

THEATRE AND PLAY PRODUCTION PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



**SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE
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. What is the stage manager's primary function during performances?**
 - A. To design lighting plots.
 - B. To handle the box office and audience management.
 - C. To coordinate rehearsals' scheduling.
 - D. To call cues, coordinate all departments, maintain safety, and communicate with cast and crew.

- 2. Which statement best describes the difference between pulling a costume and building a costume, and their implications for authenticity and budget?**
 - A. Pulling uses existing wardrobe stock and is cheaper and faster, but may limit authenticity; building creates new garments from patterns and fabric and allows precise design but costs more.
 - B. Pulling is always more authentic than building and costs more.
 - C. Building is always cheaper than pulling and takes less time.
 - D. Pulling and building have no impact on authenticity or budget.

- 3. What is a Box Set?**
 - A. A set with three walls that indicate space
 - B. A ground plan
 - C. A masking Curtains
 - D. A circular platform

- 4. Which statement best describes Soyinka's influence on global theatre?**
 - A. He wrote exclusively in Yoruba
 - B. He rejected international collaborations
 - C. He focused only on local Nigerian audiences
 - D. He helped bring African theatre to international audiences

- 5. Who typically uses a prompt book during rehearsal and performance?**
 - A. The lead actor
 - B. The stage manager
 - C. The producer
 - D. The director

- 6. What does ground plan scale determine in set construction?**
- A. It determines how sizes in drawings compare to real-world measurements.
 - B. It communicates the color palette for the scenic elements.
 - C. It sets the pace of scene changes during performance.
 - D. It determines the number of doors to be shown in the plan.
- 7. Which statement best describes a design drawing used as a rendering in production design?**
- A. Budget allocation.
 - B. Timeline schedule.
 - C. A design drawing showing lighting, composition, and space concepts.
 - D. Prop inventory list.
- 8. What is a model box and how is it used?**
- A. A small-scale three-dimensional set model used for concept testing, approvals, and fine-tuning proportions.
 - B. A large-scale blueprint for architecture.
 - C. A tool to measure stage height.
 - D. A prop storage container.
- 9. Which term describes a stage plan shown from above?**
- A. Ground Plan
 - B. Box Set
 - C. Gel
 - D. Gobo
- 10. During tech rehearsals, which elements are integrated to ensure timing and functionality?**
- A. The actors' lines and blocking only
 - B. Props safety checks
 - C. All technical elements of the play are integrated and made sure to be timed well and functioning properly
 - D. The script is rewritten

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the stage manager's primary function during performances?

- A. To design lighting plots.
- B. To handle the box office and audience management.
- C. To coordinate rehearsals' scheduling.
- D. To call cues, coordinate all departments, maintain safety, and communicate with cast and crew.**

During performances, the stage manager acts as the show's central coordinating force. The main duty is calling cues and turning the director's vision into action on stage—getting lighting, sound, props, set changes, and actor entrances to happen at exactly the right moments. They work from the running order or prompt book, monitor timing, and communicate with cast and crew to keep everything in sync. They also oversee backstage safety and handle any issues that arise, serving as the primary link between the director, designers, and performers while the show is live. This combination of real-time cueing, inter-department coordination, and safety oversight is what keeps the performance running smoothly. Lighting plots are designed by the lighting designer, box office and audience management by the house/box office staff, and rehearsals are scheduled as part of pre-show planning—so none of those duties take precedence during the actual performance.

2. Which statement best describes the difference between pulling a costume and building a costume, and their implications for authenticity and budget?

- A. Pulling uses existing wardrobe stock and is cheaper and faster, but may limit authenticity; building creates new garments from patterns and fabric and allows precise design but costs more.**
- B. Pulling is always more authentic than building and costs more.
- C. Building is always cheaper than pulling and takes less time.
- D. Pulling and building have no impact on authenticity or budget.

Costume sourcing choices directly influence both authenticity and budget. Pulling uses existing wardrobe stock or rentals, so it's cheaper and faster because there's no new sewing, patterning, or fitting work. But you're limited to what already exists, which can mean the pieces don't perfectly match the character's era, fabric, or silhouette, potentially reducing authenticity. Building involves creating garments from patterns and chosen fabric, which gives you precise design, correct silhouette, and era-appropriate materials, plus better fit, all of which enhances authenticity. However, this route requires more time for pattern work, sourcing, and multiple fittings, and it increases costs for fabric, labor, and construction. So, the statement that pulls is cheaper and quicker but may limit authenticity, while building offers exact design and higher authenticity at a higher price and longer timeline, best captures the trade-off. The other options—saying pulling is always more authentic or always more expensive, or that there's no impact on authenticity or budget—don't reflect the real, variable nature of costume production.

3. What is a Box Set?

A. A set with three walls that indicate space

B. A ground plan

C. A masking Curtains

D. A circular platform

A box set is a stage design that creates the interior of a room by enclosing the performance area with three fixed walls (plus a ceiling). The fourth wall is the open, visible side facing the audience, who acts as that missing wall. This arrangement lets actors move through doors and windows within a continuous, realistic space, which is the hallmark of box sets and fosters naturalistic staging. Why the other ideas don't fit: a ground plan is just a schematic drawing of a space's layout, not a physical set; masking curtains are used to hide backstage areas, not to enclose a room; a circular platform is a movable, standalone element used for height or focal shifts, not to create an interior room illusion.

4. Which statement best describes Soyinka's influence on global theatre?

A. He wrote exclusively in Yoruba

B. He rejected international collaborations

C. He focused only on local Nigerian audiences

D. He helped bring African theatre to international audiences

Soyinka's impact on global theatre comes from elevating African storytelling onto the world stage through a powerful blend of Yoruba cultural material with contemporary drama, and by making his work accessible to wide audiences. He wrote in English as well as Yoruba, which allowed his plays to travel beyond Nigeria and be read, studied, and performed internationally while still carrying distinctly African voices and themes. His works reached audiences around the world, and his Nobel Prize in Literature brought sustained attention to African theatre, encouraging translations, scholarly work, and cross-border collaborations. He engaged with international theatre communities, touring, directing, and participating in festivals, which fostered exchange and mutual influence rather than isolation. In this way, he helped bring African theatre to international audiences. The other statements don't fit because he did not limit himself to Yoruba alone, he did not reject international collaborations, and he did not focus only on local Nigerian audiences; his career consistently connected African theatre with audiences and artists worldwide.

5. Who typically uses a prompt book during rehearsal and performance?

A. The lead actor

B. The stage manager

C. The producer

D. The director

A prompt book is the stage manager's primary tool for running rehearsals and performances. It's a script annotated with blocking notes, cue sheets for lighting and sound, prop and stage cues, and timing details. The stage manager uses it to track every change, call cues, and coordinate with the lighting, sound, and stage crews. In rehearsal, they update the book as blocking or timing evolves. In performance, they rely on it to cue lights and sound and to prompt or assist performers as needed, keeping the show running smoothly. The lead actor uses the script for lines, the director guides the artistic vision, and the producer handles budget and logistics, but the actual running of the show from cue to cue sits with the stage manager.

6. What does ground plan scale determine in set construction?

- A. It determines how sizes in drawings compare to real-world measurements.
- B. It communicates the color palette for the scenic elements.
- C. It sets the pace of scene changes during performance.
- D. It determines the number of doors to be shown in the plan.

Ground plan scale defines the ratio used to translate measurements on the plan into actual dimensions on stage. In set construction, the ground plan is a top-down view showing walls, doors, and major elements, and the scale tells you how the drawn sizes map to real sizes. For example, a scale of 1/4 inch equals 1 foot means every measurement on the drawing is reduced by that factor, so a wall drawn 8 inches long would be 24 feet long in real size. This ensures everything is built to the correct size and fits on the stage and with other elements. Color choices, cue timing, and the number of doors are determined by separate design decisions and production needs, not by the drawing's scale.

7. Which statement best describes a design drawing used as a rendering in production design?

- A. Budget allocation.
- B. Timeline schedule.
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A rendering in production design is a visual concept that communicates how the space will look and feel, including lighting, composition, and how actors will move within the set. This kind of design drawing goes beyond measurements or lists; it presents mood, color choices, textures, and spatial relationships so the director, lighting designer, and set team can preview and agree on the overall look before building. It serves as a visual guide that informs decisions about how light will interact with surfaces and how the space supports the storytelling, rather than focusing on budget details, timelines, or inventory. So the statement describing a design drawing that shows lighting, composition, and space concepts best captures the purpose of a rendering in production design.

8. What is a model box and how is it used?

- A. A small-scale three-dimensional set model used for concept testing, approvals, and fine-tuning proportions.
- B. A large-scale blueprint for architecture.
- C. A tool to measure stage height.
- D. A prop storage container.

A model box is a small-scale three-dimensional mock-up of a production's set used early in the design process to preview how the actual space will read on stage. It lets the team test concepts, gain approvals, and fine-tune proportions and relationships between elements like walls, doors, stairs, and platforms. By handling a physical model, designers and directors can check sightlines, blocking, and overall scale before building the full set. It's typically built at a chosen scale with lightweight materials to allow easy modification. This differs from a large-scale blueprint (a 2D plan), a tool to measure stage height, or a prop storage container, which serve different purposes.

9. Which term describes a stage plan shown from above?

A. Ground Plan

B. Box Set

C. Gel

D. Gobo

Ground plan is the bird's-eye, top-down drawing of the stage that shows where walls, doors, set pieces, furniture, and actors will be placed. It's drawn to scale and used by designers and stage management to plan blocking, entrances, sightlines, and how everything fits in the space. So this term best describes a stage plan viewed from above. The other terms relate to lighting or a type of set rather than the top-down layout: a box set is a three-walled interior stage design, gel is a colored lighting filter, and a gobo is a stencil used to project shapes with light.

10. During tech rehearsals, which elements are integrated to ensure timing and functionality?

A. The actors' lines and blocking only

B. Props safety checks

C. All technical elements of the play are integrated and made sure to be timed well and functioning properly

D. The script is rewritten

Tech rehearsals are about syncing every technical component with the performers' actions so the show moves on cue and everything works smoothly. When all technical elements—lighting, sound, video or projections, set changes, props handling, automation, and any special effects—are tested together, you can confirm that cues fire at the right moments and transitions happen cleanly. This integrated approach lets you troubleshoot timing issues between actors and tech, adjust delays, and ensure systems interact correctly in real time. If you focus only on actors' lines and blocking, you miss how the tech actually supports those moments; safety checks or rewriting the script don't address the synchronized functioning of all departments. So the best choice is the one that emphasizes integrating every technical element to be timed well and functioning properly.

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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