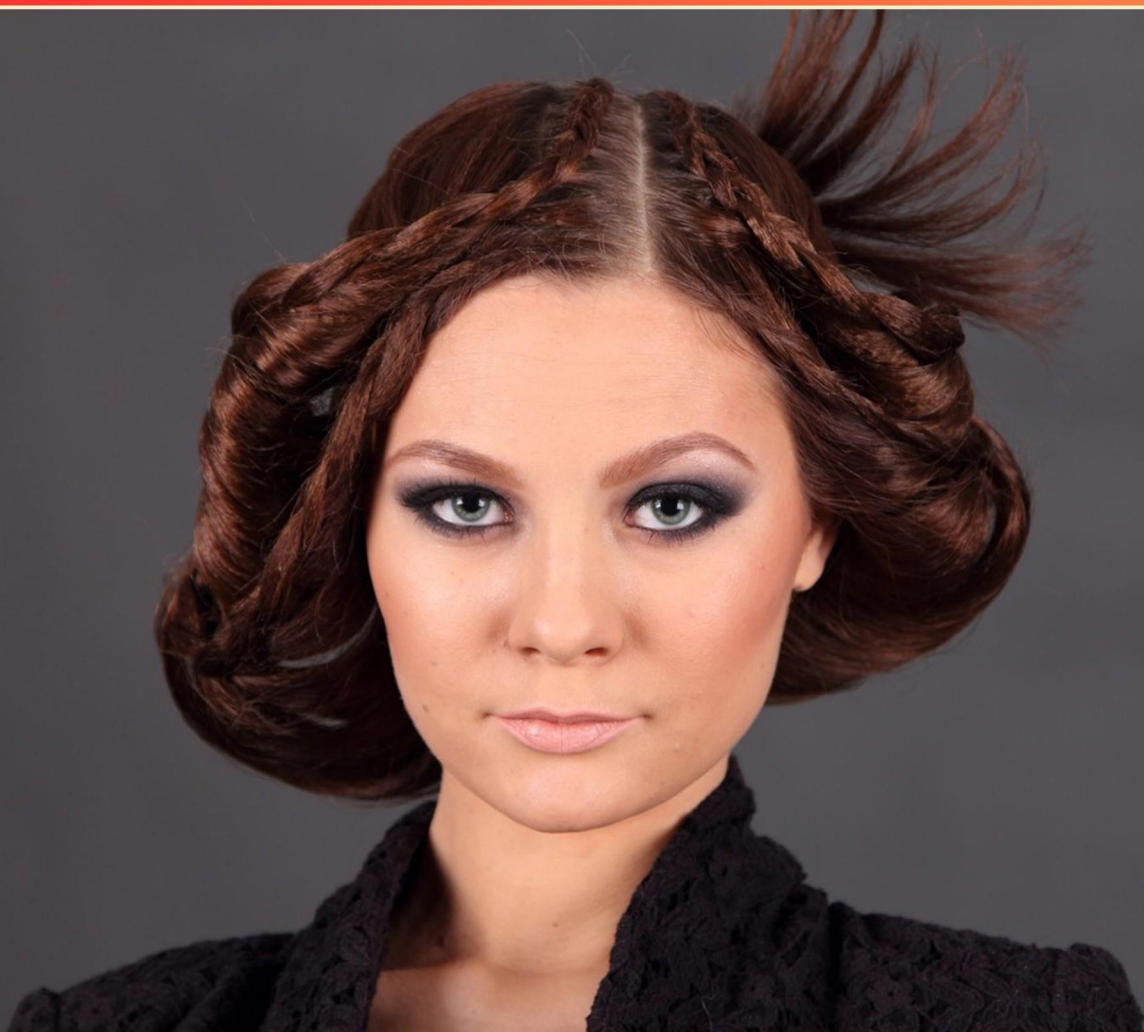


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Introduction

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 percent of curl is typically removed when relaxing?**
 - A. 85%
 - B. 60%
 - C. 25%
 - D. 100%
- 2. If waving solution comes in contact with the eyes or skin, what should you do?**
 - A. Rinse Thoroughly
 - B. Apply Conditioner
 - C. Wipe with Towel
 - D. Reapply Solution
- 3. Which term describes the hair's ability to stretch and return to its original shape?**
 - A. Texture
 - B. Elasticity
 - C. Density
 - D. Rod Size
- 4. After a light shampoo, which treatment is specified to be performable?**
 - A. Virgin thio relaxer
 - B. Virgin sodium hydroxide relaxer
 - C. Retouch relaxer
 - D. Curl reform
- 5. Which relaxer type can be performed after a light shampoo?**
 - A. Virgin thio relaxer
 - B. Virgin sodium hydroxide relaxer
 - C. Retouch relaxer
 - D. Curl reform

- 6. What processing method is associated with alkaline waves?**
- A. They are processed with heat and tension
 - B. They require no heat
 - C. They do not use tension
 - D. They require neutralizers
- 7. What steps should follow chemical processing and thorough rinsing of a texture service?**
- A. Rinse thoroughly after processing
 - B. Style hair with no product
 - C. Skip neutralizer
 - D. Apply neutralizer as directed, rinse thoroughly, perform post-treatment conditioner and scalp care, style as recommended; provide aftercare instructions and next appointment guidelines
- 8. Which product protects the scalp and hairline from caustic chemicals during chemical services?**
- A. Protective base cream
 - B. Leave-in conditioner
 - C. Heat protection spray
 - D. Detox mask
- 9. During a permanent wave, what is the primary chemical change and which bond is manipulated?**
- A. Breaking and reforming disulfide bonds in the cortex; reducing agents break them to form sulfhydryl groups, and oxidizers in the neutralizer re-form them in the new curl pattern.
 - B. Breaking salt bonds and reforming hydrogen bonds.
 - C. Swelling the hair shaft without chemical change.
 - D. Breaking keratin peptide bonds permanently to loosen the curl.
- 10. What is the shape of the follicle for tightly curled hair?**
- A. Elliptical shape
 - B. Circular shape
 - C. Linear shape
 - D. Irregular shape

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What percent of curl is typically removed when relaxing?

- A. 85%**
- B. 60%
- C. 25%
- D. 100%

Relaxing aims to permanently loosen the curl by breaking and reforming disulfide bonds in the hair, so the cortex can reorganize into a straighter shape when the bonds reset during neutralization. In practice, the amount of curl removed is typically around 85%. This level provides a noticeably smoother, easier-to-manage result without pushing the hair into extreme straightness that can lead to excessive damage. The remaining curl helps preserve some elasticity and reduce breakage, and it accounts for differences in hair type, porosity, and how the technique is applied. While more or less curl can be removed depending on those factors, 85% is the common target in professional practice.

2. If waving solution comes in contact with the eyes or skin, what should you do?

- A. Rinse Thoroughly**
- B. Apply Conditioner
- C. Wipe with Towel
- D. Reapply Solution

When waving solution contacts eyes or skin, the priority is to dilute and remove the chemical as quickly as possible. Rinse thoroughly with lukewarm running water right away, flushing the eyes for at least 15 minutes and using an eyewash if available. For skin exposure, wash the area with soap and water and remove any contaminated clothing. After rinsing, monitor for irritation and seek medical attention if redness, burning, or vision changes persist. Using conditioner won't neutralize or remove the chemical, wiping with a towel can spread it, and reapplying the solution would only increase exposure.

3. Which term describes the hair's ability to stretch and return to its original shape?

- A. Texture
- B. Elasticity**
- C. Density
- D. Rod Size

Elasticity describes hair's ability to stretch and return to its original shape. When hair has good elasticity, it can be stretched during processing without breaking and will spring back afterward, showing resilience essential for chemical texturizing. Texture is about how the hair feels on the surface, density refers to how many hairs grow in a given area, and rod size relates to the tool used to wrap hair and influence curl, not how the hair stretches.

4. After a light shampoo, which treatment is specified to be performable?

- A. Virgin thio relaxer**
- B. Virgin sodium hydroxide relaxer
- C. Retouch relaxer
- D. Curl reform

In chemical texturizing, cleansing with a light shampoo prepares the hair for a first-time chemical service on virgin hair. The only option that fits this scenario is a virgin thio relaxer. Virgin hair has not been previously processed, so starting with a thioglycolate-based relaxer—gentler and more controllable—gives you a predictable, even relaxation without the higher risk associated with stronger relaxers. A virgin sodium hydroxide relaxer is more aggressive and not the typical first choice after a light shampoo, since it requires stricter safety and conditioning considerations. A retouch relaxer is intended for hair that has already been relaxed and only touches up new growth, not virgin hair. Curl reform is used to alter curl patterns after processing, not as the initial service on clean, untreated hair.

5. Which relaxer type can be performed after a light shampoo?

- A. Virgin thio relaxer**
- B. Virgin sodium hydroxide relaxer
- C. Retouch relaxer
- D. Curl reform

A light shampoo cleanses away buildup while keeping the hair in a condition that can still be safely chemically processed. A virgin thio relaxer is designed for virgin hair and is milder than alkaline hydroxide relaxers, so it can be applied after a light shampoo without risking over-processing. The thioglycolate-based relaxer penetrates the hair enough to straighten while being gentler on hair that has just been cleansed. Virgin sodium hydroxide relaxers are far more aggressive and risk over-processing clean, freshly shampooed hair. Retouch relaxers are meant for relaxing only the new growth after a prior chemical service, not for virgin hair right after a light shampoo. Curl reform isn't a relaxer type used for straightening the entire strand.

6. What processing method is associated with alkaline waves?

- A. They are processed with heat and tension**
- B. They require no heat
- C. They do not use tension
- D. They require neutralizers

Alkaline waves rely on a strong reducing agent at high pH to soften and break the hair's disulfide bonds, and the processing is carried out with heat to speed the chemical reaction and tension to shape the hair as it processes. Wrapping the hair on rods and applying heat activates the wave formation, giving a defined curl pattern once the bonds are reformed by the neutralizer. While neutralizers are used after processing, the defining method here is the combination of heat and tension during processing.

7. What steps should follow chemical processing and thorough rinsing of a texture service?

- A. Rinse thoroughly after processing
- B. Style hair with no product
- C. Skip neutralizer
- D. Apply neutralizer as directed, rinse thoroughly, perform post-treatment conditioner and scalp care, style as recommended; provide aftercare instructions and next appointment guidelines**

The essential idea here is that after chemical processing, the service should be finished with neutralizing, thorough rinsing, plus post-treatment care and clear aftercare guidance. Neutralizer is used as directed to stop the chemical action and restore the hair's pH, effectively "locking in" the new texture. Rinsing thoroughly removes all trace of chemicals, preventing ongoing processing or damage. After that, a post-treatment conditioner helps replenish moisture and restore elasticity, making the texture more balanced and manageable. Scalp care supports comfort and prevents irritation, and styling as recommended ensures the result looks and feels right. Providing aftercare instructions and next-appointment guidelines helps the client maintain and monitor the texture over time. The other options fall short because they omit one or more of these crucial steps. Skipping neutralizer or not addressing post-treatment care would leave the hair in a stressed state or without support for long-term results, while styling with no product misses guidance that can protect and support the new texture. The complete sequence in the correct choice covers all necessary actions to finish a texture service safely and effectively.

8. Which product protects the scalp and hairline from caustic chemicals during chemical services?

- A. Protective base cream**
- B. Leave-in conditioner
- C. Heat protection spray
- D. Detox mask

Barrier protection for the scalp during chemical services is achieved with a protective base cream, which creates a barrier on the skin along the hairline and around the ears to block caustic chemicals from direct contact. This helps prevent chemical burns, irritation, and staining while the chemical can still work on the hair. Leave-in conditioner provides moisture and slip but does not form a reliable barrier against caustic solutions. Heat protection spray is meant to shield hair from heat, not to protect skin from chemical exposure. A detox mask is used for cleansing after processing, not for protection during the application. When using the base cream, apply a thin, even layer along the hairline and around the edges of the scalp before the chemical service.

9. During a permanent wave, what is the primary chemical change and which bond is manipulated?

A. Breaking and reforming disulfide bonds in the cortex; reducing agents break them to form sulfhydryl groups, and oxidizers in the neutralizer re-form them in the new curl pattern.

B. Breaking salt bonds and reforming hydrogen bonds.

C. Swelling the hair shaft without chemical change.

D. Breaking keratin peptide bonds permanently to loosen the curl.

The main idea is that a permanent wave changes the shape by chemically modifying the hair's disulfide bonds in the cortex. A reducing agent breaks these disulfide bonds, turning them into sulfhydryl (thiol) groups so the hair can be reformed into a new shape on rods. Then, the neutralizer oxidizes those thiols to reform disulfide bonds in the new configuration, locking in the curl. This disulfide-bond chemistry is what determines the permanence and the pattern of the curl. Salt bonds and hydrogen bonds are affected during processing, but they aren't the primary chemical change driving the wave. Swelling happens as the hair takes up solution, and breaking peptide bonds would damage the hair backbone, which is not part of a standard permanent wave.

10. What is the shape of the follicle for tightly curled hair?

A. Elliptical shape

B. Circular shape

C. Linear shape

D. Irregular shape

The shape of the follicle influences how a hair strand grows out of the scalp and how it curls. An oval (elliptical) follicle causes the hair shaft to exit at an angle, twisting as it grows and producing a tight curl. If the follicle were circular, the hair would grow more straight because the exit is symmetrical and lacks that directional bend. Linear or irregular follicle shapes wouldn't consistently produce the neat, defined curl seen in tightly curled hair. So, the elliptical shape best explains tightly curled hair.

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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