

Technical Sergeant (TSgt) Professional Development Guide (PDG) 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 treaty limited the U.S. and the USSR to two Anti-ballistic Missile sites?**
 - A. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**
 - B. The Kinshasa Treaty**
 - C. The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty**
 - D. The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty**

- 2. What is the maximum length of correctional custody that may be ordered by any grade under Article 15?**
 - A. 10 Days**
 - B. 30 Days**
 - C. 60 Days**
 - D. 90 Days**

- 3. During which mission did Sergeant Sandy Sanchez die?**
 - A. Bombing of a French city**
 - B. Attack on a Nazi oil refinery**
 - C. Defensive action against enemy fighters**
 - D. Bombing of German military bases**

- 4. What capability is necessary to reduce the impact of future disasters?**
 - A. Recovery**
 - B. Mitigation**
 - C. Response**
 - D. Preparedness**

- 5. Which operation involved the covert deployment of the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron to train the South Vietnamese Air Force?**
 - A. Operation Farmgate**
 - B. Operation Rolling Thunder**
 - C. Operation Linebacker 2**
 - D. Operation Barrel Roll**

- 6. What was one key achievement of the first Chief of Staff of the Air Force?**
- A. Development of strategic air power**
 - B. Creation of the National Guard**
 - C. Introduction of combat aircraft**
 - D. Reorganization of the military service structure**
- 7. Which operation is NATO-led and supports Afghan security forces?**
- A. Operation New Dawn**
 - B. Operation Inherent Resolve**
 - C. Operation Freedom's Sentinel**
 - D. Operation Odyssey Dawn**
- 8. What prepares Airmen for future uncertainties and provides a common understanding for decision-making?**
- A. Doctrine**
 - B. Policy**
 - C. Regulations**
 - D. Guidelines**
- 9. Who was the pararescueman that received the Air Force Cross for his bravery in Somalia?**
- A. SSgt Scott Sather**
 - B. TSgt Timothy A. Wilkinson**
 - C. Capt Charles A. Horner**
 - D. Sgt Major James Lee**
- 10. What encompasses Major Command, Field Operating Agencies, and Direct Reporting Units in the Air Force?**
- A. Department of Defense**
 - B. Department of the Air Force**
 - C. Military Department**
 - D. Air Force Headquarters**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which treaty limited the U.S. and the USSR to two Anti-ballistic Missile sites?

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The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty is significant in the context of Cold War arms control as it explicitly limited the number of anti-ballistic missile (ABM) systems that the U.S. and the USSR could possess. Signed in 1972, this treaty allowed both countries to maintain only two ABM sites each, thereby restricting their ability to develop extensive missile defense systems. The primary goal was to enhance stability by ensuring that both nations would remain vulnerable to each other's offensive nuclear capabilities, which would theoretically encourage diplomatic resolution over military confrontation. This treaty marked a critical step in limiting the arms race and fostering a climate of cooperation, recognizing that an extensive deployment of ABM systems could lead to new arms buildups and undermine mutual deterrence. The other treaties mentioned serve different purposes, such as preventing nuclear proliferation or reducing strategic nuclear arsenals, but do not address limitations specifically concerning anti-ballistic missile systems like the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty does.

2. What is the maximum length of correctional custody that may be ordered by any grade under Article 15?

- A. 10 Days**
- B. 30 Days**
- C. 60 Days**
- D. 90 Days**

The maximum length of correctional custody that may be ordered under Article 15 is indeed 30 days. This provision is established to ensure that disciplinary actions are appropriately limited, allowing for effective correction while also maintaining fairness in the military justice process. Correctional custody is a non-judicial punishment that is utilized for minor offenses, where the focus is often on rehabilitation rather than punishment. The 30-day limit is designed to provide a structured environment where a member can improve their behavior without imposing excessively long periods of confinement that could hinder their service and morale. This standard represents a balance between maintaining order and discipline in the ranks and allowing service members to return to their duties in a timely manner.

3. During which mission did Sergeant Sandy Sanchez die?

- A. Bombing of a French city
- B. Attack on a Nazi oil refinery**
- C. Defensive action against enemy fighters
- D. Bombing of German military bases

Sergeant Sandy Sanchez was involved in a mission that targeted a Nazi oil refinery, which was critical to the German war effort. This mission aimed to disrupt the supply of fuel to German forces, showing the strategic importance of targeting robust logistical hubs during wartime. The successful targeting of such facilities was aimed at crippling the enemy's ability to maintain operational capabilities. Understanding this context makes it clear why the mission involving the attack on the Nazi oil refinery is significant and relevant, especially considering the impact it had on the war effort at the time.

4. What capability is necessary to reduce the impact of future disasters?

- A. Recovery
- B. Mitigation**
- C. Response
- D. Preparedness

Mitigation is the capability that focuses on reducing the impact and severity of future disasters. This involves proactive measures and strategies designed to decrease the likelihood of a disaster occurring and lessen its consequences when it does happen. Effective mitigation can include a wide range of actions, such as implementing building codes that enhance structural integrity against earthquakes, creating flood plains to absorb excess water, and developing land-use planning that avoids construction in high-risk areas. In the context of emergency management, while recovery addresses the aftermath of a disaster, response deals with the immediate actions taken during and after an event to protect lives and property. Preparedness encompasses planning and training to ensure that individuals and organizations can respond effectively to emergencies. However, none of these capabilities directly focus on altering the conditions that make disasters more likely or severe, which is the essence of mitigation.

5. Which operation involved the covert deployment of the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron to train the South Vietnamese Air Force?

A. Operation Farmgate

B. Operation Rolling Thunder

C. Operation Linebacker 2

D. Operation Barrel Roll

The operation that involved the covert deployment of the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron to train the South Vietnamese Air Force is indeed Operation Farmgate. This operation took place in the early 1960s and focused on providing support to South Vietnam during the Vietnam War by training and assisting their air force. Operation Farmgate was significant as it laid the groundwork for U.S. military involvement in Vietnam by enabling South Vietnamese pilots to gain invaluable experience and operational capability through direct training by U.S. personnel. The implementation of this operation marked a shift in U.S. military strategy, where the emphasis was placed on building the capabilities of allied forces directly rather than only conducting air strikes or ground operations. In contrast, the other operations mentioned had different objectives and scopes. For instance, Operation Rolling Thunder was primarily a sustained bombing campaign aimed at North Vietnam, while Operation Linebacker 2 was another bombing campaign that came later in the conflict focused on heavily bombing targets in North Vietnam. Operation Barrel Roll, on the other hand, was a campaign primarily aimed at supporting the Hmong government in Laos. Each of these operations served distinct purposes, highlighting the multifaceted U.S. military efforts during the Vietnam War, but none focused specifically on training the South Vietnamese Air

6. What was one key achievement of the first Chief of Staff of the Air Force?

A. Development of strategic air power

B. Creation of the National Guard

C. Introduction of combat aircraft

D. Reorganization of the military service structure

The correct answer highlights a significant milestone in the evolution of the U.S. Air Force under its first Chief of Staff, General Carl A. Spaatz. One of his paramount achievements was the development and establishment of strategic air power as a vital component of military operations. This focus on strategic air power emphasized the importance of air superiority and the ability to project power from the air in support of national defense strategies. Spaatz's leadership during the early years of the Air Force, including his advocacy for the use of long-range bombers and the integration of air power into joint military operations, laid the groundwork for how air power would be utilized in future conflicts. The other choices, while relevant in the broader context of military development and structure, do not directly pertain to the achievements of General Spaatz. The creation of the National Guard and the introduction of combat aircraft were not specifically his contributions as the first Chief of Staff, nor did he directly reorganize the military service structure in a transformational way. Instead, his focus on strategic air power significantly shaped the future of the Air Force and its operational strategies.

7. Which operation is NATO-led and supports Afghan security forces?

- A. Operation New Dawn**
- B. Operation Inherent Resolve**
- C. Operation Freedom's Sentinel**
- D. Operation Odyssey Dawn**

The operation that is NATO-led and supports Afghan security forces is Operation Freedom's Sentinel. This operation is part of the broader process aimed at sustaining international support for Afghan forces and ensuring that they can maintain stability and security in Afghanistan. Freedom's Sentinel focuses on counterterrorism and providing training, advice, and assistance to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces. Other operations mentioned, like Operation New Dawn and Operation Inherent Resolve, are focused on different theaters of conflict, primarily in Iraq and Syria, respectively. Operation Odyssey Dawn primarily pertained to actions in Libya and does not involve a long-term commitment to Afghan security forces. Thus, Operation Freedom's Sentinel stands out for its specific mission and being directly tied to NATO-led efforts in Afghanistan.

8. What prepares Airmen for future uncertainties and provides a common understanding for decision-making?

- A. Doctrine**
- B. Policy**
- C. Regulations**
- D. Guidelines**

The correct answer is doctrine, as it serves as a framework that prepares Airmen for future uncertainties by providing established principles and guidelines for military operations. Doctrine encompasses a comprehensive understanding of how to approach various situations, enabling informed decision-making in complex environments. It synthesizes experiences and lessons learned, allowing Airmen at all levels to operate cohesively and effectively. Doctrine is particularly essential in the military context because it unites personnel under a shared understanding and philosophy, which is critical for operational success. While policy and regulations offer specific rules and frameworks that govern behavior and procedures, they do not provide the same level of strategic foresight or conceptual clarity. Guidelines may assist in executing tasks but lack the broader perspective required to navigate uncertainties that doctrine addresses. Thus, doctrine stands out as the key element in preparing Airmen for the challenges they may face.

9. Who was the pararescueman that received the Air Force Cross for his bravery in Somalia?

- A. SSgt Scott Sather
- B. TSgt Timothy A. Wilkinson**
- C. Capt Charles A. Horner
- D. Sgt Major James Lee

The recognition of the pararescueman who received the Air Force Cross for his bravery in Somalia highlights the extraordinary actions taken under extreme circumstances. TSgt Timothy A. Wilkinson was awarded this prestigious honor for displaying exceptional heroism during a pivotal mission on October 3, 1993, in Mogadishu, Somalia. His actions during the Battle of Mogadishu, where he fearlessly provided critical support and demonstrated unparalleled courage in the face of enemy fire, underscore the core values of the Air Force, particularly regarding selflessness and commitment to saving lives. This reward not only celebrates his individual bravery but also symbolizes the dedication and sacrifice exhibited by all members of the pararescue community in operations worldwide. The honors given to Wilkinson serve as a source of inspiration within the Air Force and highlight the importance of valor in challenging scenarios.

10. What encompasses Major Command, Field Operating Agencies, and Direct Reporting Units in the Air Force?

- A. Department of Defense
- B. Department of the Air Force**
- C. Military Department
- D. Air Force Headquarters

The correct answer is the Department of the Air Force, as it serves as the overarching organization that includes all components of the Air Force, such as Major Commands (MAJCOMs), Field Operating Agencies (FOAs), and Direct Reporting Units (DRUs). The Department of the Air Force is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping Air Force personnel and maintaining operational readiness. MAJCOMs are the primary organizational structure within the Air Force, focusing on specific missions, while FOAs and DRUs provide specialized capabilities and support directly under the Air Force structure. This creates a cohesive environment where various units can fulfill their roles effectively while supporting the overarching mission of the Air Force. The other options do not specifically encompass these components. The Department of Defense pertains to the entire military establishment, which includes all branches of the armed services, not just the Air Force. The Military Department refers to the branch-specific organizations within the Department of Defense, and Air Force Headquarters mainly functions as the leading management and administrative body of the Air Force but does not include the broader structural components like MAJCOMs, FOAs, and DRUs in its scope.

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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