

# US Army Quartermaster AIT Gold Pass Practice Exam (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. Is clear polish allowed?**
  - A. Clear Polish Is Prohibited**
  - B. Clear Polish Is Optional**
  - C. Clear Polish Is Reserved For Ceremonies**
  - D. Clear Polish Is Allowed**
  
- 2. A standing inventory is a regular, scheduled check of items to verify records match physical quantity. Which statement best describes this process?**
  - A. It is a regular, scheduled check of items to verify records match physical quantity**
  - B. It is an unscheduled ad hoc count**
  - C. It is performed only during audits**
  - D. It is used to analyze asset depreciation**
  
- 3. What is the primary role of POL in military logistics?**
  - A. Move, Store, and Issue Fuels, Lubricants, and Related Products to Support Operations**
  - B. Manage Medical Supplies**
  - C. Provide Water Purification**
  - D. Manufacture Lubricants**
  
- 4. In what year was the Quartermaster Corps established?**
  - A. 1774**
  - B. 1775**
  - C. 1776**
  - D. 1789**
  
- 5. Which statement describes field rations concept?**
  - A. Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and First Strike Ration (FSR) are examples of field rations**
  - B. Field rations are only used in garrison**
  - C. Field rations include no meals**
  - D. Field rations are only beverages**

- 6. What is the difference between issue and turn-in in supply operations?**
- A. Issue is returning items to supply; turn-in is issuing to units**
  - B. Issue is issuing items to units or individuals; turn-in is returning items to supply**
  - C. Issue and turn-in are the same**
  - D. Turn-in is process of issuing new items; issue is returning**
- 7. Nail shapes policy?**
- A. Round Nails Only**
  - B. Round Or Square Nails Are Allowed**
  - C. Nails Must Be Round Or Square**
  - D. Square Nails Only**
- 8. AER stands for?**
- A. Army Emergency Response**
  - B. Army Education Relief**
  - C. Army Emergency Relief**
  - D. Army Engineering Resources**
- 9. After addressing a fault found during PMCS, what is the proper action regarding maintenance records?**
- A. File the report away without updating.**
  - B. Update maintenance records.**
  - C. Delete the record after archiving the fault.**
  - D. Only note it in a personal notebook.**
- 10. What is calorie management in field feeding?**
- A. Planning menus to meet nutritional requirements with available rations, balancing calories**
  - B. Estimating the total calories for a single meal**
  - C. Maximizing calories for every meal regardless of nutrition**
  - D. Ignoring calories in planning**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. Is clear polish allowed?

- A. Clear Polish Is Prohibited
- B. Clear Polish Is Optional
- C. Clear Polish Is Reserved For Ceremonies
- D. Clear Polish Is Allowed**

Clear polish is allowed because it remains neutral and unobtrusive, aligning with grooming standards that emphasize neat, professional appearance without drawing attention to the nails. The policy accepts reasonable nail adornments that are not distracting, and clear polish meets that criteria by preserving a clean, uniform look. Using clear polish avoids flashy colors or designs that could be deemed unprofessional or distracting, which is why this option best fits the standard.

## 2. A standing inventory is a regular, scheduled check of items to verify records match physical quantity. Which statement best describes this process?

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Standing inventory is an ongoing internal control activity where items are counted on a regular, planned schedule to ensure that the inventory records match the actual physical stock. This regular check keeps stock figures accurate, supports accountability, and triggers investigations or adjustments when discrepancies arise. It isn't an unscheduled ad hoc count, which would be a surprise check outside the routine cadence. It isn't performed only during audits, since the goal is continuous accuracy in operations. And it isn't about asset depreciation, which relates to assigning cost over time rather than verifying actual quantities. By regularly reconciling counts with the ledger, you maintain accurate records and detectable variances.

## 3. What is the primary role of POL in military logistics?

- A. Move, Store, and Issue Fuels, Lubricants, and Related Products to Support Operations**
- B. Manage Medical Supplies
- C. Provide Water Purification
- D. Manufacture Lubricants

POL, which stands for Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants, is the supply chain element that keeps vehicles, aircraft, and generators operating by handling the movement, storage, and issue of fuels, lubricants, and related products to support operations. It involves planning and distributing items like JP-8, diesel, aviation fuel, hydraulic fluids, and lubricants, plus setting up refueling points and storage depots, while ensuring safety, quality, and environmental standards. This role directly ensures units have the right fuels and lubricants where and when they need them, sustaining readiness in the field. Medical supplies management, water purification, and manufacturing lubricants are separate functions within logistics or support activities and are not the primary focus of POL.

**4. In what year was the Quartermaster Corps established?**

- A. 1774
- B. 1775**
- C. 1776
- D. 1789

The core idea here is when the Army first organized its logistics branch to supply troops. In 1775, the Continental Congress created the Quartermaster Department to handle provisioning, clothing, and transport for the Continental Army, with the appointment of the first Quartermaster General to run it. This established the formal logistics organization that would become the Quartermaster Corps. So, 1775 is the year the corps began. The other years don't fit because the department wasn't formally created in 1774, 1776, or 1789.

**5. Which statement describes field rations concept?**

- A. Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and First Strike Ration (FSR) are examples of field rations**
- B. Field rations are only used in garrison
- C. Field rations include no meals
- D. Field rations are only beverages

Field rations are the packaged, ready-to-consume meals designed for use away from permanent dining facilities, so soldiers can sustain energy and nutrition in the field without cooking. Meal, Ready-to-Eat and First Strike Ration are classic examples of field rations used in field conditions. This makes the statement correct because it directly identifies MREs and FSR as field rations. The idea that field rations are only used in garrison, contain no meals, or are only beverages doesn't fit with how these rations are meant to be used: they are for field use, they do provide meals, and they are not limited to beverages.

**6. What is the difference between issue and turn-in in supply operations?**

- A. Issue is returning items to supply; turn-in is issuing to units
- B. Issue is issuing items to units or individuals; turn-in is returning items to supply**
- C. Issue and turn-in are the same
- D. Turn-in is process of issuing new items; issue is returning

Issuing is moving items from supply out to units or individuals for use. It happens when someone requests items and authorization is given, so stock decreases in the storage and accountability moves to the person who now possesses the items. Turn-in is the reverse: items are returned from users back to supply. This occurs when the items are surplus, no longer needed, damaged, or being replaced, and they re-enter the supply system for reissue, credit, or disposal. This keeps inventory accurate and enables redistribution or proper disposal. So the difference is direction and purpose: issuing disseminates items to users; turning in returns them to supply.

## 7. Nail shapes policy?

- A. Round Nails Only
- B. Round Or Square Nails Are Allowed**
- C. Nails Must Be Round Or Square
- D. Square Nails Only

Nail appearance is kept neat and practical, with the policy allowing two common, professional shapes: round and square. This keeps nails tidy and easy to manage within uniform standards, while giving you a choice based on personal preference. The best answer states that both round and square nails are allowed, which matches the idea that either shape is acceptable as long as nails are neatly trimmed and appropriate in length. The other statements restrict you to one shape or use wording that implies a stronger, less flexible rule than the policy actually sets.

## 8. AER stands for?

- A. Army Emergency Response
- B. Army Education Relief
- C. Army Emergency Relief**
- D. Army Engineering Resources

AER stands for Army Emergency Relief, the Army's official charitable program that provides financial help to soldiers and their families during emergencies. It offers interest-free loans and grants to cover urgent needs like housing, utilities, medical costs, and funeral expenses, and serves active duty members, retirees, and eligible dependents. This name is the established expansion of the acronym used within the Army community, distinguishing it from phrases like Emergency Response, Education Relief, or Engineering Resources, which do not refer to the Army's emergency relief program.

## 9. After addressing a fault found during PMCS, what is the proper action regarding maintenance records?

- A. File the report away without updating.
- B. Update maintenance records.**
- C. Delete the record after archiving the fault.
- D. Only note it in a personal notebook.

Documenting maintenance actions after PMCS is essential for an official, auditable history of the vehicle's condition and fixes. When a fault is found and addressed, the maintenance records must be updated to reflect what fault was found, what corrective action was taken, any parts replaced, the date and time, and who performed the work. This completes the maintenance event in the official log and ensures readiness and safety. It also enables follow-up checks if needed and helps track recurring issues for future planning. Keeping the entry in an official record, rather than just filing it away without updates, keeping it only in a personal notebook, or deleting the record, would break traceability and accountability.

## 10. What is calorie management in field feeding?

- A. Planning menus to meet nutritional requirements with available rations, balancing calories**
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Calorie management in field feeding means planning menus that meet soldiers' energy and nutritional needs using the rations available, balancing total daily calories with the work load and environment. In practice, you're crafting a day's worth of meals that fit what you have on hand (MREs, rations, etc.) and still provide the right mix of calories, protein, fats, and carbohydrates to sustain performance and recovery. It's about the whole day's energy use, not just guessing the calories of a single meal or trying to maximize calories without regard to nutrition. This approach also helps reduce waste and keeps food feasible in field conditions.

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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](mailto: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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