

PPCS-PTM ZONE ASSIGNMENT OF PROVINCES PRACTICE EXAM (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. Which metric is appropriate to quantify geographic fairness across zones?**
 - A. Total provincial area.
 - B. Distribution metrics such as the Gini coefficient for population or incident load, or standard deviation of KPIs.
 - C. Average travel time across zones.
 - D. Median income.
- 2. What zone is Davao Del Sur assigned to?**
 - A. Zone 5
 - B. Zone 2
 - C. Zone 4
 - D. Zone 3
- 3. Maguindanao is part of which zone?**
 - A. Zone 2
 - B. Zone 5
 - C. Zone 4
 - D. Zone 3
- 4. Which of the following is a common objective used in zone assignment optimization?**
 - A. Increase the number of zones without regard to workload.
 - B. Use only population as constraint without travel times.
 - C. Minimize travel time, balance workload across zones, maximize coverage and response capability, and reduce operational costs.
 - D. Randomly assign provinces.
- 5. How do you measure the effectiveness of zone assignment after implementation?**
 - A. Monitor KPIs such as travel time, coverage, incident outcomes, stakeholder satisfaction, and cost efficiency.
 - B. Rely solely on expert opinion without data.
 - C. Measure only geographic area covered.
 - D. Use a single KPI like population density.

6. South Cotabato is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 7
- B. Zone 5
- C. Zone 2
- D. Zone 4

7. Abra is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 3
- B. Zone 1
- C. Zone 2
- D. Zone 4

8. Which zone is Pangasinan assigned to?

- A. Zone 2
- B. Zone 4
- C. Zone 3
- D. Zone 1

9. Eastern Samar is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 3
- B. Zone 4
- C. Zone 5
- D. Zone 6

10. What zone is Zamboanga Del Sur assigned to?

- A. Zone 4
- B. Zone 3
- C. Zone 5
- D. Zone 6

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which metric is appropriate to quantify geographic fairness across zones?

- A. Total provincial area.
- B. Distribution metrics such as the Gini coefficient for population or incident load, or standard deviation of KPIs.**
- C. Average travel time across zones.
- D. Median income.

To judge geographic fairness across zones, you want a measure that captures how evenly something is spread from one zone to another, not just an average level in the whole region. A distribution metric like the Gini coefficient, applied to population or incident load, does exactly that. It compresses the entire distribution into a single number between 0 and 1 (or 0% to 100%), where 0 indicates perfect equality across zones and higher values reveal greater inequality. Using the Gini on population tells you if people are clustered in some zones and sparse in others; using it on incident load tells you if workload or demand is concentrated in certain zones, signaling fairness issues. The standard deviation of KPIs across zones serves a similar purpose by showing how much those measures vary from zone to zone—the larger the dispersion, the less fair the distribution. In contrast, total provincial area isn't related to how resources or burdens are distributed across zones, so it doesn't inform fairness. Average travel time across zones can mask large disparities (a few zones with very long times can be offset by many with short times), so it doesn't reliably quantify cross-zone equity. Median income, while informative about economic status, isn't a direct measure of geographic fairness in how resources or loads are allocated. So the distribution-based metrics are the best fit for assessing geographic fairness across zones.

2. What zone is Davao Del Sur assigned to?

- A. Zone 5**
- B. Zone 2
- C. Zone 4
- D. Zone 3

Zone assignment groups provinces for coordinated planning and resource management in this material. Davao Del Sur is placed in Zone five according to the map used in this exam. This fixed grouping means Davao Del Sur shares its zone with other provinces in that portion of the map, while different provinces fall into zones two, three, or four. The key takeaway is that the province's zone is determined by the predefined zone map used here, and Davao Del Sur's designation is Zone five.

3. Maguindanao is part of which zone?

- A. Zone 2
- B. Zone 5**
- C. Zone 4
- D. Zone 3

Zone assignments group provinces by their geographic location for the PPCS-PTM framework. Maguindanao sits in the southern part of Mindanao, and in this zone-mapping scheme it is placed in Zone 5. This reflects how the material organizes provinces regionally, with Mindanao provinces clustered into Zone 5. The other zones correspond to different parts of the country, so they do not include Maguindanao. If you review the zone map in your study materials, you'll see Maguindanao listed under Zone 5.

4. Which of the following is a common objective used in zone assignment optimization?

- A. Increase the number of zones without regard to workload.
- B. Use only population as constraint without travel times.
- C. Minimize travel time, balance workload across zones, maximize coverage and response capability, and reduce operational costs.**
- D. Randomly assign provinces.

Zone assignment optimization aims to set boundaries so service delivery is fast, fair, and cost-efficient. A common objective is to minimize travel time, balance workload across zones, maximize coverage and response capability, and reduce operational costs. These aspects fit together because shorter travel times lead to quicker responses, evenly distributing workload prevents overload and bottlenecks, strong coverage ensures no area is underserved, and lower costs keep the system sustainable. Other approaches fall short because increasing the number of zones without considering workload can waste resources, using only population as a constraint ignores geography and travel times, and randomly assigning provinces ignores strategy and can degrade coverage and efficiency. So, choosing an objective that combines these four factors reflects how zone assignments should work in practice.

5. How do you measure the effectiveness of zone assignment after implementation?

- A. Monitor KPIs such as travel time, coverage, incident outcomes, stakeholder satisfaction, and cost efficiency.**
- B. Rely solely on expert opinion without data.
- C. Measure only geographic area covered.
- D. Use a single KPI like population density.

Evaluating zone assignment effectiveness after implementation requires a multi-faceted, data-driven approach. By tracking a range of KPIs, you can see how the new zones perform from multiple angles: travel time shows efficiency in moving resources; coverage indicates whether the geographic reach meets needs; incident outcomes reflect safety and service effectiveness; stakeholder satisfaction reveals acceptance and perceived value; and cost efficiency demonstrates sustainability. This broad set helps you understand trade-offs and identify where adjustments are needed, rather than drawing conclusions from a single measure. Relying on expert opinion without data misses how things actually change in practice. Measuring only how much geographic area is covered ignores whether that area is served well, with timely responses and good outcomes. Focusing on a lone KPI like population density can mislead, since density doesn't capture response times, coverage gaps, or costs. The strongest approach is to monitor a balanced mix of KPIs before and after implementation, then use those insights to refine the zone design.

6. South Cotabato is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 7
- B. Zone 5**
- C. Zone 2
- D. Zone 4

Zone assignment tests how provinces are grouped into zones for planning and analysis in this PPCS-PTM material. The idea is to cluster provinces that share similar characteristics in the context of the exercise, so you can apply zone-specific considerations consistently. In this mapping, South Cotabato is placed in Zone 5. That makes Zone 5 the correct zone for this province within the material's zone map, because the exam's grouping assigns South Cotabato to that cluster rather than to the others listed. The other zones correspond to different provincial clusters and do not include South Cotabato under this scheme. If you memorize how the material groups provinces, you'll see why South Cotabato falls into Zone 5.

7. Abra is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 3**
- B. Zone 1
- C. Zone 2
- D. Zone 4

Zone assignments group provinces into fixed clusters to streamline planning, resource distribution, and coordination across areas. In this set, Abra falls into the zone labeled Zone 3, which is the designated cluster for Abra in the given mapping. That's why Zone 3 is the correct label for Abra's assignment. The other zones aren't the assigned cluster for Abra in this framework, so they don't fit. If you ever doubt, refer to the specific zone map used in the exercise, since mappings can vary between materials.

8. Which zone is Pangasinan assigned to?

- A. Zone 2
- B. Zone 4
- C. Zone 3**
- D. Zone 1

Zone assignments group provinces into geographic clusters on the exam map to organize questions and ensure coverage across different areas. Pangasinan sits in the northwestern part of Luzon, and in the predefined zone map used for this practice set, that area is designated Zone 3. So Pangasinan being in Zone 3 reflects the official mapping for this item. The other zones correspond to different provincial groupings and do not include Pangasinan in this scheme. If you check the map provided with the materials, you'll see Pangasinan labeled within Zone 3.

9. Eastern Samar is assigned to which zone?

- A. Zone 3
- B. Zone 4
- C. Zone 5
- D. Zone 6

Understanding how provinces are grouped into zones is about geographic clustering for coordinated planning. Eastern Samar sits in the eastern Visayas cluster used in this zoning scheme, which is designated Zone 5. This placement reflects its location relative to nearby provinces in the same regional cluster, helping to optimize logistics, training, and operations for that region. The other zones correspond to different geographic areas (north or central parts of Luzon and adjacent regions), so they don't include Eastern Samar.

10. What zone is Zamboanga Del Sur assigned to?

- A. Zone 4
- B. Zone 3
- C. Zone 5
- D. Zone 6

Zone assignments in this material are organized by geographic groupings to help you recall provinces together. Zamboanga del Sur sits in the western Mindanao/Zamboanga Peninsula cluster, which the study materials place in Zone 4. That geographic grouping is why Zone 4 is the best answer for this province. The other zones correspond to different regional clusters, so they wouldn't apply to Zamboanga del Sur in this scheme. Refer to the zone map in your study materials to see the exact provinces in Zone 4.

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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