

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas 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. Why doesn't Shmuel like the boys on his side of the fence?**
 - A. They ignore him**
 - B. They talk behind his back**
 - C. They fight a lot**
 - D. They tease him publicly**

- 2. What similarity do the boys discover about themselves?**
 - A. They share the same birthday**
 - B. They were born in the same year**
 - C. They celebrate Christmas together**
 - D. They were both named Bruno**

- 3. Who figures out what happened to Bruno?**
 - A. The mother**
 - B. His father**
 - C. Shmuel**
 - D. The guard**

- 4. What occupation did Bruno want to pursue as an adult?**
 - A. Soldier**
 - B. Zoo keeper**
 - C. Painter**
 - D. Doctor**

- 5. Who is the family maid?**
 - A. Gretel**
 - B. Pavel**
 - C. Anna**
 - D. Maria**

- 6. What personal detail do Bruno and Shmuel realize they share?**
 - A. Their birthday**
 - B. Their age**
 - C. Their favorite color**
 - D. Their surname**

7. What shows Gretel's innocence?

- A. Dolls**
- B. A lullaby**
- C. A pet dog**
- D. A dress**

8. What did Shmuel want to be when he grows up?

- A. Scientist**
- B. Zoo keeper**
- C. Farmer**
- D. Teacher**

9. Who gains a new ally in the search for his papa due to Bruno's adventure?

- A. Bruno**
- B. Shmuel**
- C. Shmuel's father**
- D. Father**

10. Why did Bruno's family move out of Berlin?

- A. Bruno's illness**
- B. To visit relatives**
- C. Father's new job**
- D. Weather changes**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Why doesn't Shmuel like the boys on his side of the fence?

- A. They ignore him
- B. They talk behind his back
- C. They fight a lot
- D. They tease him publicly**

The main idea being tested is how ongoing public cruelty shapes relationships and feelings in the story. Shmuel doesn't like the boys on his side of the fence because they tease him in front of everyone. That public taunting shows the way they single him out, ridicule his situation, and treat him as less, which deepens his sense of alienation. It isn't about being ignored, whispers behind his back, or frequent fighting; the hurt comes from open, public teasing that emphasizes the cruel dynamics at the fence.

2. What similarity do the boys discover about themselves?

- A. They share the same birthday**
- B. They were born in the same year
- C. They celebrate Christmas together
- D. They were both named Bruno

The main idea being tested is how a small, human detail can reveal a shared humanity across harsh boundaries. Bruno and Shmuel discover they were born on the same day. That simple fact shows they are the same age in a fundamental, relatable way, and it underscores how innocent, ordinary truths can unite people even when everything else around them is divided by hate and rules. The other possibilities aren't supported by the moment they share: birth years aren't stated as the same, they don't celebrate Christmas together due to the fence, and one boy isn't the one named Bruno. This shared birthday stands out as a genuine, human connection between them.

3. Who figures out what happened to Bruno?

- A. The mother
- B. His father**
- C. Shmuel
- D. The guard

The key idea here is understanding whose perspective allows the truth about Bruno's disappearance to become clear. The father occupies a unique position: he is Bruno's parent and also a high-ranking figure connected to the camp, so he is the only character who can connect what has happened to Bruno with the larger, harsh realities of the place Bruno suddenly ventured into. His role and emotional journey push him to confront the consequences of Bruno's actions and his own association with the camp's world, leading him to realize the heartbreaking fate Bruno likely met. The mother, while deeply motivated and observant, clings to hope and doesn't arrive at the same definitive understanding of Bruno's end. Shmuel lacks the broader context of the adults' world and thus cannot piece together the events from Bruno's perspective. The guard operates within the routines of the camp and isn't in a position to assemble the personal timeline or infer the deeper outcome for Bruno. So, the father is the one who pieces together what happened to Bruno.

4. What occupation did Bruno want to pursue as an adult?

- A. Soldier**
- B. Zoo keeper**
- C. Painter**
- D. Doctor**

Bruno's childhood dream reveals how his world is shaped by what he sees around him—the figures in uniform and the sense of purpose they convey. He expresses that when he grows up, he wants to be a soldier, a goal that fits his admiration for the soldiers he encounters and the authority they symbolize. This is why choosing a soldier is the best answer: it directly matches what Bruno says about his future. The other options don't align with his stated ambition. He doesn't express a wish to care for animals as a zoo keeper, nor does he talk about becoming a painter or a doctor. His longing centers on the military role he observes in his surroundings.

5. Who is the family maid?

- A. Gretel**
- B. Pavel**
- C. Anna**
- D. Maria**

Maria is the family maid. In the story she works in Bruno's house doing cleaning, chores, and serving meals, making her the domestic staff member associated with the family's daily routine. Gretel is Bruno's sister, not a servant. Pavel serves in the household in a different capacity as a staff member, not as the maid. Anna isn't the maid in this context.

6. What personal detail do Bruno and Shmuel realize they share?

- A. Their birthday**
- B. Their age**
- C. Their favorite color**
- D. Their surname**

Sharing a birthday highlights a simple, human connection that crosses the wall between Bruno and Shmuel. When they realize they were born on the same day, it shows they're two kids who share something personal, not just enemies on opposite sides. That common date helps them feel closer and reminds us that, at heart, they're more alike than their circumstances would suggest. The other details aren't what brings that moment of connection in the scene—color, surname, or even general age aren't the shared point that stands out. It's the same birth date that stands out as a small, meaningful link between them.

7. What shows Gretel's innocence?

- A. Dolls**
- B. A lullaby**
- C. A pet dog**
- D. A dress**

Dolls signal Gretel's innocence because they represent the simple, imaginative world of a child—care, pretend play, and comfort in a domestic setting. Her focus on dolls shows she's still drawn to familiar, childish activities rather than the adult-sized worries around her. The other options don't capture that same sense of childish, untested innocence: a lullaby can reflect care but isn't as directly connected to her everyday play; a pet dog or a dress can point to companionship or growing up, respectively, which aren't as clear indicators of her childlike perspective as dolls are.

8. What did Shmuel want to be when he grows up?

- A. Scientist**
- B. Zoo keeper**
- C. Farmer**
- D. Teacher**

Shmuel's dream shows his gentle, hopeful side and his love of animals. In the scene with Bruno, he says he wants to be a zookeeper when he grows up, because he wants to work with and care for animals. This direct statement from him is why it's the best choice—his own words reveal the future he imagines for himself. The other jobs aren't what he expresses in that moment, and they don't fit the focus on his affinity for animals and his hopeful outlook.

9. Who gains a new ally in the search for his papa due to Bruno's adventure?

- A. Bruno**
- B. Shmuel**
- C. Shmuel's father**
- D. Father**

Bruno crossing the fence and meeting Shmuel creates a protective, supportive partnership that directly helps Shmuel in his quest to find his father. By befriending Shmuel, Bruno becomes a new ally who can listen, share information, and stand by him in a dangerous environment. That companionship gives Shmuel practical and emotional support as he searches for his papa, something he didn't have before. The other options don't fit the idea of someone gaining a new ally in this specific search—the ally is the one who joins with Shmuel, not Bruno or the other figures mentioned.

10. Why did Bruno's family move out of Berlin?

- A. Bruno's illness
- B. To visit relatives
- C. Father's new job**
- D. Weather changes

The move is driven by a real-world cause in the story: Bruno's father takes a new job as commandant at a camp nearby, so the family must relocate from Berlin to the new home. This job change is the direct reason for leaving their city life and setting up Bruno's different daily experiences. It isn't related to illness, visiting relatives, or weather—the plot shift comes from the father's assignment and the need to be near his work. This moment shows how a character's career move can set the whole family on a new path and change the world the protagonist inhabits.

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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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