

US Marine Corps Capabilities, Weapons, and Global Challenges 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. Which Marines provide essential direct support and combat service support, including roles in intelligence, communications, engineering, logistics, medical, and transportation?**
 - A. Combat Support**
 - B. Infantry (Combat Arms)**
 - C. Non-Combat Arms**
 - D. Reconnaissance**

- 2. Based in the Yellow Sea, headquartered at Qingdao Naval Base, which PLA Navy fleet is described?**
 - A. PLA Navy**
 - B. North Sea Fleet**
 - C. East Sea Fleet**
 - D. South Sea Fleet**

- 3. Which platform transports a squad-sized element from ship to shore across contested landing zones and provides organic direct fire support to dismounted infantry?**
 - A. JLTV**
 - B. Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV)**
 - C. Mark VIII SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV)**
 - D. LAV-25**

- 4. Which platform is a compact, electrically powered underwater delivery vehicle used to transport divers from ship to shore?**
 - A. Mark VIII SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV)**
 - B. ACV**
 - C. M777 Howitzer**
 - D. JLTV**

- 5. Which force emphasizes an asymmetric doctrine focused on Persian Gulf security, pursuing smaller, faster platforms with sophisticated weapons?**
- A. IRIN**
 - B. Space Domain Awareness (SDA)**
 - C. IRGCN**
 - D. Threats in the Strait of Hormuz**
- 6. Which system delivers precise, high-volume rocket and missile strikes from over 40 miles away and is truck-mounted?**
- A. M777 Howitzer**
 - B. JLTV**
 - C. M142 HIMARS**
 - D. M1 Abrams**
- 7. Which asset is utilized for the insertion and extraction of Navy SEALs in medium-to-high threat environments?**
- A. Rotary Wing and Tilt Rotor Aircraft**
 - B. Combatant Craft (CCA / CCM / CCH)**
 - C. M-ATV**
 - D. LT-ATV**
- 8. Which country leverages political and security influence in Iraq by firing ballistic missiles at Kurdish groups and backing militias?**
- A. Iran**
 - B. United States**
 - C. Turkey**
 - D. Saudi Arabia**
- 9. Which term refers to the ability to conduct offensive and defensive operations to ensure freedom of action in space and defeat efforts to interfere with space systems?**
- A. Spacelift**
 - B. PNT**
 - C. Nuclear Detonation Detection**
 - D. Space Control**

10. Which weapon provides a continuous and high rate of fire to engage long-range targets, with a maximum effective range of 1,800 meters when used with a tripod?

- A. M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle (IAR)**
- B. M240B Medium Machine Gun**
- C. M4 Carbine**
- D. M32A1 MSGL**

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which Marines provide essential direct support and combat service support, including roles in intelligence, communications, engineering, logistics, medical, and transportation?

A. Combat Support

B. Infantry (Combat Arms)

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D. Reconnaissance

Direct support and combat service support are the functions that keep the force operating in combat. Intelligence, communications, engineering, logistics, medical, and transportation all provide essential capabilities that enable frontline troops to fight effectively: gathering and sharing information, keeping networks up, building and maintaining needed facilities and roads, moving and supplying units, treating wounded, and relocating people and materiel. These roles support the mission without performing infantry tasks themselves, so they fall under Combat Support.

2. Based in the Yellow Sea, headquartered at Qingdao Naval Base, which PLA Navy fleet is described?

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Regional organization of the PLA Navy is structured around fleets tied to specific sea areas and basing. Qingdao Naval Base on the Yellow Sea serves as the headquarters of the North Sea Fleet, which operates primarily in the Yellow Sea and northern approaches. The East Sea Fleet is centered on the East China Sea near Shanghai, and the South Sea Fleet covers the South China Sea with bases around Zhanjiang and Hainan. So the description of being based in the Yellow Sea and headquartered at Qingdao fits the North Sea Fleet.

3. Which platform transports a squad-sized element from ship to shore across contested landing zones and provides organic direct fire support to dismounted infantry?

A. JLTV

B. Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV)

C. Mark VIII SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV)

D. LAV-25

Transport from ship to shore while under potential threat and provide immediate fire support to the dismounted force is a mission tailored for an amphibious armored platform. The Amphibious Combat Vehicle is designed for exactly that: it moves a squad from ship to beach across contested landing zones and, once ashore, offers organic direct-fire capability with a turret-mounted weapon to suppress and shape the battlefield as Marines dismount and secure the area. JLTVs lack waterborne deployment from ships and do not deliver units directly onto a contested beach, so they cannot fulfill the ship-to-shore assault role with integrated fire support. The Mark VIII SEAL Delivery Vehicle is a covert, undersea delivery system for special operations forces, not a general-purpose squad transport or a platform for sustained direct-fire support in a conventional amphibious assault. The LAV-25 is armored and amphibious, but it does not represent the current standard for ship-to-shore assault with a squad and does not provide the same level of dedicated direct-fire support capability as the Amphibious Combat Vehicle.

4. Which platform is a compact, electrically powered underwater delivery vehicle used to transport divers from ship to shore?

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Think about how divers can reach a shore without surfacing and drawing attention. This is the job of a compact, electrically powered underwater delivery vehicle designed to carry divers from a ship or submarine to a nearshore area. The Mark VIII SEAL Delivery Vehicle fits this role perfectly. It's built to operate mostly underwater, using electric propulsion for quiet approach, and is compact enough to be deployed from a Dry Deck Shelter or submarine launch system, enabling stealthy insertion of teams and their gear. After reaching the target area, divers exit to complete their mission, while the SDV can be recovered back to its parent platform. The Amphibious Combat Vehicle stays on the surface and moves from ship to shore, not underwater. The M777 Howitzer is artillery, and the JLTV is a land-based tactical vehicle.

5. Which force emphasizes an asymmetric doctrine focused on Persian Gulf security, pursuing smaller, faster platforms with sophisticated weapons?

- A. IRIN
- B. Space Domain Awareness (SDA)
- C. IRGCN**
- D. Threats in the Strait of Hormuz

The force described is known for an asymmetric warfare approach tailored to the Persian Gulf, relying on small, fast platforms armed with sophisticated weapons to complicate larger naval powers' operations. This doctrine focuses on quick, maneuverable craft that can threaten shipping and disrupt freedom of navigation in crowded, chokepoint environments like the Strait of Hormuz. By leveraging speed, stealth, and precision, the force aims to maximize impact with relatively low-profile assets, complicating surveillance and response for rival navies and deterring larger surface contingents. In contrast, a conventional navy typically emphasizes larger ships, longer-range capabilities, and blue-water operations, which don't align with the same emphasis on swarm-like, fast-attack tactics in the confined waters of the Gulf. Space Domain Awareness is about monitoring space assets and is not a naval force; the idea of threats in the Strait of Hormuz describes a region and risk context rather than a force conducting operations. The force that best fits this asymmetric, fast-boat, weapon-rich approach to Persian Gulf security is the IRGC Navy.

6. Which system delivers precise, high-volume rocket and missile strikes from over 40 miles away and is truck-mounted?

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This item tests your ability to identify a truck-mounted system that can deliver rapid, long-range, precision rocket and missile strikes. The M142 HIMARS is built on a truck chassis and carries a launcher with multiple rockets (or a single precision missile), enabling a high-volume volley in one firing action. Its missiles are guided, so you can hit specific targets at long range with accuracy, and the system can launch from well beyond 40 miles. After firing, its mobility lets it relocate quickly to avoid counter-fire. The M777 Howitzer is a towed artillery piece that fires 155mm shells at shorter ranges, not rockets or missiles and not truck-mounted. The JLTV is a transport vehicle, not a weapon system. The M1 Abrams is a main battle tank, focused on armor and direct-fire engagements, not a rocket-artillery system.

7. Which asset is utilized for the insertion and extraction of Navy SEALs in medium-to-high threat environments?

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In medium-to-high threat environments, getting SEAL teams into and out of an objective quickly and safely requires air assets that can vertical-lift, hover, and operate from ships or austere locations. Rotary-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft provide true vertical mobility, rapid access, and precise placement in confined or contested areas. They can insert teams directly onto a landing zone, perform fast exfiltration, and adapt to evolving threats without needing a clear runway. The MV-22 tilt-rotor and various helicopters combine speed, range, and maneuverability with the ability to operate from ships and inland areas, making them the most suitable choice for insertion and extraction in these conditions. Combatant Craft are effective for water-based approaches but are more exposed in higher-threat situations and rely on water access and favorable sea conditions. Ground vehicles like M-ATV and LT-ATV are not capable of air insertion or extraction, limiting their usefulness in contested environments where aerial mobility is essential.

8. Which country leverages political and security influence in Iraq by firing ballistic missiles at Kurdish groups and backing militias?

- A. Iran**
- B. United States**
- C. Turkey**
- D. Saudi Arabia**

Using force and proxies to extend influence across borders is a typical tactic some states use to shape a neighboring country's security and politics. In Iraq, Iran has repeatedly blended direct military tools with allied groups to project power: it has fired ballistic missiles at Kurdish dissident bases in Iraqi Kurdistan and it backs militias that operate inside Iraq, coordinating with them to pressure Iraqi authorities and influence outcomes on the ground. This combination—coercive firepower plus organized, Iran-aligned militias—gives Tehran a way to deter opponents, punish rivals, and push its preferred security and political arrangements without needing to commit large conventional forces. While other countries may be involved in Iraq through support, training, or diplomacy, they don't typically rely on ballistic missiles aimed at Kurdish groups paired with a broad network of militias in the same way Iran does.

9. Which term refers to the ability to conduct offensive and defensive operations to ensure freedom of action in space and defeat efforts to interfere with space systems?

- A. Spacelift**
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Space control is the ability to conduct offensive and defensive operations to ensure freedom of action in space and defeat efforts to interfere with space systems. It means being able to operate in orbit while protecting our own satellites and ground nodes, and also taking actions to deny an adversary the same freedom—through measures like hardening, redundancy, space-domain awareness, and counter-space effects (jamming, cyber effects, or legitimate on-orbit maneuvers) that disrupt or degrade opposing space capabilities. This ensures continued access to essential space-based services such as satellite communications, missile warning, and navigation for joint and multinational operations. Other options describe different functions: launching payloads into space, the set of positioning, navigation, and timing services, or detecting nuclear detonations. Those do not capture the broad ability to control the space domain and defend against interference.

10. Which weapon provides a continuous and high rate of fire to engage long-range targets, with a maximum effective range of 1,800 meters when used with a tripod?

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The ability to deliver sustained, high-volume fire on distant targets hinges on a few key factors: a robust feed system, sufficient cartridge energy, and a stable platform for accuracy. The M240B is a belt-fed, gas-operated machine gun chambered in 7.62 NATO, designed for crew-served use and capable of sustained fire. When mounted on a tripod, it becomes highly stable, allowing accurate engagement at long ranges while efficiently dissipating heat during continuous bursts. This combination provides effective suppressive fire out to about 1,800 meters, which fits the scenario's requirement. The other weapons are either lighter and optimized for closer ranges or, like the grenade launcher, intended for shorter-range indirect fire and not sustained high-rate engagement at long distances.

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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