

TACHS Vocabulary 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. Which word means 'charmingly old-fashioned'?
 - A. Quaint
 - B. Whimsical
 - C. Deliberate
 - D. Contempt

2. Which term describes someone who endures hardship without complaining?
 - A. Gloss
 - B. Stoic
 - C. Denotation
 - D. Peril

3. Which word is the opposite of irascible?
 - A. Even-tempered
 - B. Irrational
 - C. Excitable
 - D. Moody

4. Which sentence uses plebeian correctly?
 - A. The plebeian farmer attended the village meeting.
 - B. The plebeian is a high-born noble.
 - C. The plebeian shoes are stylish.
 - D. Plebeian is a rare spice.

5. A tepid reaction is best described as?
 - A. Lukewarm
 - B. Cold
 - C. Hot
 - D. Enthusiastic

6. Which word means the same as daft?
 - A. Silly
 - B. Serious
 - C. Keen
 - D. Practical

- 7. Discourse most nearly means which?**
- A. Written or spoken communication or debate**
 - B. A musical composition**
 - C. A legal contract**
 - D. A type of weather**
- 8. Which word means to slander or vilify someone?**
- A. Vilify**
 - B. Abhorrent**
 - C. Plebeian**
 - D. Congenial**
- 9. Which word means difficult to find, catch, or achieve?**
- A. Elusive**
 - B. Sleuthing**
 - C. Carbide**
 - D. Dismal**
- 10. Which adjective means 'unavoidable'?**
- A. Inevitable**
 - B. Ambiguous**
 - C. Infancy**
 - D. Marvel**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which word means 'charmingly old-fashioned'?

- A. Quaint**
- B. Whimsical**
- C. Deliberate**
- D. Contempt**

Understanding nuance in vocabulary: charm tied to a sense of age. Quaint describes something attractively old-fashioned or picturesque, often with a cozy, nostalgic feel. That exact sense makes it the best match for “charmingly old-fashioned.” Whimsical implies playful or fanciful mood, not specifically age-related charm. Deliberate means intentional or careful, unrelated to style. Contempt is a feeling of disdain, which is the opposite of charming. So quaint is the right choice.

2. Which term describes someone who endures hardship without complaining?

- A. Gloss**
- B. Stoic**
- C. Denotation**
- D. Peril**

Stoic describes someone who endures hardship without complaining. A stoic person stays calm and shows little outward emotion when things are tough, focusing on endurance and self-control rather than protest. The idea comes from Stoicism, a philosophy that values resilience in the face of adversity. Gloss refers to a surface shine or a superficial explanation, Denotation is the literal meaning of a word, and Peril means danger, none of which capture the idea of quiet endurance like stoic does.

3. Which word is the opposite of irascible?

- A. Even-tempered**
- B. Irrational**
- C. Excitable**
- D. Moody**

Irascible describes someone who is easily angered; the opposite is a person who stays calm and steady under pressure. Even-tempered fits that idea perfectly, conveying a steady, unruffled demeanor rather than a quick temper. That’s why it’s the best choice. Irrational isn’t about temperament toward anger, excitable suggests the opposite tendency to react strongly, and moody points to fluctuating moods rather than a consistent calm, so they don’t match as well.

4. Which sentence uses plebeian correctly?

- A. The plebeian farmer attended the village meeting.**
- B. The plebeian is a high-born noble.**
- C. The plebeian shoes are stylish.**
- D. Plebeian is a rare spice.**

Plebeian refers to the common people, used to describe something as ordinary or of the lower social class, rather than noble or refined. In this sentence, plebeian properly describes a farmer who is part of the general populace, and the fact that the farmer attends a village meeting fits that everyday, civic-life image. The other options clash with the usual sense: describing a high-born noble contradicts plebeian's meaning; calling shoes plebeian is possible but sounds awkward or unusual; and treating plebeian as a spice has no connection to its meaning. So the sentence with the farmer as a plebeian best matches the common-person sense of the word.

5. A tepid reaction is best described as?

- A. Lukewarm**
- B. Cold**
- C. Hot**
- D. Enthusiastic**

Tepid describes something that is only mildly warm, and when used for reactions it means a lack of strong feeling—neither enthusiastic nor strongly negative. So a tepid reaction is best described as lukewarm: a response that is mild and not particularly energized or passionate. It's not cold, which would imply clear distance or disapproval, nor hot or enthusiastic, which would signal strong approval or excitement.

6. Which word means the same as daft?

- A. Silly**
- B. Serious**
- C. Keen**
- D. Practical**

Synonyms and meaning: Daft means foolish or goofy, not serious. The word that means the same is "silly." The other options don't fit because serious denotes the opposite of daft, keen implies eagerness or sharpness, and practical means sensible and useful. So, silly is the closest synonym.

7. Discourse most nearly means which?

- A. Written or spoken communication or debate**
- B. A musical composition**
- C. A legal contract**
- D. A type of weather**

Discourse means the way people communicate using language, especially the exchange of ideas, discussion, or argument in speech or writing. It's about language-based interaction—talking, debating, explaining—rather than other kinds of things like music, a legal contract, or weather. So the closest sense is written or spoken communication and debate.

8. Which word means to slander or vilify someone?

- A. Vilify**
- B. Abhorrent**
- C. Plebeian**
- D. Congenial**

To slander or vilify someone is to malign them, often by making false or damaging statements intended to harm their reputation. The word that fits this definition is vilify, because it directly means to defame or speak ill of someone. Abhorrent describes something detestable, plebeian means common or ordinary, and congenial means pleasant or agreeable; none of these convey the act of damaging someone's reputation through slander.

9. Which word means difficult to find, catch, or achieve?

- A. Elusive**
- B. Sleuthing**
- C. Carbide**
- D. Dismal**

The main idea tested is how to express something that is hard to locate, catch, or achieve. Elusive fits this sense exactly, describing things that slip away or are difficult to pin down or reach. For example, an elusive target is hard to capture, and an elusive goal is tough to accomplish. The other terms don't match this meaning: sleuthing is the act of investigation, carbide is a chemical compound, and dismal means gloomy or depressing.

10. Which adjective means 'unavoidable'?

- A. Inevitable**
- B. Ambiguous**
- C. Infancy**
- D. Marvel**

Recognizing a synonym for “unavoidable” is the idea here. Inevitable means something that is certain to happen and cannot be avoided, so it perfectly matches the sense of unavoidable. Ambiguous describes something unclear or having more than one possible meaning. Infancy refers to early childhood. Marvel can mean something wonderful or to be amazed, but it doesn’t express inevitability. So the best choice is inevitable.

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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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