

Violence and Abuse 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. In the cycle of violence, which describes the honeymoon phase?**
 - A. A period after an abusive incident when the abuser apologizes and promises to change**
 - B. A period of escalation of tension**
 - C. A period of withdrawal by the victim**
 - D. A period of legal action**

- 2. How do HIPAA and state privacy laws interact with mandatory reporting requirements in abuse cases?**
 - A. Privacy laws prohibit any disclosure to authorities.**
 - B. Privacy laws permit disclosures for treatment with consent; mandatory reporting requires disclosure to authorities; professionals should disclose only information necessary and follow state rules.**
 - C. HIPAA overrides all reporting requirements.**
 - D. There is no interaction between privacy laws and reporting.**

- 3. What ethical considerations are central to documenting abuse cases in patient records?**
 - A. Accuracy and completeness; confidentiality and scope of disclosure; informed consent where possible; avoiding bias and stigma; timely documentation; using neutral language; safeguarding safety.**
 - B. Speed over accuracy and sensational language in notes.**
 - C. Including personal opinions about the survivor.**
 - D. Sharing all notes publicly to ensure transparency.**

- 4. In culturally responsive practice with immigrant survivors, which actions support effective communication?**
 - A. Provide information only in the survivor's native language if possible.**
 - B. Rely on family members to interpret to avoid costs.**
 - C. Use trained interpreters and culturally relevant advocates to facilitate language access and safety.**
 - D. Avoid discussing asylum options to reduce complexity.**

- 5. Intimate Partner Violence during pregnancy is associated with which of the following outcomes?**
- A. Decreased risk of pregnancy complications**
 - B. Increased risk of pregnancy complications**
 - C. No impact on fetal outcomes**
 - D. Improved birth outcomes**
- 6. Which of the following is a role of the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate?**
- A. Diagnose medical injuries**
 - B. Provide legal representation**
 - C. Assess safety**
 - D. Prescribe medications**
- 7. What percentage of pregnancy-associated homicides involved IPV?**
- A. 70%**
 - B. 90%**
 - C. 20%**
 - D. 45%**
- 8. Which of the following is an immediate psychological consequence of sexual violence?**
- A. Withdrawal**
 - B. Nausea**
 - C. Hair loss**
 - D. Fatigue**
- 9. What is the nurse's role when dealing with survivors of violence?**
- A. Establish rapport and communicate**
 - B. Prescribe meds for trauma**
 - C. Isolate patients**
 - D. Ignore psychosocial aspects**

10. In the ABCDES framework, which practice protects privacy?

- A. Maintain confidentiality by interviewing in private**
- B. Share information with the public**
- C. Delay all documentation**
- D. Disclose information to family without consent**

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. In the cycle of violence, which describes the honeymoon phase?

- A. A period after an abusive incident when the abuser apologizes and promises to change**
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The honeymoon phase is the period after an abusive incident when the abuser apologizes, begs forgiveness, and promises to change. This often includes affectionate behavior, gifts, and expressions of regret, aimed at repairing the relationship and reducing the survivor's fear or anger. It creates a sense of hope that the abuse won't happen again, which can trap the survivor in the cycle because the behavior seems to improve temporarily even though underlying patterns haven't changed. This phase is a manipulation tactic to regain control and reset the relationship dynamics. It isn't the escalation of tension that leads to the next incident, nor is it the survivor withdrawing or taking legal action. Those describe different parts of the cycle or different responses, not the reflective, reconciliatory moment of the honeymoon.

2. How do HIPAA and state privacy laws interact with mandatory reporting requirements in abuse cases?

- A. Privacy laws prohibit any disclosure to authorities.**
- B. Privacy laws permit disclosures for treatment with consent; mandatory reporting requires disclosure to authorities; professionals should disclose only information necessary and follow state rules.**
- C. HIPAA overrides all reporting requirements.**
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At play here is how privacy protections and mandatory reporting interact in abuse situations. Privacy rules allow disclosures to treat abuse cases when someone has given consent for treatment, so information can be shared within the care team to support the person's care. But when there's a mandatory reporting obligation—state laws that require professionals to report suspected abuse to designated authorities—that obligation overrides the individual's preference and triggers a disclosure to those authorities. The key nuance is that, even though reporting is required, professionals should share only what is necessary to meet the reporting purpose. They must follow the specific state rules about who to contact, what information to include, and the timing of the report. HIPAA does not block reporting; it permits it when required by law and requires disclosures to be limited to the minimum necessary. So the best answer recognizes both elements: privacy rules allow treatment disclosures with consent, mandatory reporting requires disclosure to authorities, and disclosures should be the minimal amount needed and aligned with state statutes.

3. What ethical considerations are central to documenting abuse cases in patient records?

- A. Accuracy and completeness; confidentiality and scope of disclosure; informed consent where possible; avoiding bias and stigma; timely documentation; using neutral language; safeguarding safety.**
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- D. Sharing all notes publicly to ensure transparency.**

Accurate and careful documentation is essential when recording abuse cases because the notes guide ongoing care, safety planning, and possible legal steps. The best notes reflect what was observed or disclosed, in a complete way that captures the sequence of events, the language used by the patient, any indicators of risk, and the actions taken by the clinician. This level of detail supports other professionals in understanding the situation and in coordinating appropriate support while avoiding gaps that could compromise safety or treatment. Confidentiality and appropriate disclosure matter because patient information is sensitive. Notes should be shared only with those who need to know and within the boundaries of privacy laws and professional guidelines. This protects the patient's privacy and reduces the risk of harm that could come from unnecessary disclosure. Informed consent where possible respects the patient's autonomy. It recognizes that patients may consent to documentation in certain ways or may have limited capacity in moments of distress or danger. When consent cannot be obtained, clinicians follow relevant policies and legal requirements to document in a way that protects the patient and others while still honoring trust and safety. Avoiding bias and stigma ensures the language used is neutral and professional. Descriptive, nonjudgmental wording helps the patient feel believed and respected, which supports engagement in care and reduces the risk of retraumatization or discouragement from seeking help. Timely documentation is important because information can change quickly in abuse situations. Prompt notes support timely risk assessment, safety planning, and the ability to respond to new information as it emerges. Using neutral language and focusing on observable facts rather than assumptions helps maintain the integrity of the record. This makes the documentation reliable for both clinical care and any future reviews or investigations. Safeguarding safety is a central aim of these notes. The record should document risk assessments, protective factors, safety plans, referrals, and steps taken to reduce harm, ensuring that the patient's immediate and longer-term safety is prioritized. Notes that prioritize speed over accuracy, include personal opinions about the survivor, or are shared publicly undermine trust, violate confidentiality, and can cause real harm. Such approaches distort understanding, erode safety, and violate professional ethics.

4. In culturally responsive practice with immigrant survivors, which actions support effective communication?

- A. Provide information only in the survivor's native language if possible.**
- B. Rely on family members to interpret to avoid costs.**
- C. Use trained interpreters and culturally relevant advocates to facilitate language access and safety.**
- D. Avoid discussing asylum options to reduce complexity.**

In culturally responsive practice with immigrant survivors, ensuring language access through professionals who understand both language and culture is essential for safe, effective communication. Using trained interpreters plus culturally relevant advocates provides accurate translation, preserves confidentiality, and supports trauma-informed interactions. These professionals can navigate language nuances, convey complex information clearly, and recognize cultural factors that affect how a survivor understands options, consent, and safety planning. They also help connect survivors to appropriate services and communities, reducing barriers and misunderstandings that can occur when language and culture are not adequately bridged. Providing information only in the survivor's native language might seem helpful, but it can still miss important nuances, especially if the survivor needs to engage with systems that operate in another language or require understanding of legal options and safety procedures. Relying on family members to interpret can compromise confidentiality, introduce bias, and place an emotional burden on the survivor and the interpreter. Avoiding discussion of asylum options blocks informed decision-making and safety planning, which are critical for empowerment and protection.

5. Intimate Partner Violence during pregnancy is associated with which of the following outcomes?

- A. Decreased risk of pregnancy complications**
- B. Increased risk of pregnancy complications**
- C. No impact on fetal outcomes**
- D. Improved birth outcomes**

Intimate partner violence during pregnancy raises the likelihood of problems arising during the pregnancy itself. This happens through a combination of physical injury, chronic stress, and behaviors that can worsen health, such as poor nutrition, substance use, and skipping prenatal care. Because of these factors, obstetric complications become more common—things like high blood pressure disorders, bleeding, placental problems, anemia, infections, and preterm labor. All of these are pregnancy-related issues, so the statement that there is an increased risk of pregnancy complications best captures the overall impact. The other options imply either a protective effect or no effect, which isn't supported by the evidence. While IPV can also lead to adverse fetal and birth outcomes (like low birth weight or preterm birth), the key pattern is the elevated risk of complications during the pregnancy itself, which is why this choice is the most accurate.

6. Which of the following is a role of the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate?

- A. Diagnose medical injuries**
- B. Provide legal representation**
- C. Assess safety**
- D. Prescribe medications**

The main idea here is what a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate does in supporting a survivor. An advocate focuses on safety, information, and connection to resources, helping the person assess immediate risk and plan steps to stay safe. Assessing safety is central because it guides what happens next—whether the survivor stays where they are, goes to a safe place, contacts support services, or seeks medical or legal help. This role is about empowerment and coordination, not medical treatment, legal representation, or prescribing medications. Diagnosing medical injuries is something medical professionals handle, not an advocate. Providing legal representation isn't within an advocate's duties; they can offer information about legal options and accompany the survivor, but formal representation comes from lawyers or legal aid. Prescribing medications is a medical task requiring a licensed clinician. So the safe, appropriate fit for an advocate's role among these options is assessing safety.

7. What percentage of pregnancy-associated homicides involved IPV?

- A. 70%**
- B. 90%**
- C. 20%**
- D. 45%**

The main idea is understanding how often intimate partner violence (IPV) is involved in deaths that occur around pregnancy. When studies look at pregnancy-associated homicide, they count cases where the woman is pregnant (or recently postpartum) and identify whether IPV by a current or former partner played a role. The evidence shows that IPV is a substantial contributor in about four to five out of ten of these cases. The 45% figure reflects that IPV is a major factor, but not the sole cause of all pregnancy-associated homicides, since other perpetrators (like family members or strangers) or non-IPV factors also account for the rest. The other numbers are less consistent with the typical research findings: 70% or 90% would indicate IPV is involved far more often than most studies report, while 20% would understate IPV's impact. So, 45% best represents the commonly observed proportion while allowing for variation across studies and definitions.

8. Which of the following is an immediate psychological consequence of sexual violence?

A. Withdrawal

B. Nausea

C. Hair loss

D. Fatigue

Immediate withdrawal is a common psychological response to sexual violence. In the moment of trauma, a person may turn inward, pull back from others, and experience emotional numbing as a way to cope with overwhelming feelings and to regain a sense of safety. This immediate distancing reflects the mind's protective effort to process the event. Nausea, hair loss, and fatigue are more physical or long-term reactions to stress and don't specifically describe the initial psychological coping pattern of withdrawing and emotionally detaching.

9. What is the nurse's role when dealing with survivors of violence?

A. Establish rapport and communicate

B. Prescribe meds for trauma

C. Isolate patients

D. Ignore psychosocial aspects

Establishing rapport and communicating effectively with survivors of violence is essential because it creates a sense of safety and trust, which is often missing due to fear and trauma. When a nurse listens with empathy, speaks in nonjudgmental language, and uses open-ended questions, the survivor is more likely to share what happened, discuss current risks, and articulate needs. This foundation allows the nurse to assess both physical injuries and psychosocial impacts—like anxiety, PTSD, or depression—and to plan care that aligns with the survivor's goals. It also facilitates consent, autonomy, and collaboration, so the survivor remains an active partner in safety planning and in connecting with supports such as counseling, social work, legal resources, and community services. While nurses provide compassionate care and can administer medications as prescribed, prescribing meds is typically beyond the nurse's scope; isolating patients and ignoring psychosocial aspects undermine recovery and safety. Prioritizing rapport and communication embodies a survivor-centered, trauma-informed approach that supports healing and ongoing engagement with care.

10. In the ABCDES framework, which practice protects privacy?

- A. Maintain confidentiality by interviewing in private**
- B. Share information with the public**
- C. Delay all documentation**
- D. Disclose information to family without consent**

Protecting privacy means keeping what a survivor shares confidential and sharing it only with those who need to know and with the person's consent. Interviewing in private is essential because it creates a safe space where sensitive details can be discussed without others overhearing. This builds trust and supports voluntary, honest disclosure, which is crucial for safety planning and access to help. Other practices would unnecessarily expose private information or delay protections: sharing with the public breaks confidentiality; delaying all documentation can leave private information vulnerable or mishandled; disclosing to family without consent violates autonomy and can increase risk or harm. There are times when disclosure is legally required or necessary to prevent imminent harm, but routine privacy is protected by keeping information confidential and limiting sharing to appropriate, consent-based channels.

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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.

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

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