

# U.S. Military and National Defense Strategies 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 statement best describes global strike's characteristics?**
  - A. It projects military power rapidly, more flexibly, and with a lighter footprint than other options.**
  - B. It requires a full ground invasion to be effective.**
  - C. It is limited to naval operations.**
  - D. It ignores civilian casualties.**
  
- 2. Which Five C most directly describes the unit's ability to work together effectively?**
  - A. Capacity**
  - B. Cohesion**
  - C. Competence**
  - D. Character**
  
- 3. In the set of seven joint functions, which function focuses on sharing data, intelligence, and communications to inform decision-making?**
  - A. Information**
  - B. Movement and Maneuver**
  - C. Protection**
  - D. Sustainment**
  
- 4. The Analysis, Assessments & Lessons Learned function is managed by which staff?**
  - A. A4 staff**
  - B. A9 staff**
  - C. A6 staff**
  - D. A10 staff**
  
- 5. Which factor determines the scope of warfare levels (strategic, operational, or tactical)?**
  - A. The weather.**
  - B. The budget.**
  - C. The nature of planning/levels of warfare.**
  - D. The location.**

- 6. Which branch lists 'Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty' as its core values?**
- A. United States Coast Guard.**
  - B. United States Army.**
  - C. United States Navy.**
  - D. United States Air Force.**
- 7. Which virtue is associated with the Air Force Core Value 'Service Before Self'?**
- A. Duty**
  - B. Loyalty**
  - C. Selflessness**
  - D. Respect**
- 8. In the Oath of Enlistment, to whom do you swear to obey?**
- A. The Constitution, President, and Officers Appointed Over You**
  - B. The Constitution and the President**
  - C. The President and the People You Serve**
  - D. The Flag and the Nation**
- 9. Which statement accurately reflects air power concepts and their impact on warfare?**
- A. Control of the air domain is crucial to the success of modern and emergent warfare.**
  - B. ISR is only used for weapon targeting.**
  - C. Global mobility has no effect on deployment.**
  - D. Command and control is optional for joint operations.**
- 10. What is the main goal of the National Cybersecurity Strategy?**
- A. To expand government surveillance powers.**
  - B. To promote private sector deregulation.**
  - C. To protect critical infrastructure, national security, and economic prosperity from cyber threats.**
  - D. To privatize all critical networks.**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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1. Which statement best describes global strike's characteristics?

**A. It projects military power rapidly, more flexibly, and with a lighter footprint than other options.**

B. It requires a full ground invasion to be effective.

C. It is limited to naval operations.

D. It ignores civilian casualties.

Global strike is about the ability to project power quickly from long range using precision weapons and other assets, so you can respond to crises with speed and adaptability while avoiding large-scale ground deployments. That combination—speed, flexibility, and a lighter footprint—best describes why this approach stands out compared to options that rely on invading or occupying territory. It's not restricted to one domain like naval operations, and it doesn't require a full ground invasion to be effective. While civilian harm is a real concern in any military action, the defining idea of global strike is the rapid, flexible reach with a smaller on-the-ground footprint, not ignoring civilian casualties.

2. Which Five C most directly describes the unit's ability to work together effectively?

A. Capacity

**B. Cohesion**

C. Competence

D. Character

Cohesion is the social glue that defines how well a unit can act as a single, coordinated team. It captures trust, open communication, mutual support, and a shared commitment to the mission, which together enable smooth coordination, faster decision-making, and resilience under stress. Capacity focuses on how much the unit can do in terms of resources or size, not how well the team works together. Competence deals with skill level and proficiency, which matter but don't directly measure teamwork quality. Character concerns personal ethics and values, which influence behavior but not the immediate ability to function cohesively as a unit. Therefore, cohesion best describes the unit's ability to work together effectively.

**3. In the set of seven joint functions, which function focuses on sharing data, intelligence, and communications to inform decision-making?**

**A. Information**

**B. Movement and Maneuver**

**C. Protection**

**D. Sustainment**

Information is the joint function that focuses on the collection, analysis, management, and dissemination of data, intelligence, and communications to support informed decision-making. By turning raw information into actionable insight, it provides timely situational awareness and enables commanders and staffs to synchronize actions across the force. This stands in contrast to Movement and Maneuver (physical movement and tactical actions), Protection (safety and defense from threats), and Sustainment (logistics and support)—which address how forces operate physically and sustain themselves, rather than how information is shared and used to inform choices.

**4. The Analysis, Assessments & Lessons Learned function is managed by which staff?**

**A. A4 staff**

**B. A9 staff**

**C. A6 staff**

**D. A10 staff**

Understanding where analysis, assessments, and lessons learned live within a headquarters is important for seeing how feedback loops drive better planning and execution. The A9 staff handles this function, focusing on operational analysis, conducting assessments of ongoing efforts, and managing the lessons-learned program. They coordinate after-action reviews, synthesize findings from campaigns and exercises, and ensure those insights inform future planning and decision-making. The other staff are dedicated to their respective domains—logistics, communications, and related areas—so they don't own the overarching analysis-and-lessons-learned function. That's why the A9 team is the best fit to manage this work.

**5. Which factor determines the scope of warfare levels (strategic, operational, or tactical)?**

**A. The weather.**

**B. The budget.**

**C. The nature of planning/levels of warfare.**

**D. The location.**

The main idea is how warfare is organized across different levels according to who is planning and what horizon and decisions are involved. The level of warfare—strategic, operational, or tactical—depends on the nature of planning and the scope of decisions being made. Strategic planning sets overarching goals, policy, and resource allocation for a nation or alliance. Operational planning translates those strategic aims into campaigns and major operations that connect strategy to battles. Tactical planning concentrates on individual battles and engagements, applying direct actions on the ground or at sea or in the air to win specific outcomes. Weather, budget, and location can influence how activities are carried out, what forces are available, or where actions take place, but they do not determine which level of warfare is being addressed.

**6. Which branch lists 'Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty' as its core values?**

**A. United States Coast Guard.**

**B. United States Army.**

**C. United States Navy.**

**D. United States Air Force.**

That trio—Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty—appears in the Coast Guard's stated values. The Coast Guard emphasizes personal integrity (Honor), treating others with dignity (Respect), and a steadfast commitment to fulfilling one's duties (Devotion to Duty) as guiding principles in all missions, from search and rescue to maritime law enforcement. Other branches use different value sets: the Army highlights Loyalty and Selfless Service among others; the Navy centers on Honor, Courage, and Commitment; the Air Force follows Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Because only the Coast Guard lists this exact trio together, it uniquely identifies the Coast Guard.

**7. Which virtue is associated with the Air Force Core Value 'Service Before Self'?**

- A. Duty**
- B. Loyalty**
- C. Selflessness**
- D. Respect**

The idea being tested is which virtue best fits with Service Before Self. That core idea centers on putting the mission and teammates ahead of personal comfort or gain, which is the essence of selflessness. Because Service Before Self emphasizes sacrificing personal interests for the greater good, the associated virtue is selflessness. In practice, this means making decisions that benefit the unit or mission even when it requires personal sacrifice, such as taking on demanding duties or staying late to ensure safety and success. The other options describe valuable traits—Duty is about meeting obligations, Loyalty is about allegiance, and Respect is about treating others with dignity—but they don't capture the specific emphasis of prioritizing service over self in the same way.

**8. In the Oath of Enlistment, to whom do you swear to obey?**

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Focus on what the Oath of Enlistment commits you to: defend the Constitution and follow lawful orders from those in your chain of command. The best choice reflects both parts—defending the Constitution and obeying the President and the officers appointed over you. The Constitution is the fundamental law you vow to defend, while the President as Commander in Chief and the officers in your chain of command are the authorities you must obey, within regulations and military justice. The other options miss one of these elements—the obligation isn't to the people you serve or to the flag alone—and don't capture the required obedience to the President and the officers over you.

**9. Which statement accurately reflects air power concepts and their impact on warfare?**

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Air power emphasizes that gaining and maintaining control of the air domain fundamentally shapes what is possible on every other part of the battlefield. When air forces achieve air superiority, they can operate with freedom across targets and terrain, strike with precision, support friends on the ground, and protect ongoing operations from enemy air threats. This control enables rapid global reach through air mobility, timely intelligence through ISR, and seamless joint action with land, sea, space, and cyber components, which is essential in modern and emerging warfare environments. That's why this statement is the best: controlling the air domain underpins the effectiveness of modern operations, enabling the other functions to occur reliably. ISR serves a broader role than just weapon targeting, providing ongoing awareness and decision support. Global mobility matters a great deal for deployment and sustainment, not a trivial factor. Command and control is not optional; coordinated, timely C2 is required for successful joint operations.

**10. What is the main goal of the National Cybersecurity Strategy?**

- A. To expand government surveillance powers.**
- B. To promote private sector deregulation.**
- C. To protect critical infrastructure, national security, and economic prosperity from cyber threats.**
- D. To privatize all critical networks.**

Protecting critical infrastructure, national security, and economic prosperity from cyber threats is the central aim. Cyberspace underpins essential services like energy, finance, communications, transportation, and health, so the strategy focuses on defending those sectors, reducing risk, and keeping the digital economy reliable and resilient. It emphasizes working with the private sector, which owns much of the critical networks, and forging international partnerships to deter and respond to attacks. The approach does not seek to expand surveillance powers, deregulate, or privatize all critical networks; instead, it prioritizes defense, resilience, and collaboration across sectors and borders.

## 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.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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