UCSC Slug 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. **As a Hispanic Serving Institution, UCSC enrolls at least what percent of Latiné students?**
   A. 25%
   B. 30%
   C. 20%
   D. 15%

2. **The off-campus site managed by the Baskin School of Engineering with interdisciplinary research is which site?**
   A. Coastal Science Campus
   B. Westside Research Park
   C. UCSC Silicon Valley Campus
   D. Bayside Innovation Center

3. **Who qualifies for TAG?**
   A. California community college students in good academic standing
   B. Any transfer student
   C. High school graduates only
   D. International students only

4. **Which statement correctly describes Maya Rudolph's background?**
   A. SNL cast member, comedian, and UCSC alumnus
   B. UC Berkeley alumna and actress
   C. Santa Cruz resident and painter
   D. College basketball coach

5. **Where can guests purchase an all-day permit?**
   A. TAPS office at the base of campus
   B. Student Center
   C. Library
   D. Security Office

6. **What is the goal of Creative Technology?**

    A. Combine technology literacy and ethics

    B. Focus on software development

    C. Study the history of technology

    D. Build hardware systems

7. **How many UC campuses are an HSI?**

    A. Three UC campuses

    B. Two UC campuses

    C. Four UC campuses

    D. Five UC campuses

8. **Which service provides 1-on-1 financial counseling to students?**

    A. SlugCents

    B. Cruz Care

    C. UC SHIP

    D. Other Worlds Laboratory

9. **The closest airport to UCSC is San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC).**

    A. True

    B. False

    C. Not sure

    D. Cannot be determined

10. **Where is STARRS located?**

    A. Second Floor of Bay Tree Building

    B. Bookshop Santa Cruz

    C. Campus Library Basement

    D. Arts Building Ground Level

Answers

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

Explanations

1. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, UCSC enrolls at least what percent of Latiné students?

A. 25%

B. 30%

C. 20%

D. 15%

The key fact is the threshold for being designated a Hispanic Serving Institution: an eligible college or university must have at least 25% of its undergraduate students who are Hispanic/Latino. Because UCSC enrolls at least 25% Latiné students, it meets that threshold. Therefore, the minimum percent associated with this designation is 25%. Choices below 25% wouldn't qualify, while a higher percentage like 30% would also satisfy the requirement, but 25% is the threshold you need to remember.

2. The off-campus site managed by the Baskin School of Engineering with interdisciplinary research is which site?

A. Coastal Science Campus

B. Westside Research Park

C. UCSC Silicon Valley Campus

D. Bayside Innovation Center

Interdisciplinary collaboration in engineering thrives in dedicated off-campus hubs that bring together engineers, scientists from other fields, and external partners to work on shared projects. The Baskin School of Engineering's off-campus site designed for this kind of work is the Westside Research Park. It's set up to host cross-disciplinary teams and partnerships that extend beyond the main campus, making it the best fit for a facility focused on interdisciplinary engineering research. The Coastal Science Campus, by contrast, centers on coastal and environmental science; the UCSC Silicon Valley Campus and Bayside Innovation Center serve other missions such as industry partnerships or entrepreneurship.

3. Who qualifies for TAG?

A. California community college students in good academic standing

B. Any transfer student

C. High school graduates only

D. International students only

TAG is a pathway that guarantees admission to a CSU campus for students who start at a California community college and stay in good academic standing. Being in good standing means you're meeting the college's academic requirements (not on probation or dismissal) and you've completed the required lower-division major preparation with the GPA requirements set for your chosen campus and major. This program is specifically designed for California community college students planning to transfer to a CSU; it isn't for any transfer student, and it isn't described as open only to high school graduates or only to international students. If you're a California community college student in good standing and you meet the campus-specific TAG requirements, you're in the group that TAG is intended for.

4. Which statement correctly describes Maya Rudolph's background?

A. SNL cast member, comedian, and UCSC alumnus

B. UC Berkeley alumna and actress

C. Santa Cruz resident and painter

D. College basketball coach

Maya Rudolph is best described by her work as a longtime SNL cast member and comedian, along with her education at UC Santa Cruz, making her UCSC alumna. This pairing—famous for sketch comedy on Saturday Night Live and having studied at UCSC—is the most accurate and recognizable summary of her background. The other descriptions don't fit because they point to different institutions or roles that aren't part of her widely known story.

5. Where can guests purchase an all-day permit?

A. TAPS office at the base of campus

B. Student Center

C. Library

D. Security Office

The key idea here is knowing who handles parking permits on campus. Parking permits for guests are managed by the campus Transportation and Parking Services, the TAPS office. This department is in charge of issuing and validating all parking permits, including those for guests who need an all-day pass. The base-of-campus TAPS office is the official in-person location to purchase one, since that's where parking permits are coordinated and recorded. The other locations serve different campus needs. The Student Center is for student activities and services, the Library is for research resources and study space, and the Security Office handles safety and access issues. They don't issue guest parking permits, which is why they aren't suitable places to purchase an all-day pass. If you're planning to park for the day, head to the TAPS office at the base of campus to take care of the purchase.

6. What is the goal of Creative Technology?

A. Combine technology literacy and ethics

B. Focus on software development

C. Study the history of technology

D. Build hardware systems

Creative Technology is about blending a solid understanding of how technology works with thoughtful consideration of its ethical and social implications, so you can create with impact and responsibility. It's not just about coding or building devices; it's about knowing the tools, how people interact with them, and the consequences of those choices—privacy, accessibility, sustainability, and fairness—and using that knowledge to design innovative, meaningful experiences. That broader integration of technical ability and ethical reflection explains why this aim is a better fit than narrower paths like focusing only on software, studying technology history, or building hardware, which don't require that same combined perspective.

7. How many UC campuses are an HSI?

A. Three UC campuses

B. Two UC campuses

C. Four UC campuses

D. Five UC campuses

HSI stands for Hispanic-Serving Institution. It's a federal designation given to colleges and universities where at least 25% of full-time undergraduates are Hispanic. This status is based on enrollment data, not campus location or program type. Within the UC system, exactly three campuses meet that threshold, earning HSI status. Those campuses are Riverside, Merced, and Santa Cruz. The designation matters because it can influence eligibility for federal grants and programs aimed at supporting Hispanic students. Other UC campuses have undergrad Hispanic shares below 25%, so they aren't HSIs under the current data, though enrollment figures can change over time.

8. Which service provides 1-on-1 financial counseling to students?

A. SlugCents

B. Cruz Care

C. UC SHIP

D. Other Worlds Laboratory

A service that offers private, one-on-one guidance on money matters is designed to help students understand budgeting, debt, loan options, and personal financial planning through a personal session with a trained counselor. SlugCents is the campus resource that provides this kind of individualized financial counseling, meeting with a counselor to review your financial situation and develop a customized plan. This makes it the best choice for one-on-one financial help. The other options serve different purposes: UC SHIP is about health insurance coverage, not financial counseling; Cruz Care focuses on student health and wellness services; and Other Worlds Laboratory is not a campus financial counseling resource.

9. The closest airport to UCSC is San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC).

A. True

B. False

C. Not sure

D. Cannot be determined

Understanding the geography helps identify the closest airport with regular passenger service. UCSC sits near Santa Cruz, and San Jose Mineta International Airport is just southeast in San Jose—roughly 25 to 30 miles from the campus. That proximity makes it the nearest option for most travelers flying commercially to visit UCSC. Other major airports are farther away: San Francisco International and Oakland International are about 60 miles or more away by road, and Monterey Regional is about the same ballpark or a bit farther. There is a much smaller Watsonville airport nearby, but it offers little to no scheduled passenger service, so it isn't used for typical commercial travel. So, the statement is true for practical travel and commercial flights.

10. Where is STARRS located?

A. Second Floor of Bay Tree Building

B. Bookshop Santa Cruz

C. Campus Library Basement

D. Arts Building Ground Level

This question tests your ability to read campus location information and know where a specific service is housed on campus. STARRS is located on the second floor of the Bay Tree Building. The Bay Tree Building is a campus hub that houses various student services, and its second floor is the designated home for STARRS, as shown on campus maps and service directories.   Other options refer to places that aren't where STARRS sits: Bookshop Santa Cruz is off campus, the Campus Library Basement is a different part of the library, and the Arts Building Ground Level is another building altogether. To confirm locations, you can check the campus map or the STARRS directory for the exact floor and building.

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!