SOLO Wilderness First Responder 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.

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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!

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Questions

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1. Which structure connects bone to muscle?

A. Tendons

B. Ligaments

C. Cartilage

D. Bones

2. Which item is NOT part of the Primary Assessment?

A. Airway

B. Breathing

C. Sample

D. Environment

3. For frostbite, at what water temperature should rewarming be performed in the field when safe to do so?

A. Boiling water.

B. Hot water around 60°C.

C. Cold tap water.

D. Warm water around 40°C (not hot).

4. Which step helps mitigate environmental hazards during transport of a patient in wilderness settings?

A. Ignore wind and rain to save time.

B. Plan a route with no helper support.

C. Walk slowly to reduce exertion.

D. Seek shelter from wind and rain, keep the patient dry, maintain body warmth, minimize exposure, plan a safe route with helpers, and expedite dispatch if possible.

5. Bleed control is the treatment for which injury type?

A. Laceration

B. Contusion

C. Puncture

D. Avulsion

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6. How can you assess oxygenation in the field without a pulse oximeter?

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- **B. Check heart rate only**
- **C. Measure blood pressure only**
- **D. Use a stethoscope**

7. How do you assess for intra-abdominal injury in the field?

- **A. Look for abdominal tenderness, guarding, rigidity, distention, and rebound; signs of shock out of proportion; monitor vitals; avoid deep palpation; evacuate.**
- **B. Abdominal signs are not important; treat the limb first.**
- **C. Only check for chest signs.**
- **D. Evacuate only if patient loses consciousness.**

8. In field management of a venomous snakebite, how should the affected limb be positioned?

- **A. Keep the limb immobilized and at heart level.**
- **B. Keep the limb immobilized and raised above heart level.**
- **C. Massage the bite area to distribute venom.**
- **D. Apply a tourniquet.**

9. What should you do if you suspect a spinal injury and the patient deteriorates during transport?

- **A. Remove immobilization to ease breathing.**
- **B. Do not remove immobilization; maintain spinal alignment; reassess and adjust immobilization as needed; escalate to advanced care; keep airway clear.**
- **C. Ignore spinal precautions and proceed as normal.**
- **D. Only adjust immobilization if asked by patient.**

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10. AM PLE Hx stands for which items?

A. Allergies, Medications, Past medical History, Last Meal, Events Leading Up to Present Illness

B. Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Disability, Exposure

C. Allergies, Medications, Past Medical History, Last Oral Intake, Events Leading Up to Incident

D. Allergies, Medications, Past Medical History, Last Meal, Event Leading Up to Present Illness

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which structure connects bone to muscle?

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Understanding how muscles move the skeleton is key. The structure that connects muscle to bone is the tendon. Tendons are tough, flexible bands that attach the end of a muscle to a bone, so when the muscle contracts, the tendon pulls on the bone to produce movement. Ligaments, by contrast, connect bone to bone and help stabilize joints. Cartilage lines joint surfaces to cushion and reduce friction between bones. Bones themselves connect to other bones or tissues, but they don't link muscle to bone.

2. Which item is NOT part of the Primary Assessment?

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Primary Assessment is all about identifying and addressing immediate life threats by quickly evaluating Airway, Breathing, and Circulation, then moving on to Disability and Exposure if needed. You're checking how the patient is functioning right now and whether you need to intervene right away to keep them alive. The SAMPLE history is not part of that rapid, hands-on check. It's a history-taking tool used during the Secondary Assessment to gather background information (Signs/Symptoms, Allergies, Medications, Past medical history, Last oral intake, Events leading up to the incident). Because it focuses on what happened to the patient rather than their current physiological status, it belongs outside the primary survey. Environment is considered during Scene Size-Up to ensure the area is safe for you and the patient before starting the assessment. While important, it's not part of the life-threat evaluation itself, which is why SAMPLE is the correct choice for what does not belong in the Primary Assessment.

3. For frostbite, at what water temperature should rewarming be performed in the field when safe to do so?

A. Boiling water.

B. Hot water around 60°C.

C. Cold tap water.

D. Warm water around 40°C (not hot).

Frostbite rewarming in the field should be a controlled, gentle process that brings the frozen tissue back to near-normal temperature without causing burns. The best approach is to immerse the affected area in warm water around 40°C (not hot) and maintain that temperature for about 15 to 30 minutes, or until the tissue becomes pliable, sensations return, and color improves. This temperature is warm enough to reverse ice crystal formation and restore blood flow, but not so hot that it damages tissue. Using hotter water—around 60°C or boiling—can cause burns and further tissue injury. Cold tap water will not provide enough heat to reverse frostbite effectively and can lead to longer healing times. So, the goal is a comfortable, warm bath—not hot—to safely thaw the tissue. After rewarming, protect and insulate the area, avoid rubbing, remove constrictive items, and seek medical care if needed, especially for severe frostbite or if refreezing risk remains.

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4. Which step helps mitigate environmental hazards during transport of a patient in wilderness settings?

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D. Seek shelter from wind and rain, keep the patient dry, maintain body warmth, minimize exposure, plan a safe route with helpers, and expedite dispatch if possible.

Mitigating environmental hazards during wilderness transport focuses on protecting the patient from wind, rain, and exposure while preserving body heat and moving safely toward definitive care. The step described does this by seeking shelter from wind and rain, keeping the patient dry, maintaining warmth, and minimizing exposure. It also plans a safe route with helpers and, if possible, speeds up dispatch, which reduces total time in a risky environment. Together, these actions prevent rapid heat loss and hypothermia, improve safety, and ensure quicker access to further care. Ignore weather or exposure is dangerous because wind and rain accelerate heat loss. Transporting with no helper support increases risk and slows progress. Merely walking slowly helps conserve energy but doesn't address environmental exposure. The comprehensive approach in this step directly targets the environmental hazards involved in wilderness transport.

5. Bleed control is the treatment for which injury type?

A. Laceration

B. Contusion

C. Puncture

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Bleeding control is the immediate action for stopping external blood loss from an open wound. A laceration is a torn, open skin wound that often bleeds visibly and responds quickly to direct pressure with a dressing, sometimes requiring additional measures like a tourniquet for severe bleeding. Contusions are closed injuries with bleeding that's mostly internal or under the skin, so there isn't active external bleeding to control in the same way. Punctures can bleed, but the injury is defined by a small entry wound rather than a broad, exposed tissue disruption, so bleeding control isn't the defining treatment for that type. Avulsions involve tissue torn away and require attention to both bleeding control and tissue preservation, but the hallmark scenario where bleeding control is the primary initial treatment is the open wound of a laceration.

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6. How can you assess oxygenation in the field without a pulse oximeter?

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C. Measure blood pressure only

D. Use a stethoscope

When you don't have a pulse oximeter, you judge oxygenation by how well the patient is ventilating and perfusing their tissues, using clinical signs you can observe at the scene. Mental status is a key clue: confusion, agitation, or lethargy can indicate the brain isn't getting enough oxygen. Skin color can hint at problems too— pallor or mottling may signal poor perfusion, and cyanosis is a late, less reliable sign in some skin tones, so use it with other findings. Capillary refill gives a quick sense of blood flow; if it's slow, tissues aren't being well perfused, which can go along with inadequate oxygen delivery. Look at respiratory rate and effort: rapid, shallow breathing or the use of extra muscles suggests the patient is working hard to oxygenate, a sign of distress or hypoxemia. Dizziness or confusion also points to brain hypoxia and warrants prompt action and reassessment. Relying on heart rate alone isn't enough because heart rate can change for many reasons and may look normal even when oxygenation is poor. Blood pressure by itself isn't a reliable measure of oxygenation—people can maintain a normal BP despite hypoxia, especially early on. A stethoscope is valuable for assessing airway and lung sounds and can help identify problems that might cause or worsen hypoxia, but it doesn't tell you the oxygen level directly, so you'd still be missing a direct read on oxygenation.

7. How do you assess for intra-abdominal injury in the field?

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B. Abdominal signs are not important; treat the limb first.

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Intra-abdominal injuries in the field can be hidden but deadly, so the focus is on recognizing signs that the abdomen is a danger zone and acting to get definitive care quickly. Look for tenderness as a baseline indication of abdominal irritation or injury, and notice guarding or rigidity, which are protective muscle responses that suggest there may be bleeding or damage inside. Distention can point to internal bleeding or gas/fluid buildup in the abdomen. Rebound tenderness—pain that worsens when you release gentle pressure—also signals peritoneal irritation from internal injury. If the patient's vital signs show shock or a tendency toward instability that is out of proportion to visible injuries, that raises suspicion of internal bleeding even when you don't see external trauma. Because these injuries can deteriorate fast, you track vitals over time and look for trends rather than a single snapshot. Avoid deep palpation because it can aggravate injuries or provoke more bleeding; gentle assessment is safer while you determine the need for evacuation. The appropriate action is to escalate care and move toward definitive treatment as soon as intra-abdominal injury is suspected. Other approaches that overlook abdominal signs, focus only on limbs, or wait for consciousness to be lost miss critical injuries and delay life-saving transport.

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8. In field management of a venomous snakebite, how should the affected limb be positioned?

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B. Keep the limb immobilized and raised above heart level.

C. Massage the bite area to distribute venom.

D. Apply a tourniquet.

When a venomous snakebite occurs, the priority is to slow the spread of venom by limiting movement and carefully positioning the injured limb. Immobilizing the limb with a splint prevents muscle activity from pumping venom through the lymphatic system, which slows absorption and keeps venom concentrated near the bite longer, giving you a better chance to manage the situation and seek care. Keeping the affected limb at heart level helps minimize the rate at which venom reaches the bloodstream compared with higher positions. Massage the bite area to move venom, or apply a tourniquet, both of which can force venom deeper into tissues, cut off blood flow, and cause tissue damage; these actions are not recommended. Elevating the limb above heart level isn't as effective as maintaining immobilization with the limb at heart level, and it can complicate circulation and swelling.

9. What should you do if you suspect a spinal injury and the patient deteriorates during transport?

A. Remove immobilization to ease breathing.

B. Do not remove immobilization; maintain spinal alignment; reassess and adjust immobilization as needed; escalate to advanced care; keep airway clear.

C. Ignore spinal precautions and proceed as normal.

D. Only adjust immobilization if asked by patient.

When you suspect a spinal injury, protect the spine during transport by keeping immobilization in place and maintaining proper alignment. If the patient deteriorates, the priority is to preserve that immobilization, recheck and adjust the straps or supports as needed, and escalate to advanced care without allowing any movement of the spine. At the same time, focus on airway and breathing: keep the airway clear, use manual stabilization if the head or neck needs support, and provide oxygen if available. Do not remove immobilization to ease breathing, because moving the spine can worsen a potential injury. Continue to monitor circulation and vital signs and seek higher-level care promptly.

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AM PLE Hx is a quick, structured way to gather essential patient history in an emergency. It stands for Allergies, Medications, Past Medical History, Last Meal, and Events Leading Up to Present Illness. Knowing allergies helps avoid dangerous reactions, medications remind you of current treatments and possible interactions, past medical history reveals conditions that could affect care, the last meal informs risk for aspiration during any procedures or anesthesia, and the events leading up to the current illness or injury provide context for onset and mechanism. This combination focuses on information that directly influences immediate management in the field, which is why it's the best match for the mnemonic. The other options mix in a different mnemonic for the primary survey or alter the wording (such as Last Oral Intake or using a singular event), which doesn't align with the standard AMPLE Hx construction.

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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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