

U.S. Immigration 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. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?**
 - A. George Washington**
 - B. Thomas Jefferson**
 - C. Benjamin Franklin**
 - D. John Adams**

- 2. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. Which option best reflects this statement?**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Not sure**
 - D. It depends on the case**

- 3. What is the Permanent Resident Card commonly known as?**
 - A. The Green Card**
 - B. The Permanent Resident Card**
 - C. The Travel Card**
 - D. The Citizenship Card**

- 4. The Diversity Visa program is best described as which of the following?**
 - A. A merit-based employment program**
 - B. A lottery program awarding immigrant visas**
 - C. A refugee resettlement program**
 - D. A student visa program**

- 5. Which state borders Canada?**
 - A. California**
 - B. Florida**
 - C. Texas**
 - D. Alaska**

- 6. Which city is the capital of your state?**
 - A. Albany**
 - B. New York City**
 - C. Buffalo**
 - D. Syracuse**

- 7. Which statement is true about immigrant visas?**
- A. They are intended for temporary visits.**
 - B. They require a nonimmigrant status at all times.**
 - C. They do not lead to permanent residence.**
 - D. They lead to permanent residence.**
- 8. Which statement best describes a responsibility associated with U.S. citizenship?**
- A. Obey the laws of the United States**
 - B. Donate to charity**
 - C. Only vote in local elections**
 - D. Serve in the military**
- 9. Which part of the U.S. Congress is elected every two years?**
- A. The Senate**
 - B. The House of Representatives**
 - C. The Supreme Court**
 - D. The Presidency**
- 10. Which of the following individuals fought for civil rights and equality for all Americans?**
- A. Martin Luther King Jr.**
 - B. Dwight D. Eisenhower**
 - C. Franklin D. Roosevelt**
 - D. Abraham Lincoln**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson**
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. John Adams

Thomas Jefferson wrote it. He was a Virginian delegate who was chosen to lead the drafting of the document as part of the Committee of Five. Jefferson composed the initial draft in June 1776, and his drafted words laid out the colonies' reasons for declaring independence and their belief in unalienable rights. While other figures like John Adams and Benjamin Franklin helped edit and advocate for the declaration, and George Washington led the military effort, Jefferson was the primary author of the text that the Continental Congress adopted on July 4, 1776.

2. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. Which option best reflects this statement?

- A. True**
- B. False
- C. Not sure
- D. It depends on the case

The main idea here is that the Supreme Court sits at the top of the U.S. judiciary for interpreting the Constitution and federal law. Its decisions are the final say on federal questions and constitutional issues, and those rulings bind all other courts in the country. While each state has its own highest court for state matters, they cannot override the U.S. Supreme Court on federal law. The fact that the Court may choose not to hear a particular case doesn't change its overall status as the highest court. Congress can influence which cases the Court can hear to some extent, but it cannot overturn the Court's ultimate authority. So the statement is true.

3. What is the Permanent Resident Card commonly known as?

- A. The Green Card
- B. The Permanent Resident Card**
- C. The Travel Card
- D. The Citizenship Card

Think about the distinction between an official document name and what people actually call it. A Permanent Resident Card is the formal name of the card that proves someone is a lawful permanent resident. In everyday use, it's commonly known as the Green Card because of its historic color and the nickname that stuck with people over the years. So the best answer is the Green Card, since that is the widely used term. The other options refer to different ideas—a travel card isn't the standard name for this document, and a citizenship card would pertain to someone who has become a citizen rather than a permanent resident.

4. The Diversity Visa program is best described as which of the following?

- A. A merit-based employment program**
- B. A lottery program awarding immigrant visas**
- C. A refugee resettlement program**
- D. A student visa program**

The Diversity Visa program is a lottery-based system that awards immigrant visas through a random drawing to people from countries with historically low levels of immigration to the United States. Winners are chosen at random and must still meet basic eligibility (such as education or work experience and country eligibility) to receive permanent residency. It is not a merit-based employment program, not a refugee resettlement program, and not a student visa program. The defining feature is the random lottery that allocates a limited number of visas to diversify the immigrant population.

5. Which state borders Canada?

- A. California**
- B. Florida**
- C. Texas**
- D. Alaska**

Understanding who borders Canada means recognizing which U.S. state shares a boundary with Canada. Among the options, only Alaska directly touches Canada. Alaska has a long land border with Canadian territory (the Yukon and the Northwest Territories), stretching about 1,538 miles. The other states are far to the south and do not share a boundary with Canada (California and Texas border Mexico, while Florida is bordered by water and lies well south of Canada). So, Alaska is the state that borders Canada.

6. Which city is the capital of your state?

- A. Albany**
- B. New York City**
- C. Buffalo**
- D. Syracuse**

The city that serves as a state capital is where the state government sits—the legislature and governor’s offices are located there. For this state, the capital is Albany, which has housed the New York state government since 1797. New York City, while the largest city, is not the capital, and Buffalo and Syracuse are large upstate cities that are not capitals either.

7. Which statement is true about immigrant visas?

- A. They are intended for temporary visits.**
- B. They require a nonimmigrant status at all times.**
- C. They do not lead to permanent residence.**
- D. They lead to permanent residence.**

Immigrant visas are for people who intend to live in the United States permanently. When you're issued an immigrant visa and admitted to the U.S., you become a lawful permanent resident, which is the status that allows you to reside and work here indefinitely and eventually pursue citizenship. That's why this option is the correct one: it reflects the fundamental goal of an immigrant visa. In contrast, visas meant for temporary stays (nonimmigrant visas) do not confer permanent residence. So the statements describing temporary visits or lacking a path to permanent residence don't fit the purpose of immigrant visas.

8. Which statement best describes a responsibility associated with U.S. citizenship?

- A. Obey the laws of the United States**
- B. Donate to charity**
- C. Only vote in local elections**
- D. Serve in the military**

A fundamental responsibility of U.S. citizenship is obeying the laws of the United States. Following laws helps protect everyone's rights, maintain order, and support a functioning society. This duty applies to all citizens and forms part of the social contract that allows government to operate and people to live safely. Charity, voting, and military service aren't universal duties for every citizen. Donating to charity is voluntary, voting is a right and personal choice (not a requirement), and military service is not a mandatory obligation for all citizens today.

9. Which part of the U.S. Congress is elected every two years?

- A. The Senate**
- B. The House of Representatives**
- C. The Supreme Court**
- D. The Presidency**

The part of Congress that is elected every two years is the House of Representatives. Members there serve two-year terms, and all 435 House seats are up for election in every cycle, ensuring frequent accountability to voters. In contrast, Senators serve six-year terms with about one-third of seats up for election every two years, so not all are chosen at the same time. The Supreme Court justices are not elected and serve life tenure, and the Presidency is elected for four years. So the two-year cycle specifically applies to the House of Representatives.

10. Which of the following individuals fought for civil rights and equality for all Americans?

- A. Martin Luther King Jr.**
- B. Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- C. Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- D. Abraham Lincoln**

Fighting for civil rights and equality for all Americans is best represented by Martin Luther King Jr., who led the modern civil rights movement with a clear, nonviolent strategy to secure equal rights under the law. He organized and inspired nationwide campaigns, delivered powerful speeches like "I Have a Dream," and helped shape public opinion and policy toward desegregation and voting rights. His work culminated in a broader movement that pushed for landmark civil rights legislation and a society where people would be judged by their character rather than the color of their skin. The other figures contributed in important ways to American history, but their roles aren't as closely tied to leading a nationwide civil rights movement. Lincoln ended slavery and preserved the Union, Roosevelt promoted certain anti-discrimination efforts within broader New Deal policies, and Eisenhower enforced desegregation in schools during a crisis. MLK's impact as a dedicated civil rights leader who promoted equality for all Americans marks him as the most direct answer to this question.

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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