

# TAPP Tropical Architecture 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. Prevailing wind in the Philippines from November to April is known as what?**
  - A. Habagat**
  - B. Monsoon**
  - C. Amihan**
  - D. Trade winds**
  
- 2. The body's ability to dissipate the heat and moisture it produces determines which comfort concept?**
  - A. Thermal comfort**
  - B. Indoor air quality**
  - C. Comfort index**
  - D. Human comfort**
  
- 3. The weight of water vapor per unit weight of air is called which term?**
  - A. Absolute humidity**
  - B. Relative humidity**
  - C. Vapor pressure**
  - D. Specific humidity**
  
- 4. A small amount of a liquid that makes something wet or moisture is which term?**
  - A. Damp**
  - B. Moisture**
  - C. Humidity**
  - D. Winter Solstice**
  
- 5. Which term describes air movement from the sea to the earth, typically during daytime?**
  - A. Day time breeze**
  - B. Night time breeze**
  - C. Sea breeze**
  - D. Land breeze**

- 6. What is the prevailing wind direction in the Philippines during the Habagat season?**
- A. North East**
  - B. South West**
  - C. North West**
  - D. South East**
- 7. Which term describes a breeze movement from sea to land during daytime?**
- A. Day time breeze**
  - B. Night time breeze**
  - C. Sea breeze**
  - D. Land breeze**
- 8. Which term denotes slight wetness in the air?**
- A. Damp**
  - B. Humidity**
  - C. Moisture**
  - D. Eggcrate types sun shading device**
- 9. What term refers to the condition of both physical and mental well-being, and the designer's responsibility to provide an internal climatic environment that can produce it?**
- A. Acoustic comfort**
  - B. Thermal comfort**
  - C. Thermal efficiency**
  - D. Visual comfort**
- 10. Which facade type operates on the principle of a ventilated double skin with an intermediate shading device and reflects most incoming solar radiation back through the external glass?**
- A. Curtain wall**
  - B. Double-layered facade**
  - C. Glass curtain**
  - D. Solid wall**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Prevailing wind in the Philippines from November to April is known as what?**

- A. Habagat**
- B. Monsoon**
- C. Amihan**
- D. Trade winds**

From November to April the Philippines experiences the northeast monsoon, known locally as Amihan. This season brings winds blowing from the northeast, carrying cooler, drier air across the archipelago. Amihan is the specific local term that describes this seasonal wind pattern, distinguishing it from Habagat, which is the southwest monsoon bringing warmer, wetter conditions from May to October. While monsoon and trade winds describe broader atmospheric patterns, Amihan names the particular NE monsoon season that characterizes those months.

**2. The body's ability to dissipate the heat and moisture it produces determines which comfort concept?**

- A. Thermal comfort**
- B. Indoor air quality**
- C. Comfort index**
- D. Human comfort**

The body's ability to dissipate heat and moisture it produces is about how well a person can thermally regulate themselves in a given environment. When the body can effectively transfer heat away and evaporate sweat—through factors like air movement, humidity, temperature, and clothing—the person tends to feel comfortable. That overall feeling of ease, comfort, and well-being in a space is what we call human comfort. Indoor air quality concerns the presence of pollutants, odors, and ventilation effectiveness, which is a separate aspect of comfort. A comfort index is a numerical measure predicting comfort but doesn't by itself describe the physiological process of heat and moisture dissipation. Thermal comfort is the state of satisfaction with the thermal environment, which is the outcome of the body's regulation; the question emphasizes the physiological mechanism that leads to that outcome, which sits under the broader umbrella of human comfort.

**3. The weight of water vapor per unit weight of air is called which term?**

- A. Absolute humidity**
- B. Relative humidity**
- C. Vapor pressure**
- D. Specific humidity**

The idea here is moisture content expressed as a mass ratio. Specific humidity is the mass of water vapor in a given mass of moist air, usually expressed as kilograms of water vapor per kilogram of moist air. It is a weight-based measure that compares how much water vapor is present to the total air mass, so it remains a consistent way to describe moisture content even as the air's volume or conditions change. This differs from absolute humidity, which is the mass of water vapor per unit volume of air (grams per cubic meter) and varies with temperature and pressure. Relative humidity is a percentage expressing how close the air is to saturated at the current temperature, not a mass ratio. Vapor pressure is the pressure contributed by the water vapor itself, not a ratio to the air's mass. So the term that matches "weight of water vapor per unit weight of air" is specific humidity.

**4. A small amount of a liquid that makes something wet or moisture is which term?**

- A. Damp**
- B. Moisture**
- C. Humidity**
- D. Winter Solstice**

Moisture is the term for the presence of water in small amounts within or on a substance. It captures the idea of a little liquid that can make something damp or wet without specifying a high level of wetness. Damp describes a degree of wetness that's more noticeable on a surface, but not the general idea of a small amount of liquid inside materials. Humidity, on the other hand, is about water vapor in the air, not liquid content inside objects. The winter solstice is unrelated to wetness or water. So for a small amount of liquid that makes something wet, moisture is the best fit.

**5. Which term describes air movement from the sea to the earth, typically during daytime?**

- A. Day time breeze**
- B. Night time breeze**
- C. Sea breeze**
- D. Land breeze**

Sea breeze is the onshore wind that forms when daytime heating makes the land much warmer than the adjacent sea. As land heats up, air rises over the coast, creating a relative low pressure near the shore. Cooler air over the sea moves toward the land to replace it, producing a breeze that flows from sea to land during the day. The other terms aren't standard names for this behavior: a land breeze describes the opposite movement at night, when the land cools faster than the sea; and "night time breeze" or "day time breeze" aren't the conventional descriptors used for this coastal phenomenon.

**6. What is the prevailing wind direction in the Philippines during the Habagat season?**

- A. North East
- B. South West**
- C. North West
- D. South East

Habagat is the southwest monsoon season, so the air flow over the Philippines is from the southwest toward the northeast. Winds are named by where they come from, and during Habagat they originate in the southwest, making the prevailing wind direction Southwest. This season is also associated with the moist, heavy rains brought by that moisture-laden air from the Indian Ocean, contrasting with Amihan when winds come from the northeast.

**7. Which term describes a breeze movement from sea to land during daytime?**

- A. Day time breeze**
- B. Night time breeze
- C. Sea breeze
- D. Land breeze

The breeze moving from sea to land during daytime is best described as a sea breeze. Here's why: the land heats up faster than the sea, causing air over the land to rise and create a local low pressure near the coast. cooler air from over the sea moves in to replace the rising air, creating an onshore flow from sea toward land. That onshore, daytime breeze is what we call a sea breeze. The term "day time breeze" isn't a standard meteorological label and doesn't specify where the air is coming from or which way it's moving. The other terms describe different patterns: a land breeze happens at night when the land cools and air flows from land to sea, and a vague "night time breeze" isn't precise either.

**8. Which term denotes slight wetness in the air?**

- A. Damp**
- B. Humidity
- C. Moisture
- D. Eggcrate types sun shading device

The idea being tested is how we describe moisture in the air in everyday terms. Slight wetness in the air is best described as damp because it conveys a perceptible, mild moisture that you can feel or sense, without being fully saturated. Humidity is the technical measure of how much water vapor is in the air (often discussed as relative humidity), which is related but describes a quantity rather than the everyday feel. Moisture is a general term for water content in something, not specifically the air, so it's too broad for this context. The eggcrate shading device is unrelated to moisture at all. In tropical design, recognizing damp conditions helps you think about ventilation, surface materials, and condensation risks, all of which respond to that subtle sense of moisture implied by the term damp.

**9. What term refers to the condition of both physical and mental well-being, and the designer's responsibility to provide an internal climatic environment that can produce it?**

- A. Acoustic comfort**
- B. Thermal comfort**
- C. Thermal efficiency**
- D. Visual comfort**

Thermal comfort refers to the condition of both physical and mental well-being that arises from the indoor climate being perceived as pleasant. It's not just about a single temperature number; it combines temperature, humidity, air movement, radiant heat, clothing insulation, and activity level to determine how comfortable people feel physiologically and psychologically. Designers are responsible for shaping an internal climate that can achieve this comfort, using strategies like appropriate HVAC sizing and control, effective envelope design, sensible ventilation, shading, and materials that manage heat and moisture. Acoustic comfort focuses on sound, visual comfort on lighting and glare, and thermal efficiency on energy performance, not occupant comfort. So the term that best captures both physical and mental well-being in the built environment is thermal comfort.

**10. Which facade type operates on the principle of a ventilated double skin with an intermediate shading device and reflects most incoming solar radiation back through the external glass?**

- A. Curtain wall**
- B. Double-layered facade**
- C. Glass curtain**
- D. Solid wall**

A double-skin façade relies on two glass skins with a ventilated air gap between them and often includes an intermediate shading device. This setup intercepts solar radiation with the outer layer and shading within or in front of the cavity, while the ventilated cavity carries heat away, so much of the solar energy is reflected back toward the exterior glass rather than entering the interior. That combination—two glass skins, a ventilated gap, and an intermediate shading device that directs solar energy back through the outer glass—is the defining approach described. Curtain walls and glass curtain walls typically refer to single-skin or non-ventilated systems, and a solid wall lacks the glazing and ventilation features needed.

## 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](mailto: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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