

Vocabulary for High School Students 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. **The Latin root MAN, MANU means which part of the body?**
 - A. Side
 - B. Hand
 - C. Light
 - D. Write

2. **Which prefix means 'measure'?**
 - A. PHAN, PHEN
 - B. METER, METR
 - C. PED
 - D. ONYM, ONOMATO

3. **The prefix GREG means**
 - A. Flock
 - B. Gather
 - C. Scatter
 - D. Herd

4. **AUT, AUTO means**
 - A. Self
 - B. Other
 - C. Beginning
 - D. Space

5. **Which prefix means 'against'?**
 - A. for
 - B. with
 - C. against
 - D. above

6. **GEN, GENO, GENE are associated with which concept?**
 - A. Time
 - B. Size
 - C. Race, kind, birth
 - D. Color

- 7. The root MAN, MANU denotes which body part?**
- A. Head**
 - B. Arm**
 - C. Hand**
 - D. Leg**
- 8. Find a word that means the opposite of 'augment'.**
- A. Increase**
 - B. Reduce**
 - C. Enhance**
 - D. Augment**
- 9. Which term demonstrates the star-root concept most clearly?**
- A. Prototype**
 - B. Astronomy**
 - C. Hypothesis**
 - D. Aster**
- 10. The prefix OB- most closely means**
- A. Against**
 - B. In the Way**
 - C. Over**
 - D. About**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. The Latin root MAN, MANU means which part of the body?

- A. Side
- B. Hand**
- C. Light
- D. Write

This question tests recognizing Latin roots that point to body parts. The root MAN or MANU comes from manus, the Latin word for hand. That link to the hand is why this root appears in English words like manual (done by hand), manuscript (a document written by hand), and even manufacture (craft done by hand). So the part of the body tied to this root is the hand. The other options come from different roots that mean other things—side, light, or write—so they don't match the hand root.

2. Which prefix means 'measure'?

- A. PHAN, PHEN
- B. METER, METR**
- C. PED
- D. ONYM, ONOMATO

Recognizing how prefixes convey meaning, especially when a prefix signals measurement. The prefix that means measure is meter- or metr-, derived from the Greek metron meaning measure. You'll see it in words related to measuring, like metric, metrology, or the unit metre. The other options stem from roots meaning appearance (phan-, phen-), foot (ped-), or name/word sounds (onym-, onomato-), which don't convey measurement. So meter/metr clearly fits the idea of measure.

3. The prefix GREG means

- A. Flock
- B. Gather**
- C. Scatter
- D. Herd

The idea behind the prefix greg- comes from Latin grex, gregis, meaning a flock or crowd, which centers on bringing things together. So words built with this prefix convey the action of gathering or assembling something into a group. That's why "gather" fits best: it captures the sense of bringing people or things together. The other options name a group or describe spreading apart, which aren't what the prefix itself conveys.

4. AUT, AUTO means

- A. Self**
- B. Other**
- C. Beginning**
- D. Space**

Auto- signals self. AUT, AUTO points to things related to the self or done by the self, as seen in autograph (a signature by oneself), autobiography (a story of a person's life written by that person), and automatic (operating by itself). That's why the meaning here is "self." The other options come from different roots and don't convey the idea of self.

5. Which prefix means 'against'?

- A. for**
- B. with**
- C. against**
- D. above**

Understanding prefixes means looking at how a small part changes the meaning of a base word. A prefix that means against signals opposition to something. The common example is anti-, which shows opposition, like antifreeze meaning against freezing. In this question, the option that conveys opposition most directly is the one that uses the idea of being against. The other options describe different relationships—support, togetherness, or position—so they don't fit the sense of opposition as well.

6. GEN, GENO, GENE are associated with which concept?

- A. Time**
- B. Size**
- C. Race, kind, birth**
- D. Color**

The main idea here is recognizing a common root that signals birth, origin, or kind. GEN, GENO, and GENE are associated with a Latin root that shows where something comes from or what category it belongs to. That flavor shows up in words like genesis (origin or beginning), gene/genetic (relating to birth and heredity), genotype (the genetic makeup), and genealogy (the study of family lineage). Because these roots convey origin, race, or kind, they align with the concept of race, kind, birth. Time, color, or size aren't tied to this root in the same way, which is why those options don't fit.

7. The root MAN, MANU denotes which body part?

- A. Head
- B. Arm
- C. Hand**
- D. Leg

The key idea is recognizing Latin word parts that hint at meaning. MAN and MANU come from the Latin manus, which means hand. That link shows up in many English words: manual describes something done with the hands, manuscript is a document written by hand, manicure is care of the hands, and even manufacture has historical ties to making by hand. Because this root specifically points to the hand, it identifies the body part as the hand. The other body parts have different roots, so they don't fit this root's meaning.

8. Find a word that means the opposite of 'augment'.

- A. Increase
- B. Reduce**
- C. Enhance
- D. Augment

Augment means to add to something or make it larger. To find its opposite, look for a word that means to make something smaller or less. Reduce fits perfectly because it means to lessen, decrease, or cut down in amount or size, which is the direct opposite of increasing. The other options point in the same direction as augment—increase or enhance—so they don't serve as opposites. One option is the same word, which also wouldn't provide an opposite meaning.

9. Which term demonstrates the star-root concept most clearly?

- A. Prototype
- B. Astronomy
- C. Hypothesis
- D. Aster**

Think about the smallest meaningful piece of a word that carries its core idea. The star idea is carried by aster, the root that literally means star. It's the part you can see directly in related words like asterisk or asteroid, and it shows the star concept most plainly. The other options come from different roots or are full words built in other ways, so they don't display the star idea as directly. So, the term that demonstrates the star-root concept most clearly is aster.

10. The prefix OB- most closely means

A. Against

B. In the Way

C. Over

D. About

The prefix OB- carries the idea of opposition, pointing toward or against something. It shows up in words like obstruct or obstacle, where the sense is to block or stand in the way, i.e., against progress or a path. Because of that, the best match among the options is "Against." The other options miss the core sense of OB-: "In the Way" describes what happens when something blocks a path, not the prefix's meaning; "Over" suggests above or beyond, not opposition; and "About" relates to concerning or around, which doesn't fit the prefix's typical sense.

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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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