# RESEARCH AND EVALUATION EXAM 1 PRACTICE (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

**1. Which statement best reflects the relationship between content validity and construct validity?**

A. Content validity assesses domain coverage; construct validity assesses the theoretical relationships between constructs.

B. They are the same concept.

C. Content validity ensures reliability.

D. Construct validity ensures timing.

**2. In mixed methods, what is triangulation?**

A. Replacing data collection with trials alone.

B. Ignoring qualitative data to save time.

C. Using multiple data sources or methods to converge on findings.

D. Adjusting samples for bias alone.

**3. What term describes turning a theoretical concept into a measurable form?**

A. Concept

B. Conceptualization

C. Operationalization

D. Measurement

**4. Which concept describes science as a recursive process of developing empirical knowledge?**

A. Wallace's Wheel of Science

B. Science

C. Theory

D. Hypothesis

**5. What does social science research focus on?**

A. Data

B. Science

C. Society and human relationships

D. Ethics

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A. Data Codebook

B. Theory

C. RFP

D. Hypothesis

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A. Protects human subjects, ensures risks are minimized, informed consent, privacy, and ethical conduct.

B. Maximizes data collection from participants.

C. Approves any study regardless of risk.

D. Analyzes data and writes reports.

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A. Using search terms in conjunction with boolean operators and filters.

B. Randomly browsing articles.

C. Ignoring abstracts.

D. Reading only one journal.

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A. Ethics are important at all stages of research; offer appropriate attributes for research

B. Ethics apply only during data collection

C. Ethics relate only to publication

D. Ethics are optional

**10. What is the primary purpose of exploratory research?**

A. It is used when little or nothing is known about a topic

B. It describes a topic in detail

C. It explains why events occur

D. It evaluates a program

# Answers

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

# Explanations

**1. Which statement best reflects the relationship between content validity and construct validity?**

A. Content validity assesses domain coverage; construct validity assesses the theoretical relationships between constructs.

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*The main idea here is distinguishing what each type of validity is checking. Content validity is about domain coverage: do the items in the measure represent all facets of the construct we intend to assess? It's usually judged by experts who map items to the different dimensions of the construct to ensure nothing important is left out. Construct validity is about how the measure fits the theory: do the results relate to other variables and constructs in ways the theory predicts, and do the internal relationships among items reflect the expected structure (for example, through construct- or factor-based relationships, convergent and discriminant validity). That's why the best choice says content validity assesses domain coverage and construct validity assesses the theoretical relationships between constructs. The other statements miss the essential distinction: they imply the two are the same, or tie content validity to reliability, or attach timing to construct validity, which isn't what these concepts address.*

**2. In mixed methods, what is triangulation?**

A. Replacing data collection with trials alone.

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*Triangulation in mixed methods means using more than one data source or method and looking for convergence in the findings. By combining, for example, quantitative results with qualitative insights (such as surveys and interviews), or using multiple data sources (surveys, observations, documents), you check whether different approaches point to the same conclusions. When they do converge, your conclusions gain credibility and are less likely to be the result of a single method's biases or limitations. If they diverge, you gain valuable nuance, signaling where context or mechanisms might differ or where a deeper investigation is needed. This isn't about replacing data collection with trials, ignoring qualitative data, or adjusting samples purely for bias. Rather, it's about cross-checking evidence across methods or sources to strengthen or refine conclusions.*

**3. What term describes turning a theoretical concept into a measurable form?**

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*Operationalization is the process of turning a theoretical concept into a measurable form. It means specifying exactly how the concept will be observed and quantified so you can collect data and test ideas. For example, if you study social support, you operationalize it by identifying observable indicators (like frequency of supportive interactions or a respondent's perceived availability of help) and choosing instruments (such as surveys or scales) to measure them. This creates concrete variables and data that can be analyzed, making the concept replicable across studies. Conceptualization is about defining what the concept means, while measurement is the act of collecting data using instruments—operationalization is the bridge that turns the abstract idea into something observable.*

## 4. Which concept describes science as a recursive process of developing empirical knowledge?

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*Wallace's Wheel of Science captures the way scientific knowledge grows through iteration. In this view, empirical observations spark the development of theories, which generate testable hypotheses. Those hypotheses are then examined against data and experiments, and the outcomes feed back into new observations and refinements of the theory. This back-and-forth continues, making science a repeating loop rather than a straight path from data to a final conclusion. That recursive, cyclical nature is what makes Wallace's Wheel of Science the best description of how empirical knowledge is built. The other terms refer to parts or products of the process rather than the overall dynamic: science is the broad field; theory is a framework explaining phenomena; a hypothesis is a testable statement within the cycle.*

## 5. What does social science research focus on?

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*Social science research focuses on society and human relationships. It aims to understand how people interact within families, groups, organizations, and broader social systems, and how norms, institutions, and structures shape behavior and life outcomes. Researchers use data gathered through surveys, experiments, observations, and records to detect patterns and explain social phenomena with a systematic approach. Data and methods are essential tools, but the central subject is the social world—how people relate to one another, organize themselves, and influence the societies they inhabit. Ethics matters in research with people, guiding protections and responsible practices, but it's not the primary focus of social science research itself.*

## 6. A data codebook is the collection of all data gathered by a particular data set.

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*A data codebook is metadata that describes a dataset—defining each variable, its meaning, how it's coded, its measurement scale, and the rules for handling missing data. This guide helps you interpret and analyze the data correctly, but it isn't the data itself. The actual collection of values across all records is the dataset, while the codebook explains what those values represent and how they were collected. The other terms don't fit because a theory is an explanatory framework, an RFP is a procurement document, and a hypothesis is a testable proposition; none serve as the descriptive guide to a dataset's structure outlined by a codebook.*

## 7. What is the primary role of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) in research?

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*The IRB exists to safeguard people who participate in research. Its main job is to review study plans to make sure any risks are minimized, that the potential benefits justify those risks, and that participants are properly informed and able to give voluntary consent. The board also checks that privacy and confidentiality of participants are protected and that the research is conducted in an ethical, regulatory-compliant way. Only after the IRB approves can a study proceed, and they may require changes or ongoing monitoring if concerns arise. Maximizing data collection isn't the focus; the IRB weighs risk against benefits and ethical considerations. It doesn't approve every study regardless of risk, since it has the authority to require modifications or deny approval if the risks are too high. And it doesn't analyze data or write reports—that work belongs to researchers and analysts.*

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*Refining literature search results hinges on combining search terms with boolean operators and applying filters. Boolean operators let you control how terms are connected: AND tightens the search by requiring both terms, OR broadens by including either term, and NOT excludes a concept to remove unwanted results. Filters then narrow the results further by criteria like publication date, language, study design, population, or database limits. Together, these tools transform a large, unwieldy result set into a focused, relevant subset that's practical to review. This approach is far more efficient than random browsing, which is unstructured and easy to miss key studies. Ignoring abstracts deprives you of quick, essential cues about relevance, and limiting yourself to a single journal greatly reduces scope and may miss important evidence from other sources.*

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*Ethics in research must guide every step—from planning and design to data collection, analysis, and reporting. This ongoing concern protects participants, upholds the integrity and reliability of findings, and builds trust in the research process. The best statement captures that ethics aren't a one-time check but a continuous framework that shapes how research is conceived, conducted, and shared, providing attributes like respect for persons, beneficence, justice, informed consent, privacy, and transparent reporting. If ethics were limited to only data collection or only publication, important responsibilities—such as obtaining proper consent, protecting confidentiality, ensuring accurate data handling, and avoiding misleading conclusions—could be neglected. And viewing ethics as optional undermines the entire foundation of credible, responsible research.*

**10. What is the primary purpose of exploratory research?**

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*Exploratory research is used when little or nothing is known about a topic. Its main aim is to gain familiarity with the problem and its context, so researchers can identify key questions, variables, and possible directions for study. It helps shape the research path by uncovering what information exists, what needs to be learned, and what methods might be appropriate for future work. Because the topic is not yet well understood, flexible and open-ended approaches—like literature reviews, informal interviews, focus groups, and small pilot studies—are common. This isn't about describing a topic in detail, explaining why events occur, or evaluating a program. Those purposes require more structured, targeted approaches at later stages of research.*

# 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!