TExES Core Subjects 4-8 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

1. **In Independent Lessons, students complete reading, writing, and presentations on their own. Teachers ensure that the choices offered for independent work meet the varied levels in their classes. Students experience all of the following in Independent Lessons except:**

   A. book talks

   B. reading to learn at their instructional levels

   C. independent reading

   D. choice projects

2. **At what point should teachers activate relevant schemata?**

   A. At the end of the lesson

   B. When introducing a new topic

   C. As students begin to read

   D. Only during assessments

3. **What is the density of a newly designed battery weighing 7.48 x 10^3 mg with dimensions of 40.3 mm by 21.2 mm by 8.3 mm?**

   A. 10.5

   B. 1.05

   C. 9.48

   D. 0.105

4. **What aspect is NOT associated with quantitative writing in mathematics?**

   A. Contemplate the meaning of numbers

   B. Understand where the numbers come from

   C. How the numbers are presented

   D. Keep a journal

5. **In the communication process related to literacy, where must the process ultimately end?**

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   B. That of the reader

   C. Language processes

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A. What word are you trying to figure out?

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B. The properties of noble gases had been different.

C. If helium instead of hydrogen had been used to fill the dirigible.

D. If the gas used to fill the dirigible had been lighter than air.

8. Which statement about science textbooks is NOT true?

A. They are organized in unit form

B. They emphasize inquiry learning

C. They often suggest appropriate experiments

D. They are set up to be followed in a specific order

9. Which of the following is the past participle of the verb "begin"?

A. A. Began

B. B. To begin

C. C. Begun

D. D. Will begin

10. What concept applies to groups with interrelated parts in science?

A. Constancy and change

B. Models

C. Scale

D. Systems

Answers

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

Explanations

1. In Independent Lessons, students complete reading, writing, and presentations on their own. Teachers ensure that the choices offered for independent work meet the varied levels in their classes. Students experience all of the following in Independent Lessons except:

A. book talks

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In the context of Independent Lessons, students engage in activities that allow them to work independently while still being supported in their learning journey. Each of the activities mentioned in the choices typically fosters independent learning and encourages students to take ownership of their education. Among those options, reading to learn at their instructional levels is often facilitated through guided instruction rather than being a feature of truly independent work. While students may choose texts that appeal to them, the most common format for independent lessons usually involves activities that are more autonomous in nature, like book talks, independent reading, and choice projects, which emphasize self-directed learning rather than instruction tailored specifically to their learning needs. This distinction clarifies that independent reading, choice projects, and book talks greatly support autonomy and individual exploration in understanding content, whereas reading to learn at instructional levels typically requires some level of guided support to ensure that students are comprehending and appropriately challenged by the material they are engaging with.

2. At what point should teachers activate relevant schemata?

A. At the end of the lesson

B. When introducing a new topic

C. As students begin to read

D. Only during assessments

Activating relevant schemata is a crucial part of the learning process that involves connecting new information to what students already know. The most effective time to do this is when students begin to read, as it allows them to make connections that enhance comprehension and retention. By tapping into their background knowledge at this stage, students are better equipped to understand and integrate new concepts. When students activate their existing schemata as they start reading, they can relate the new material to prior experiences or knowledge, which promotes deeper understanding. This strategy engages students and prepares them to think critically about the new information while reading, leading to a more meaningful learning experience. In other scenarios, such as at the end of a lesson or only during assessments, the opportunity to deepen understanding through connection-making is missed. Similarly, introducing a new topic is important, but the moment they begin to read is key for effective learning, as it situates their thinking in the context of the text. Thus, the optimal time for activating relevant schemata is precisely when students begin to engage with the reading material.

3. What is the density of a newly designed battery weighing 7.48 x 10^3 mg with dimensions of 40.3 mm by 21.2 mm by 8.3 mm?

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To find the density of the battery, you first need to determine its volume and mass. The mass of the battery is given as 7.48 x 10^3 mg, which is equivalent to 7.48 grams (since 1 gram is 1000 mg). Next, calculate the volume using the dimensions provided. The volume of a rectangular prism (which the dimensions suggest the battery resembles) is computed by multiplying the length, width, and height: - Convert the dimensions from millimeters to centimeters to align with the metric system used for density. - 40.3 mm = 4.03 cm - 21.2 mm = 2.12 cm - 8.3 mm = 0.83 cm Now, calculate the volume: Volume = 4.03 cm x 2.12 cm x 0.83 cm = approximately 9.072 cubic centimeters. Now that we have both the mass and the volume, we can calculate the density using the formula: Density = Mass / Volume Density = 7.48 g / 9.072 cm^3 ≈ 0.825 g/cm^3. However, the density can be presented in different

4. What aspect is NOT associated with quantitative writing in mathematics?

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Quantitative writing in mathematics focuses on the understanding and interpretation of numbers, their meanings, and their applications in various contexts. The core elements of this type of writing involve examining how numbers are derived, used, and conveyed effectively to communicate ideas or findings. The option referring to keeping a journal does not directly relate to the principal aspects of quantitative writing. Journaling may serve various purposes in education, such as reflecting on learning processes or documenting experiences, but it does not inherently focus on the comprehension of numerical data or the mathematical concepts involved in quantitative writing. Instead, it is more about personal reflection rather than the analytical presentation of quantitative information. The other choices reflect critical skills that are integral to effective quantitative writing: contemplating the meanings of numbers involves interpreting their significance; understanding where the numbers come from relates to the sources and contexts of data; and how numbers are presented speaks to the clarity and format of mathematical communication, all of which are essential in the realm of quantitative analysis.

5. In the communication process related to literacy, where must the process ultimately end?

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In the communication process related to literacy, the process ultimately must end with the reader. This is because literacy is fundamentally about how individuals comprehend, interpret, and respond to written material. The ultimate goal of literacy is for the communication to be meaningful and effective, which can only happen when the reader understands and engages with the text. Literacy is not just about decoding words and sentences; it's about making connections to ideas, context, and personal experience, which all happens in the mind of the reader. The effectiveness of any written communication hinges on the reader's ability to absorb and synthesize the information conveyed. This underscores the importance of considering the reader's background knowledge, interests, and the specific context in which the reading takes place. Ultimately, it is the reader who brings the text to life, making sense of it within their own framework of understanding.

6. What type of prompt would NOT be appropriate for students analyzing the mood of a text?

A. What word are you trying to figure out?

B. What do you know about the author?

C. What is the one word you are focused on?

D. Name the feeling you get here.

The choice indicating "What do you know about the author?" is not appropriate for analyzing the mood of a text because it shifts the focus away from the text itself and its emotional impact. When examining the mood, students should concentrate on the specific feelings elicited by the language, imagery, or tone within the text rather than the author's background or intentions. In contrast, prompts that inquire about specific words, individual emotions, or feelings directly related to the piece encourage students to engage with the text's mood. For example, asking about a particular word helps students consider how that word contributes to the overall atmosphere, while naming the feelings they experience encourages personal connection and interpretation of the text's emotional weight. Therefore, the most effective prompts are those that lead students to analyze the text and its emotional resonance rather than diverting attention to the author's identity or background.

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D. If the gas used to fill the dirigible had been lighter than air.

The choice of using helium instead of hydrogen to fill the Hindenburg dirigible is significant due to the properties of these gases. Hydrogen is highly flammable and was the gas used in the Hindenburg, which led to the catastrophic explosion upon ignition. Helium, on the other hand, is non-flammable and would not have posed the same fire risk. If the Hindenburg had been filled with helium, it would have substantially reduced the likelihood of the explosion because helium's inert nature means it doesn't ignite or support combustion. Therefore, the decision to use helium could have provided a safer alternative, preventing the tragedy that occurred. The other choices do not address the core issue of flammability effectively. Using hydrogen rather than helium would have still resulted in danger, as hydrogen's properties as a combustible gas would remain unchanged. The characteristics of noble gases do not relate directly to the combustion risk involved in this scenario. Lastly, choosing a gas that is lighter than air does not inherently address the risks associated with flammability if that gas is still a combustible substance. Thus, the best preventative measure against the Hindenburg explosion, based on its filling gas, would have been the use of helium.

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The statement that science textbooks are set up to be followed in a specific order is NOT true. Science textbooks are typically organized to allow for flexibility in how material is presented and learned. This organization in units or chapters enables teachers and students to select topics based on interest, relevance, or curriculum pacing rather than adhering to a strict sequence. On the other hand, the structure of science textbooks often supports inquiry-based learning by promoting exploration and experimentation. They provide suggestions for appropriate experiments and activities that foster hands-on learning, further encouraging students to engage with the material actively. This approach aligns well with contemporary educational methods that prioritize critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Therefore, the other statements reflect the true characteristics and pedagogical goals of science textbooks in the education system.

9. Which of the following is the past participle of the verb "begin"?

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C. C. Begun

D. D. Will begin

The past participle of the verb "begin" is "begun." In English, verbs can take different forms: the base form (begin), the past simple form (began), and the past participle form (begun). The past participle is typically used in perfect tenses, such as in the present perfect ("I have begun my work") or the past perfect ("I had begun my work"). In contrast, "began" is the simple past tense form used to describe actions that happened in the past but does not indicate completion in the same way the past participle does. The phrase "to begin" is the infinitive form and does not indicate any tense. "Will begin" is a future construction and also does not indicate the past tense or perfect aspect. Thus, "begun" is specifically the form that correctly represents the past participle of the verb "begin."

10. What concept applies to groups with interrelated parts in science?

A. Constancy and change

B. Models

C. Scale

D. Systems

The concept that applies to groups with interrelated parts in science is systems. In the context of science, systems refer to a collection of components or elements that interact with each other to form a complex whole. These components can include living organisms, natural processes, or physical phenomena, which work together in ways that can be analyzed and understood. The interactions within a system can lead to new properties and behaviors that are not present in the individual parts alone. Understanding systems is crucial for analyzing various scientific fields, whether it be in biology, ecology, or physics. It emphasizes the importance of looking at how different elements work together, rather than only focusing on isolated parts. This holistic approach aids in problem-solving and understanding complex scientific concepts, making it a foundational idea in scientific study and research.

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!