

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. THERM, THERMO denote which?

- A. Light
- B. Heat
- C. Cold
- D. Sound

2. Which prefix means 'outside'?

- A. intra-
- B. ante-
- C. bi-
- D. extra-

3. Which arrangement best describes meticulous attention to detail?

- A. Careless
- B. Hasty
- C. Sloppy
- D. Very careful and precise

4. Which part of speech is 'transform' when used as a verb?

- A. noun
- B. verb
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

5. What does the word 'ubiquitous' mean?

- A. Rare
- B. Local
- C. Found everywhere; widespread
- D. Temporary

6. The prefix AM- or AMOR- most closely means

- A. Mind
- B. Love
- C. Birth
- D. Gather

7. Which prefix means 'against, opposite'?

- A. ORTHO
- B. PHAN, PHEN
- C. ANT, ANTI
- D. PED

8. Which of the following is a metaphor?

- A. A humorous exaggeration
- B. A direct statement of fact
- C. A rhetorical question
- D. A figure of speech that describes one thing as another

9. EXTRA- means which of the following?

- A. inside
- B. toward
- C. within
- D. outside

10. Which prefix means 'down, down from, opposite of'?

- A. De-
- B. Se-
- C. Dis-
- D. Circum-

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. THERM, THERMO denote which?

- A. Light
- B. Heat**
- C. Cold
- D. Sound

THERM and THERMO denote heat. These Greek roots appear in many science terms that relate to heat energy, temperature, and heating processes. They show up in thermometer, thermal, thermostat, and thermodynamics, all focusing on how heat behaves or is measured. That link to heat is why this is the right choice. The other options refer to different ideas—light would be signaled by roots like photo-, cold by cryo-, and sound by acoust- or phon— but therm- is the one that marks heat.

2. Which prefix means 'outside'?

- A. intra-
- B. ante-
- C. bi-
- D. extra-**

Extra- signals outside or beyond. It comes from Latin extra meaning outside, and you can see it in words like exterior (the outside part), extracellular (outside the cell), and extraneous (coming from outside or not essential). In contrast, intra- means inside, ante- means before, and bi- means two. So for meaning "outside," extra- is the best fit because it consistently communicates an outward or outside sense across many related terms.

3. Which arrangement best describes meticulous attention to detail?

- A. Careless
- B. Hasty
- C. Sloppy
- D. Very careful and precise**

The idea being tested is what it means to have meticulous attention to detail. Meticulous means paying close attention to every small part, being thorough and exact. The phrase that best describes this is "very careful and precise," because it directly conveys both careful handling and precise accuracy. The other descriptors point to the opposite behavior—careless, hasty, and sloppy all imply overlooking details or rushing, which contradicts meticulousness. In practice, a meticulous person would double-check figures, formatting, and wording to ensure every element is exact, illustrating the concept clearly.

4. Which part of speech is 'transform' when used as a verb?

- A. noun
- B. verb**
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

Verbs express actions, and transform means to change something's form, appearance, or character. When used as a verb, it describes the act of changing, as in "They will transform the room." This action-focused use shows it is a verb. You'll encounter transform as a noun in contexts like mathematics or tech (for example, "the Fourier transform"), where it names a concept rather than an action. As an adjective or adverb, the base form isn't used to modify nouns or verbs in ordinary English; you'd normally use a related form like transformed (adjective) or transformation (noun) for those ideas. So, when it's used to express an action, transform is a verb.

5. What does the word 'ubiquitous' mean?

- A. Rare
- B. Local
- C. Found everywhere; widespread**
- D. Temporary

Ubiquitous describes something found everywhere; it is so common that you encounter it in many places. When people say a technology or trend has become ubiquitous, they mean it's widespread and present in a lot of settings, not just in one area. For example, smartphones are ubiquitous in modern life, appearing in schools, offices, and homes alike. This concept contrasts with the other ideas: rare means something not often seen; local suggests it stays within a small area; and temporary implies a short duration. So the meaning "found everywhere; widespread" best captures ubiquity.

6. The prefix AM- or AMOR- most closely means

- A. Mind
- B. Love**
- C. Birth
- D. Gather

AM- or AMOR- comes from Latin amare, meaning to love. That root shows up in English in words about love or affection—amorous, amorousness, amity, and even amateur (originally a lover of a craft). So the closest meaning is love. The other potential meanings come from different roots: mind relates to thinking (ment- or psy-), birth to generating life (gen- or nasci-), and gather to bringing together (greg- or congre-). Because this prefix is tied to love, love is the best fit.

7. Which prefix means 'against, opposite'?

- A. ORTHO
- B. PHAN, PHEN
- C. ANT, ANTI**
- D. PED

The idea being tested is how a prefix can signal opposition or being against something. The prefix that does this is anti- (often appearing as ant- in some forms). When you add it to a root, it shows counteracting, opposing, or opposite in nature. Think about antidote, which counteracts poison, or antifreeze, which prevents freezing, and antagonist, a person who opposes someone else. The other prefixes point to different meanings: orth- means straight or right (orthodox, orthodontist); phan- or phen- relates to appearing or showing (phantom, phenomenon); ped- relates to feet or children (pedal, pediatric). So anti- is the one that expresses "against" or "opposite."

8. Which of the following is a metaphor?

- A. A humorous exaggeration
- B. A direct statement of fact
- C. A rhetorical question
- D. A figure of speech that describes one thing as another**

Metaphor works by describing one thing as another to create a vivid image or reveal a similarity that isn't literally true. The choice that describes one thing as another fits this pattern, such as "time is a thief" where time isn't literally a thief, but the phrasing conveys that it can steal moments from us. The other options point to different language devices: a humorous exaggeration is hyperbole, which exaggerates for effect; a direct statement of fact is literal; a rhetorical question is asked for emphasis rather than to describe. So describing one thing as another is the clear hallmark of a metaphor.

9. EXTRA- means which of the following?

- A. inside
- B. toward
- C. within
- D. outside**

Understanding the meaning of the prefix extra- helps with many English terms. Extra- means outside or beyond. It hints at something being on the outside of a boundary or beyond the usual. That's why words like exterior describe the outside part of something, and extracellular refers to outside a cell; extraordinary means beyond ordinary. Because of that, extra- signals outside rather than inside, within, or toward. So the best answer is outside.

10. Which prefix means 'down, down from, opposite of'?

A. De-

B. Se-

C. Dis-

D. Circum-

Think about movement and reversal. The prefix de- signals downward movement or undoing, so it fits "down, down from, opposite of"—as in descend, deflate, devalue, or deactivate. The other prefixes point to different ideas: se- means apart or away, dis- means not or opposite in quality, and circum- means around. So de- best captures the sense of downward direction or reversal.

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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.

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

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