

VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADET (VTCC) GUIDON PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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 of the following is among the eight values?**
 - A. Courage
 - B. Freedom
 - C. Equality
 - D. Service
- 2. Which description best fits General James H. Lane's role in VTCC history?**
 - A. The First Commandant of Cadets who wrote the first cadet regulations.
 - B. A notable campus architect.
 - C. The college librarian.
 - D. A famous football coach.
- 3. Which motto belongs to the Highty-Tighties?**
 - A. Audentes Fortuna Juvat - Fortune favors the bold
 - B. Competence & Character
 - C. Victory Company, Power Company, and Iron Company
 - D. Facta Non Verba - Actions not words
- 4. Who is the Director of the Highty-Tighties Regimental Band?**
 - A. Col. Nathan Surrey
 - B. Capt. John C. Roussakies
 - C. Maj. Matthew Clark
 - D. Rolfe Robertson
- 5. Which term was a historic term for a freshman cadet (used 1873-1934)?**
 - A. Make a Hole
 - B. Rat (Historic Term)
 - C. Grass of the "VT"
 - D. 2 Knocks
- 6. In 1892, which significant Corps history milestone occurred?**
 - A. First intercollegiate basketball game played.
 - B. Cadet Band organized and first football game played.
 - C. Cadet Band organized and first football game played.
 - D. Cadets established a formal dining hall.

7. What does AA Card stand for?

- A. Authorized Attendance Card
- B. Automatic Admission Card
- C. Authorized Absence Card
- D. Academic Access Card

8. Which term corresponds to a punishment period for excessive demerits?

- A. Tour
- B. Rat (Historic Term)
- C. Zebra
- D. Make a Hole

9. ECQ is used for which of the following?

- A. A weekly workout session.
- B. Dinner parade.
- C. Evening Call to Quarters; designated study time in the dorms.
- D. Authorized Absence due to travel.

10. Fullhart Plain was named in honor of which Commandant?

- A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart
- B. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards
- C. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell
- D. Homer Hickam

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which of the following is among the eight values?

- A. Courage
- B. Freedom
- C. Equality
- D. Service**

The idea being tested is recognizing which trait is part of the eight values the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets emphasizes. Service is included as one of those eight values, focusing on selflessness and dedication to others, the unit, and the mission. It highlights actions that benefit the group and the community—volunteering, helping teammates, and serving the country when called upon. That makes it the best fit for the list the question is asking about. Freedom and Equality are broad societal ideals, not specific entries in the VTCC's official eight-value list. Courage is a valued trait in leadership and military contexts as well, but the question points to the value explicitly listed among the eight, which is Service.

2. Which description best fits General James H. Lane's role in VTCC history?

- A. The First Commandant of Cadets who wrote the first cadet regulations.**
- B. A notable campus architect.
- C. The college librarian.
- D. A famous football coach.

General James H. Lane is remembered for guiding the Corps of Cadets in its formative years and for formalizing how cadets would be trained and governed. Serving as the first Commandant of Cadets, he was the senior officer responsible for military instruction, discipline, and the overall organization of cadet life. Writing the first cadet regulations shows he established the initial rules, procedures, and standards that defined how cadets behaved, trained, and carried out their duties. That combination of leadership and codified standards created the foundation for the Corps' operation, making this description the most accurate reflection of his role. The other options don't align with his documented contributions, as they point to roles in architecture, library work, or athletics rather than establishing cadet governance and discipline.

3. Which motto belongs to the Highty-Tighties?

- A. Audentes Fortuna Juvat - Fortune favors the bold
- B. Competence & Character
- C. Victory Company, Power Company, and Iron Company
- D. Facta Non Verba - Actions not words**

The key idea here is identifying the Highty-Tighties' official motto. Facta Non Verba means "Actions not words," and it embodies the refrain that what you do—your rehearse, your precision, your discipline—speaks louder than what you say. For a regimental band and Corps of Cadets unit, this emphasis on tangible effort and consistent performance is central, guiding how members train, drill, and carry themselves in public. Other phrases don't capture that identity. Audentes Fortuna Juvat, "Fortune favors the bold," is a slogan used by various groups and isn't the motto specifically associated with the Highty-Tighties. Competence & Character is a general, modern phrase, not the established motto of this unit. And the names Victory Company, Power Company, and Iron Company refer to organizational designations rather than a guiding motto.

4. Who is the Director of the Highty-Tighties Regimental Band?

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- B. Capt. John C. Roussakies
- C. Maj. Matthew Clark**
- D. Rolfe Robertson

Leading the Highty-Tighties Regimental Band means guiding the ensemble's rehearsals, marching drills, and performances, and serving as the principal link between the band and the regimental staff. Maj. Matthew Clark holds that role, bringing leadership and musical direction to the group as the band's director. The other names typically appear in different posts or past assignments, but they do not occupy the director's position now.

5. Which term was a historic term for a freshman cadet (used 1873-1934)?

- A. Make a Hole
- B. Rat (Historic Term)**
- C. Grass of the "VT"
- D. 2 Knocks

Freshman cadets in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets were historically known by the nickname "rat." This label appeared in records and alumni recollections for the period from 1873 to 1934, marking the new cadets as beginners who were undergoing their initial training and rites. The term reflects how first-year cadets were identified and treated during that era, before changes in training culture and policies ended its use. Other terms do not align with the documented historical nomenclature for VTCC freshmen in that time frame.

6. In 1892, which significant Corps history milestone occurred?

- A. First intercollegiate basketball game played.
- B. Cadet Band organized and first football game played.
- C. Cadet Band organized and first football game played.**
- D. Cadets established a formal dining hall.

In this year, two developments come together that show the Corps expanding beyond pure drill into broader student life and public presence. The Cadet Band being organized gave the Corps a musical unit to march with, perform at parades, ceremonies, and games, boosting morale and public visibility. At the same time, the football program reached intercollegiate competition, marking a shift toward organized athletics and teamwork on a larger stage. When both of these milestones are tied to the same year, they represent a significant broadening of the Corps' activities and traditions, which is why this option is the best choice. The other events aren't tied to this year in the same way, or they don't reflect the same level of developmental milestone for the Corps.

7. What does AA Card stand for?

- A. Authorized Attendance Card
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- C. Authorized Absence Card
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In this setting, AA stands for a permission-related term used to document being away from duties. An AA Card is the card that verifies you have approval to be absent from a required event, formation, or duty. Authorized Absence best fits because it directly describes permission to be away. The other options don't align with the idea of being excused from duties: an Authorized Attendance Card would imply you're allowed to attend, which contradicts absence; an Automatic Admission Card suggests entry permission, not absence; and an Academic Access Card relates to accessing academic facilities, not permission to miss obligations. So, the card represents an approved absence, not attendance or entry.

8. Which term corresponds to a punishment period for excessive demerits?

- A. Tour
- B. Rat (Historic Term)
- C. Zebra
- D. Make a Hole

In this context, the concept being tested is the vocabulary used for disciplinary actions in VTCC. A tour is the term that designates a defined period of punishment where the cadet performs extra duties or tasks as a consequence of excessive demerits. It's time-bound and supervised, serving as a formal consequence that takes the cadet out of regular duties for a set duration. This makes it the best fit for a punishment period. The other terms don't describe a scheduled duration: a historic term for an informant isn't a punishment period; a nickname or slang like zebra isn't used to denote a time-bound corrective period; and make a hole refers to a specific task rather than a fixed span of time.

9. ECQ is used for which of the following?

- A. A weekly workout session.
- B. Dinner parade.
- C. Evening Call to Quarters; designated study time in the dorms.
- D. Authorized Absence due to travel.

ECQ stands for Evening Call to Quarters, the scheduled time in the dorms designated for study in the evenings. It marks when cadets return to their rooms and focus on academics in a quiet, orderly environment. This time is meant for designated study, not for workouts, parades, or absences. The idea is to provide a reliable block each evening to support discipline and academic focus within the Corps.

10. Fullhart Plain was named in honor of which Commandant?

- A. Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart**
- B. Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards
- C. Ensign Sarah J. Mitchell
- D. Homer Hickam

Landmarks named after leaders of the Corps of Cadets honor the person who guided cadet training, discipline, and character development. Fullhart Plain is named for Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart, who served as Commandant of Cadets at Virginia Tech. His leadership during that tenure is the reason the plain bears his name, recognizing the impact he had on the program and cadet experience. The other individuals listed are not the Commandant associated with this landmark, so they don't fit as the namesake.

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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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