The Cloud and Collaboration Systems Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide

Everything you need from our exam experts!

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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. **Which cloud service model provides hardware and software tools needed for application development via the Internet, hosted by the provider?**

   A. SaaS

   B. PaaS

   C. IaaS

   D. DaaS

2. **A cloud-based service offered by vendors that is hosted on a vendor's cloud and accessed via a web browser is referred to as Software as a ____.**

   A. Platform

   B. Service

   C. Network

   D. Infrastructure

3. **Which component connects two VPCs to allow communication as if in the same network?**

   A. NAT gateway

   B. VPN

   C. VPC peering

   D. Transit gateway

4. **Which question is most essential when evaluating cloud security before signing a service level agreement?**

   A. Does the vendor offer free trials?

   B. Can the vendor guarantee 99.999% uptime?

   C. Is the vendor’s office located in your country?

   D. Does the vendor have any specific security certifications?

5. **Which term describes enabling multiple users to share and work on files at the same time?**

   A. Flexibility

   B. Cost Savings

   C. Disaster Recovery

   D. Collaboration

6. One disadvantage is _____ . Cloud infrastructure is owned, managed, controlled, and monitored by the Cloud service provider.

A. Increased Control

B. Higher Latency

C. On-Premises Deployment

D. Limited Control

7. According to NIST, which deployment model is provisioned for exclusive use by a single organization comprising multiple consumers, and may exist on or off premises?

A. Hybrid Cloud

B. Private Cloud

C. Public Cloud

D. Community Cloud

8. Before signing a cloud SLA, which security-related question is most important?

A. Is the vendor's office located in your country?

B. Can the vendor guarantee 99.999% uptime?

C. What type of disaster plans are in place?

D. Does the vendor offer free trials?

9. What are the considerations when implementing cross-region replication?

A. Latency concerns drive replication decisions.

B. Copying data across regions for disaster recovery and latency reduction, with considerations such as consistency, latency, cost, sovereignty, and permissions.

C. Only the data that is actively used needs replication.

D. Replication across regions is free and unlimited.

10. What is a data warehouse and how is it used for analytics in the cloud?

A. A NoSQL store optimized for key-value access.

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C. A schema-on-read system primarily used for streaming pipelines.

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Answers

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

Explanations

1. Which cloud service model provides hardware and software tools needed for application development via the Internet, hosted by the provider?

A. SaaS

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D. DaaS

Platform as a Service provides an on-demand development platform in the cloud. The provider hosts the hardware and the full software stack needed to build, test, and deploy applications—runtime, frameworks, libraries, databases, and embedded development tools—so you can focus on coding rather than managing servers. This setup gives you a ready-to-use environment, scalable resources, and streamlined deployment, with the provider handling the underlying infrastructure maintenance. In contrast, infrastructure as a service offers raw compute and storage resources with you managing the OS and middleware; software as a service delivers finished applications you use directly; and desktop as a service centers on delivering virtual desktops rather than development tools.

2. A cloud-based service offered by vendors that is hosted on a vendor's cloud and accessed via a web browser is referred to as Software as a ____.

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Understanding cloud service models: when software is provided by a vendor, runs on the vendor’s cloud, and is accessed through a web browser, it’s Software as a Service. In SaaS, you don’t install or maintain the application yourself—the provider hosts, updates, and secures it, and you typically pay per user or per usage. This differs from Platform as a Service, which offers a development platform to build and run your own applications, and Infrastructure as a Service, which provides basic computing resources like virtual machines and storage. The term doesn’t apply to networking services. Examples include web-based email, CRM, and collaboration tools accessed via a browser.

3. Which component connects two VPCs to allow communication as if in the same network?

A. NAT gateway

B. VPN

C. VPC peering

D. Transit gateway

Connecting two VPCs so they can communicate as if they're in the same network is achieved with a VPC peering connection. It creates a private, direct link between the two VPCs so resources can reach each other using their private IP addresses without ever going over the public internet. Traffic stays on AWS's network, and you control access with security groups and network ACLs. To make this work, each VPC's route table must include a route for the other VPC's CIDR block that directs traffic to the peering connection. Remember that the VPC CIDR blocks must not overlap, and this setup isn't transitive—traffic from one VPC to another can't automatically hop through a third VPC via peering. NAT gateway isn't for connecting two VPCs; it enables instances in a private subnet to access the internet. VPN can connect networks through encrypted tunnels (including VPC-to-VPC connections), but it adds complexity and overhead and isn't the simplest way to make two VPCs behave like one network. Transit gateway can connect many VPCs through a central hub, which is more scalable when you have multiple VPCs, but for a direct two-VPC connection, VPC peering is the straightforward choice.

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When evaluating cloud security before signing an SLA, the key is to find evidence of formal, independent verification of the provider's security practices. Security certifications show that an outside auditor has assessed the vendor's controls—such as access management, data protection, incident response, and governance—and has attested that they meet recognized standards (like ISO 27001, SOC 2, or PCI DSS). This independent confirmation provides a measurable baseline you can rely on and expect ongoing monitoring and reassessment. In contrast, asking about free trials focuses on product access, uptime relates to availability, and the vendor's office location doesn't reflect security practices. So the question about whether the vendor has security certifications best indicates how seriously and effectively the provider manages security.

5. Which term describes enabling multiple users to share and work on files at the same time?

A. Flexibility

B. Cost Savings

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D. Collaboration

The idea being tested is collaboration, which means multiple people sharing and working on the same files at the same time. This is typically supported by cloud-based tools that let editors work together in real time, see each other's changes, leave comments, and review version history as needed. This capability makes teamwork efficient across distances, since everyone can contribute simultaneously rather than waiting for others to finish. The other terms refer to different concepts: flexibility is about adapting to various needs or workflows, cost savings focus on reducing expenses, and disaster recovery is about protecting and restoring data after an incident, not about concurrent editing.

6. One disadvantage is _____ . Cloud infrastructure is owned, managed, controlled, and monitored by the Cloud service provider.

A. Increased Control

B. Higher Latency

C. On-Premises Deployment

D. Limited Control

In cloud setups, the provider owns and handles the infrastructure, so you trade some direct control for convenience. The main disadvantage here is limited control: you can't access or modify the underlying hardware, firmware, or core network configurations the same way you would with on-premises systems. Maintenance windows, patching, and upgrades are managed by the provider, and you're limited to the options and configurations the provider exposes. This can complicate very specific governance, compliance, or performance tweaks that require low-level access. You still control how you deploy and configure your applications and services, but the underlying stack is controlled by the provider, which is why limited control is the best fit.

7. According to NIST, which deployment model is provisioned for exclusive use by a single organization comprising multiple consumers, and may exist on or off premises?

A. Hybrid Cloud

B. Private Cloud

C. Public Cloud

D. Community Cloud

The main idea here is identifying the cloud deployment model that is kept private for one organization but can be located on or off its premises. This describes a private cloud. It's provisioned for exclusive use by a single organization and can serve multiple internal consumers (different departments or users) under that organization's governance and security controls. The location can be on-premises or hosted off-premises by a private provider, but the key factor is the exclusivity of use. In contrast, a public cloud serves many different organizations with resources shared across tenants, a community cloud is shared by a specific group with common concerns, and a hybrid cloud combines two or more deployment models.

8. Before signing a cloud SLA, which security-related question is most important?

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Disaster recovery plans and incident response are what you want to verify before signing a cloud SLA because they show how the vendor will protect data and keep services resilient after a disruption. A solid plan covers backups, data integrity during failures, how quickly data and services can be restored (RTO and RPO targets), and how the provider detects, contains, and communicates during a breach. It also signals that these plans are tested and actually operable, not just documented on paper. If these safeguards aren't in place or aren't well defined, you can face extended downtime and data loss, even if other aspects of the contract look good. As for the other options: whether the vendor's office is in your country touches on data sovereignty and legal jurisdiction, which matters but is not a direct security control. A guaranteed uptime figure speaks to availability, not security controls or incident response. Free trials are about evaluating the product, not about the security posture or disaster readiness.

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Cross-region replication is about keeping durable copies of data in multiple geographic regions to improve availability, disaster recovery, and performance for users around the world. The best approach weighs several factors together: how data will stay consistent across regions (whether updates are propagated quickly or allowed to converge over time), the impact of replication on latency (how quickly changes arrive in other regions), the cost of storing multiple copies and moving data between regions, data sovereignty and regulatory obligations that dictate where data can reside and how it must be protected, and the permissions and security controls that govern who can access replicated data. These considerations together determine what gets replicated, how often synchronization happens, and how you handle failovers and data integrity. Focusing only on latency misses the bigger picture, since cross-region replication also involves cost, compliance, and security. Thinking that only the actively used data needs replication overlooks DR needs and potential compliance requirements, and assuming replication is free ignores bandwidth and storage costs.

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A data warehouse is a structured repository optimized for analytics. In the cloud, it stores analytics-ready data in well-defined schemas and storage formats that are designed for fast SQL queries and easy BI reporting, even with large volumes of data. This setup supports read-heavy workloads, strong governance, and consistent performance for many users and dashboards, making analytics efficient and reliable. The other designs described fit different needs: a NoSQL store emphasizes flexible, rapid key-value access but isn't tuned for complex analytic queries; a data lake holds raw, varied data and is built for flexible ingestion rather than optimized analytics performance; a schema-on-read approach defers schema definition until query time, which can hinder fast analytics and governance.

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!