T01 Computer Concepts Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide

Everything you need from our exam experts!

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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. Fetch, decode, execute, and store are steps of the ____ cycle.

A. Arithmetic

B. Machine

C. CPU

D. Instruction

2. Which color model uses red, green, and blue to reproduce colors on display devices?

A. Subtractive color model

B. Additive color model

C. CMYK

D. LAB

3. Which computer component found on the motherboard is often called the brains of the computer?

A. Central Processing Unit

B. RAM

C. ROM

D. GPU

4. Which term describes the rules for transmitting data over networks such as the web?

A. Standards

B. Protocols

C. Languages

D. Models

5. Which storage type has no moving parts?

A. SSD

B. HDD

C. Optical

D. Tape

6. What term describes a digital device that accepts input, processes data into information, stores data, and provides output?

A. Computer

B. Smartphone

C. Printer

D. Tablet

7. Which characteristic best describes a solid-state drive (SSD)?

A. Uses spinning platters

B. No moving parts

C. Magnetic tape-based

D. Large cooling fan built in

8. The graphics adapter inside a digital device is also called the _____ card.

A. Sound

B. USB

C. Network

D. Video

9. A digital device that accepts input, processes, and stores the input, and provides output is a

A. Laptop

B. Tablet

C. Smartphone

D. Server

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C. Protocols

D. Models

Answers

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

Explanations

1. Fetch, decode, execute, and store are steps of the ___ cycle.

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D. Instruction

This question tests understanding of the machine cycle, the sequence a processor follows to handle a single instruction. The processor begins by fetching the next instruction from memory using the program counter, then decodes it to figure out what operation to perform and which operands are involved. Next, it executes that operation, carrying out the required action, and finally stores the result back into a register or memory. This loop—fetch, decode, execute, store—repeats for every instruction in a program. The term machine cycle specifically fits this sequence of steps for processing one instruction. While you might encounter the term instruction cycle in some contexts, the conventional label that matches this exact order is the machine cycle.

2. Which color model uses red, green, and blue to reproduce colors on display devices?

A. Subtractive color model

B. Additive color model

C. CMYK

D. LAB

Colors on display devices are created by emitting light. The additive color model uses red, green, and blue light as its primaries, mixing them at different intensities to reproduce a wide range of colors. When red, green, and blue are combined at full intensity, they produce white; turning them off yields black. This approach matches how screens generate color through light. In contrast, the subtractive model is about pigments that absorb light, which is why it's used for printing with cyan, magenta, and yellow (and black). LAB is a perceptual color space used for measuring and describing colors, not a direct method for displaying them. So for display devices, the additive RGB model is the one that reproduces colors by mixing red, green, and blue light.

3. Which computer component found on the motherboard is often called the brains of the computer?

A. Central Processing Unit

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D. GPU

The brains of a computer are the central processing unit, the part that executes instructions, carries out calculations, and coordinates the actions of all other components. It takes instructions from programs, decodes them, performs the required operations, and manages data flow within the system, all under the control of its clock and architecture. This processing unit sits on the motherboard in a socket and works with memory, storage, and peripherals to run software. RAM is the temporary working memory that stores data and instructions while programs are running; it's fast and volatile, but it doesn't control execution. ROM holds firmware with essential startup instructions and is non-volatile, but it isn't involved in general processing. The GPU specializes in rendering graphics and handling related computations, and although it can be integrated or separate, it doesn't serve as the main processor for general tasks.

4. Which term describes the rules for transmitting data over networks such as the web?

A. Standards

B. Protocols

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Protocols describe the rules for transmitting data over networks. They define how messages are formatted, the sequence of actions devices follow to send and receive, how reliability and order are ensured, and how errors are detected and handled. For the web, a prime example is HTTP, which specifies how a client requests a resource and how the server responds. HTTP sits on top of other protocols like TCP for reliable delivery and IP for routing, showing how the different layers work together to move information across the network. Standards can formalize specifications that may include protocols, but the specific rules governing communication are what protocols provide. Languages pertain to programming or data representation, not the rules of data exchange, and models are abstract frameworks used to organize or describe how networks operate rather than the transmission rules themselves.

5. Which storage type has no moving parts?

A. SSD

B. HDD

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D. Tape

Storage devices that have no moving parts rely on solid-state memory. They store data in flash memory cells, so there are no spinning disks or moving read/write heads. This absence of mechanical components means faster, more reliable access to data and less power usage. Among common storage types, the one that fits this description is the solid-state drive. Hard disk drives use spinning magnetic disks with moving heads, Optical discs use a laser on a rotating disc, and magnetic tape stores data on moving tape. All of these involve mechanical motion, unlike solid-state drives.

6. What term describes a digital device that accepts input, processes data into information, stores data, and provides output?

A. Computer

B. Smartphone

C. Printer

D. Tablet

A computer is a device that takes input, processes that data into information, stores data for later use, and provides output. It does this through components like input devices (keyboard, mouse), a processing unit (CPU) to run instructions and transform data, storage (RAM and long-term drives) to hold data, and output devices (monitor, printer, speakers) to display results. The term captures the full set of capabilities described in the prompt. A printer, for example, mainly produces output and doesn't perform processing and storage in the same way; smartphones and tablets are also computers, but the general term that describes a device with all four functions is computer.

7. Which characteristic best describes a solid-state drive (SSD)?

A. Uses spinning platters

B. No moving parts

C. Magnetic tape-based

D. Large cooling fan built in

Solid-state drives are defined by having no moving parts. They store data in flash memory chips instead of on spinning magnetic disks, so there are no spinning platters or moving read/write heads. This is why SSDs are faster, more durable, and quieter than traditional hard drives. Magnetic tape-based storage is an older archival method and doesn't describe an SSD. A built-in cooling fan isn't a defining feature of SSDs, and isn't what sets them apart from drives with moving parts.

8. The graphics adapter inside a digital device is also called the _____ card.

A. Sound

B. USB

C. Network

D. Video

The main idea is that generating and displaying images on a screen is handled by a device called the video card. This graphics adapter, often containing a GPU and its own memory, processes image data and outputs the video signal to your monitor. That's why it's the term used for the graphics component inside a device. The other options don't fit because a sound card handles audio, USB is an interface standard, and a network card handles connections to networks.

9. A digital device that accepts input, processes, and stores the input, and provides output is a

A. Laptop

B. Tablet

C. Smartphone

D. Server

A computer is defined by its ability to take input, process data, store information, and provide output. A laptop fits this description neatly as a portable, general-purpose computer with built-in input (keyboard, touchpad), processing (CPU), storage (hard drive or SSD), and output (screen and speakers). Tablets and smartphones also perform these same steps, just in smaller, more integrated forms, while servers do the same kinds of tasks but are built for network services and reliability rather than everyday use. So, among the options, a laptop is the most representative portable example of a device that does all four functions.

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These acronyms describe the rules and conventions used for exchanging data between devices on a network. That's what a protocol is: a defined set of rules that governs how communication happens. IP handles addressing and routing so packets reach the right destination; FTP specifies how files are transferred between systems; HTTP defines how web requests and responses are formatted and interpreted; HTTPS is HTTP secured with encryption for privacy and integrity. They aren't languages (they aren't human or programming languages), and they aren't models (models describe architecture or layers, not the actual rules of data exchange). They are best understood as protocols.

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!