

SSAT SYNONYMS PRACTICE TEST (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. What is a synonym for elated?

- A. Ecstatic
- B. Ample
- C. Harmless
- D. Thorough

2. What is a synonym for emulate?

- A. Imitate
- B. Diverge
- C. Ignore
- D. Neglect

3. Epoch is most closely equivalent to which phrase?

- A. Dynasty
- B. Ages
- C. Time Period
- D. Moment

4. Which word is a synonym of audacity?

- A. Boldness
- B. Hate
- C. Reason
- D. Change

5. Dwindle means to which?

- A. Crowd
- B. Lessen
- C. Atmosphere
- D. Recuperate

6. Reluctant is best defined as

- A. Willing
- B. Uncertain
- C. Unwilling
- D. Cautious

7. To ruminate means to

- A. Ponder
- B. Meditate
- C. Reflect
- D. Cogitate

8. Which word best matches unsavory?

- A. Distasteful
- B. Delicious
- C. Pleasant
- D. Odious

9. A rogue is most nearly a what?

- A. Hero
- B. Scoundrel
- C. Sage
- D. Athlete

10. Select the word that most closely matches transgression.

- A. Breach
- B. Infraction
- C. Offense
- D. Violation

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is a synonym for elated?

- A. Ecstatic
- B. Ample
- C. Harmless
- D. Thorough

Elated describes feeling extremely happy or overjoyed. A word that fits this sense is ecstatic, which conveys an even stronger, intense happiness and is a natural, direct synonym in most contexts. Ample refers to quantity, not mood; harmless means not causing harm, and thorough means complete or meticulous. So ecstatic best captures the same emotional meaning as elated, making it the correct choice. For example, she was ecstatic about the news.

2. What is a synonym for emulate?

- A. Imitate
- B. Diverge
- C. Ignore
- D. Neglect

Recognizing what emulate most closely means helps you pick the synonym: emulate means to imitate or copy with the aim of matching or surpassing someone or something. The best choice is imitate because it directly conveys copying someone's actions, style, or approach. Diverge means to move in a different direction, ignore means to pay no attention to, and neglect means to fail to care for or attend to something. For example, she emulates her mentor by adopting the same rigorous training routine.

3. Epoch is most closely equivalent to which phrase?

- A. Dynasty
- B. Ages
- C. Time Period
- D. Moment

Epoch denotes a defined stretch of time marked by distinctive features or events—a specific period rather than a moment. In both everyday use and in history and science, it refers to a time slice with notable characteristics. That makes Time Period the best match because it captures the idea of a defined span of time with distinguishing features. A dynasty focuses on a line of rulers, not the length of time itself. Ages is close but plural and a bit less precise, while a moment is far too brief to be an epoch.

4. Which word is a synonym of audacity?

A. Boldness

B. Hate

C. Reason

D. Change

Audacity means boldness or daring, especially in taking risks or acting with confidence. The best match among the options is boldness, since it directly captures that sense of fearless or audacious behavior. Hate expresses a strong negative feeling, reason relates to thinking and justification, and change refers to becoming different—none of these convey the idea of bold, daring action the way audacity does.

5. Dwindle means to which?

A. Crowd

B. Lessen

C. Atmosphere

D. Recuperate

Dwindle is about gradually becoming smaller or less in amount. The best fit is lessen, a verb that means to reduce in size or quantity or to become smaller. For example, "The supplies began to dwindle," or, more simply, "The supplies began to lessen." Crowd refers to a group of people, not a change in amount. Atmosphere means the mood or environment, not a reduction. Recuperate means to recover, not to decrease.

6. Reluctant is best defined as

A. Willing

B. Uncertain

C. Unwilling

D. Cautious

Reluctant means not eager to act; you resist doing something, often because you don't want to or doubt it. The word that fits best is unwilling, since it directly expresses a lack of willingness to act. Willing is the opposite, so it's not correct. Uncertain focuses on doubt about a fact or outcome rather than a stance toward taking action. Cautious describes carefulness or wariness, which can accompany reluctance but isn't the same as not wanting to act. So unwilling captures the core idea of reluctance.

7. To ruminate means to

- A. Ponder
- B. Meditate
- C. Reflect
- D. Cogitate

This question tests your ability to pick a synonym for thinking deeply. Ruminates means to think about something at length, weighing it in your mind. Ponder fits best because it conveys that same idea of considering a topic carefully and for some time. Meditate tends to imply calm, focused contemplation with possible spiritual overtones, which isn't the standard sense here. Reflect means to think back or consider, which can be lighter or broader in scope. Cogitate is a formal, somewhat archaic term for deep thought, and is less commonly used in everyday language. So the best match is ponder. For example, if you're ruminating on a difficult choice, you're likely to ponder it for a while.

8. Which word best matches unsavory?

- A. Distasteful
- B. Delicious
- C. Pleasant
- D. Odious

Unsavory describes something unpleasant, off-putting, or morally questionable. The best match is distasteful because it directly conveys that sense of being unpleasant to feel or encounter. Delicious is the opposite, and pleasant is too mild to capture the sense of something disagreeable. Odious has a stronger, more intense sense of revulsion or moral condemnation, which goes beyond the ordinary meaning of unsavory. So distasteful is the most natural synonym in typical usage.

9. A rogue is most nearly a what?

- A. Hero
- B. Scoundrel
- C. Sage
- D. Athlete

Rogue describes a person who behaves badly or unethically, often in a sly or untrustworthy way. The closest synonym is scoundrel, a person who is unscrupulous or morally dishonest. The other options don't fit: a hero is someone admirable and brave; a sage is a wise, respected person; and an athlete is someone skilled in sports. So the best match for the meaning of rogue is scoundrel.

10. Select the word that most closely matches transgression.

- A. Breach
- B. Infraction
- C. Offense
- D. Violation**

Transgression is a formal term for breaking a rule, a law, or a moral code. The best match is a word that conveys that act in the most direct way, and that is violation. A violation is the act of breaking or disobeying a rule, which lines up exactly with what a transgression is describing. The other options are related but carry slightly different nuances. Breach is usually used for breaking a contract or duty; infraction is often a formal, sometimes minor, rule violation used in legal or administrative contexts; offense can mean a wrongdoing but can also refer to someone's feeling of being offended, which makes it broader than the strict idea of breaking a rule. So the closest, most precise synonym for transgression is violation.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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