

TEXAS ENTERED APPRENTICE (EA) PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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 trio is known as the Three Great Lights in Freemasonry?**
 - A. The Holy Bible, the Level, and the Compasses
 - B. The Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses
 - C. The Holy Bible, the Square, and the Lantern
 - D. The Bible, the Compass, and the Level
- 2. What distance is specified in the penalty for burial?**
 - A. A cable's length from shore
 - B. One mile from shore
 - C. Ten paces from shore
 - D. Beside a rock
- 3. Which of the following items is NOT one of the Three Great Lights?**
 - A. The Holy Bible
 - B. The Square
 - C. The Compasses
 - D. The Level
- 4. What should you do while awaiting admission?**
 - A. Explore the lodge room unsupervised.
 - B. Await the time with patience until your request is made known to the Worshipful Master and his answer returned.
 - C. Begin memorizing passages for the examination.
 - D. Seek to gain entry by force if necessary.
- 5. How long is the Entered Apprentice ritual typically across jurisdictions?**
 - A. It varies; initiation may occur over multiple sessions.
 - B. It is always a single ceremony.
 - C. It lasts exactly one hour.
 - D. It occurs only once per year.

- 6. What is the Senior Deacon's general function in the initiation?**
- A. To maintain the lodge's records.
 - B. To lead the closing prayers.
 - C. To assist the candidate and relay messages between officers and candidates, aiding progression.
 - D. To audit the lodge's accounts.
- 7. What is the primary long-term benefit of completing the Entered Apprentice degree properly?**
- A. Immediate financial gain.
 - B. A solid moral foundation, preparation for further degrees, and commitment to the fraternity's principles.
 - C. Guaranteed leadership positions.
 - D. Automatic acceptance of all future petitions.
- 8. What is the stated purpose for entering the lodge as an apprentice?**
- A. To seek wealth and power.
 - B. To learn to subdue my passions, and improve myself in Masonry.
 - C. To earn high rank among brethren.
 - D. To become a master mason immediately.
- 9. What did the Worshipful Master then do with you?**
- A. He released me from further instruction.
 - B. He gave me a written oath to study.
 - C. He led me outside for privacy.
 - D. He ordered me to the Senior Warden who taught me how to approach the holy altar of Freemasonry, the place of masonic light, in due and ancient form.
- 10. What is the meaning of the Level as a symbol?**
- A. Wealth and status
 - B. Power and influence
 - C. Equality—everyone is on the same level
 - D. Spiritual ascent

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which trio is known as the Three Great Lights in Freemasonry?

- A. The Holy Bible, the Level, and the Compasses
- B. The Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses
- C. The Holy Bible, the Square, and the Lantern
- D. The Bible, the Compass, and the Level

In Freemasonry, the Three Great Lights are the Holy Bible (Volume of Sacred Law), the Square, and the Compasses. These three symbolize the core standards by which a Mason aims to live: the Bible provides divine guidance; the Square teaches moral rectitude in all actions toward others; and the Compasses remind us to act with self-control and to keep our passions within due bounds. The Level, while an important working tool and symbol of equality in the lodge, is not counted among the Three Great Lights. A Lantern is not typically listed as one of the Great Lights either. So the combination that best fits the traditional trio is the Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses.

2. What distance is specified in the penalty for burial?

- A. A cable's length from shore
- B. One mile from shore
- C. Ten paces from shore
- D. Beside a rock

Distance in the burial penalty is specified as a cable's length from shore. The ritual uses nautical imagery, so a fixed unit sailors understand—a cable length—is chosen to define the boundary precisely (about 600 feet, though exact length can vary by tradition). This provides a concrete standard rather than a generic spot. The other options don't fit that maritime convention: a mile from shore is much larger and not the ritual's fixed measure; ten paces is a land-based, personal stride; and beside a rock describes a location rather than a distance.

3. Which of the following items is NOT one of the Three Great Lights?

- A. The Holy Bible
- B. The Square
- C. The Compasses
- D. The Level

In Masonry, the Three Great Lights are the Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses. They symbolize divine guidance, moral uprightness, and self-control. The Level is a separate symbol that represents equality among all brothers and the idea that everyone stands on the same plane. Since the Level is not counted among the three Great Lights, it is the item that is not one of them.

4. What should you do while awaiting admission?

- A. Explore the lodge room unsupervised.
- B. Await the time with patience until your request is made known to the Worshipful Master and his answer returned.**
- C. Begin memorizing passages for the examination.
- D. Seek to gain entry by force if necessary.

Patience and proper procedure are the focus here. While waiting to be admitted, you should remain reverent and still, and await being announced to the Worshipful Master; admission comes when he receives your request and responds. Exploring the lodge unsupervised would disrupt the ritual's order, and forcing entry goes against the lodge's rules and the candidate's duty to follow proper procedure. Memorizing passages for an examination isn't the immediate action required while awaiting admission.

5. How long is the Entered Apprentice ritual typically across jurisdictions?

- A. It varies; initiation may occur over multiple sessions.**
- B. It is always a single ceremony.
- C. It lasts exactly one hour.
- D. It occurs only once per year.

The length of the Entered Apprentice initiation is not fixed; it varies by jurisdiction. Some lodges conduct the initiation in a single ceremony that lasts several hours, while others split the process into multiple sessions or portions on different days. This variability comes from differences in tradition, scheduling, and how each Grand Lodge administers the rite. So the best answer recognizes that across jurisdictions the duration can differ and may involve multiple sessions rather than one uniform length.

6. What is the Senior Deacon's general function in the initiation?

- A. To maintain the lodge's records.
- B. To lead the closing prayers.
- C. To assist the candidate and relay messages between officers and candidates, aiding progression.**
- D. To audit the lodge's accounts.

During initiation, the Senior Deacon serves as the candidate's guide and the messenger between the candidate and the lodge's officers. He assists the candidate through the ceremony, relays instructions and signals from the Master and other officers, and helps keep the process moving smoothly. This role ensures the candidate knows what to do and when to respond, facilitating progression through each stage of the initiation. Tasks like maintaining records, leading prayers, or auditing accounts belong to other officers (such as the Secretary, Chaplain, or Treasurer), not the Senior Deacon. So, the best description is that the Senior Deacon assists the candidate and relays messages to aid progression.

7. What is the primary long-term benefit of completing the Entered Apprentice degree properly?

- A. Immediate financial gain.
- B. A solid moral foundation, preparation for further degrees, and commitment to the fraternity's principles.**
- C. Guaranteed leadership positions.
- D. Automatic acceptance of all future petitions.

Completing the Entered Apprentice degree properly centers on personal and moral development that lasts beyond the moment of ritual. It establishes a solid moral foundation, helps you start a lifelong path of learning, and commits you to the fraternity's principles and obligations. This preparation and commitment set the stage for the next degrees and continued membership, rather than promising quick rewards like financial gain, guaranteed leadership roles, or automatic acceptance of future petitions.

8. What is the stated purpose for entering the lodge as an apprentice?

- A. To seek wealth and power.
- B. To learn to subdue my passions, and improve myself in Masonry.**
- C. To earn high rank among brethren.
- D. To become a master mason immediately.

The main idea tested here is that the apprentice's purpose is self-improvement through Masonry. In the lodge, the first step is about tempering character—learning to subdue passions, cultivate virtue, and steadily improve oneself by study and practice of Masonry's lessons. That makes the stated purpose to learn to subdue my passions, and improve myself in Masonry the best fit. Goals like seeking wealth or rank, or rushing to become a master Mason, don't align with the apprentice's path, which emphasizes gradual personal growth and moral development.

9. What did the Worshipful Master then do with you?

- A. He released me from further instruction.
- B. He gave me a written oath to study.
- C. He led me outside for privacy.
- D. He ordered me to the Senior Warden who taught me how to approach the holy altar of Freemasonry, the place of masonic light, in due and ancient form.**

In this stage of the Entered Apprentice ceremony, the sequence has the Worshipful Master directing the next phase of instruction to the Senior Warden. The Senior Warden is the officer charged with guiding the candidate through the ceremonial parts of the lodge, including how to approach the Holy Altar. The altar represents masonic light and truth, and approaching it in due and ancient form means following the established ritual steps with proper reverence and order. That's why the correct choice describes the Master sending you to the Senior Warden to learn how to approach the altar correctly. The other options don't fit this moment in the ritual. It isn't about being released from instruction, nor about receiving a written oath to study, nor about being led outside for privacy. The standard procedure here is that the Senior Warden teaches the proper approach to the holy altar in due and ancient form.

10. What is the meaning of the Level as a symbol?

- A. Wealth and status
- B. Power and influence
- C. Equality—everyone is on the same level
- D. Spiritual ascent

The Level as a symbol is about equality. A level is a carpenter's tool used to make sure surfaces are perfectly horizontal, with nothing higher or lower on the plane. In Freemasonry, that same idea is applied to people: every brother stands on equal footing, regardless of wealth, status, or position. The symbol reminds us that in the lodge, what matters is merit and conduct, not rank or title. That's why the meaning is equality—everyone is on the same level.

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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.

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

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