B. Abjure**
- C. Justifiable
- D. Ingenious

*Abjure means to renounce or reject something formally. It's used for a solemn, official release of beliefs, allegiances, or claims, often done in a formal declaration or oath. For example, someone might abjure their former religion or allegiance in a ceremony, signaling a deliberate and public rejection. The other options don't fit this sense: ravenous describes extreme hunger, justifiable refers to something capable of being justified, and ingenious means clever or inventive. Only abjure captures the formal act of renouncing.*

### 3. The suffix -ance, -ence means what?

- A. Relating to, state of**
- B. Cause of
- C. Without
- D. To own

*The main idea is that -ance and -ence are noun-forming endings that express a state, condition, or quality. They turn a root into a noun that names the state of being or the result of an action. They don't mean "without," nor do they signify ownership or the cause of something. Examples like resistance (the state of resisting), presence (the state of being present), and tolerance (the state of tolerating) show that these endings point to a condition or quality. Because of that, the best fit is a meaning that centers on "state of" (and it can align with the idea of relating to or describing that state).*

#### 4. Which term refers to the noun meaning "something written"?

- A. Write on
- B. Draft
- C. Inscription**
- D. Manuscript

*Inscription denotes the writing that is carved or written on a surface, like a plaque or monument. It refers to the actual words that are inscribed, making it the best fit for "something written." A manuscript is a written document or book text, often before publication, which is a different sense. Draft is a preliminary version of writing, not the finished written thing. "Write on" is a verb phrase, not a noun. So the writing on a surface is the inscription.*

#### 5. Within the veins is described as what?

- A. Intravenous**
- B. Subcutaneous
- C. Intravascular
- D. Arterial

*The main idea is the term that describes something located inside a vein. Intravenous comes from intra- (inside) + venous (vein), so it precisely means within a vein and is commonly used for fluids or medications given into a vein. Subcutaneous refers to under the skin, not inside a vein. Intravascular means inside blood vessels in general (both arteries and veins), which is broader than just veins. Arterial relates specifically to arteries. So the best fit for "within the veins" is intravenous.*

#### 6. Which word means 'lead to, bring about'?

- A. Induce**
- B. Pathology
- C. Transgress
- D. Chronic

*Lead to or bring about is all about causation—the idea that one thing causes another to happen. Induce is the verb that fits this sense best, because it means to cause something to occur or to bring about a result. In nursing contexts you'll hear it used for actions like inducing labor or inducing sleep, which clearly shows the idea of causing a change or outcome to happen. Pathology is the study of disease processes, not the act of causing something to happen. Transgress means to violate a rule or boundary, which isn't about causing a result. Chronic describes something long-lasting or persistent, and it's an adjective, not a verb meaning to cause.*

## 7. Expire most closely means to:

- A. Die
- B. Live
- C. Breathe
- D. Die, "breathe last breath"**

*Expire is a formal, clinical way to say that someone dies. It points to the end of life and the moment when the final breath is taken. The best choice ties those ideas together by expressing death and the specific act of the last breath. Saying die captures the outcome, but including the notion of the last breath adds the exact nuance of expiration in everyday usage. The other options miss the sense of death (live), focus only on breathing without death (breathe), or state death in a less explicit way (die with the last breath).*

## 8. Confection means

- A. Bread/cracker with cheese or caviar at a formal party or sofa
- B. Dessert, Sweet**
- C. Collective owning
- D. Drink

*Confection means a sweet treat, typically dessert or candy. In everyday usage you'll see it referring to sweets, like chocolates, candies, or an assortment of desserts. It isn't a bread or cracker with cheese or caviar (that would be an appetizer or canapé), nor does it mean collective ownership or a drink. So the best fit is dessert, sweet. For example, a box of confections might include chocolates and caramels.*

## 9. Which word means using judgement?

- A. Incursion
- B. Schist
- C. Passe
- D. Judicious**

*This question tests your understanding of words that describe making choices or evaluating situations. The word that means using judgment is judicious. It describes actions, decisions, or approaches that are wise, well-considered, and prudent—done with good sense and careful thought. For example, a judicious use of resources means using them in a way that avoids waste and maximizes benefit. Incursion refers to a sudden invasion or intrusion into a territory, not to judgment. Schist is a type of metamorphic rock. Passe means out of date or no longer fashionable. None of these relate to the concept of using sound judgment like judicious does.*

10. Voluble is most closely synonymous with which word?

- A. Reserved
- B. Quiet
- C. Talkative
- D. Mute

*Voluble describes someone who talks a great deal and speaks with ease. The best match among the options is talkative, since voluble conveys both the frequency and fluency of speech, implying lively, ongoing conversation. In contrast, being reserved suggests holding back words, being quiet implies not speaking much, and mute means unable to speak. So voluble fits with talkative as the synonym.*

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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](mailto: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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