

# When Stars Are Scattered 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 of the following is NOT listed as a problem Salan can help with?**
  - A. Food rations**
  - B. Problems with neighbors**
  - C. School**
  - D. Medical bills**
  
- 2. Which daily action does Omar perform as part of his morning routine?**
  - A. Rinses his mouth**
  - B. Fetches water**
  - C. Counts his beads**
  - D. Gathers firewood**
  
- 3. What does Dantey mean?**
  - A. Someone who keeps to themselves**
  - B. A loud friend**
  - C. A brave fighter**
  - D. A playful kid**
  
- 4. Where does Omar write notes when he can't record them in his notebook?**
  - A. On paper**
  - B. On the wall**
  - C. In the sand**
  - D. In a diary**
  
- 5. What do all the people living in Dadaab have in common?**
  - A. They had to leave their homes because they were afraid for their lives.**
  - B. They all speak the same language.**
  - C. They all come from the same city.**
  - D. They all own farms.**

- 6. In order to attend Salan's private school to learn English, Omar was asked to perform which task on a weekly basis?**
- A. Clean the classrooms**
  - B. Translate lessons for younger students**
  - C. Fetch water for the school once a week**
  - D. Deliver meals to teachers**
- 7. What do the boys call the mud puddle where they play?**
- A. A mud puddle where they play**
  - B. The river pool**
  - C. A playground pond**
  - D. A mud yard**
- 8. How old does Omar think he is?**
- A. 11 years old**
  - B. 9 years old**
  - C. 7 years old**
  - D. 13 years old**
- 9. What did Omar's friend Jeri believe about everyone in America?**
- A. That all the people there were super rich**
  - B. That all the people there were poor**
  - C. That all the people there were doctors**
  - D. That all the people there were strangers**
- 10. Which statement describes Hassan's behavior in the camp?**
- A. He always speaks loudly.**
  - B. He helps others with chores.**
  - C. He hides from people.**
  - D. He doesn't talk.**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Which of the following is NOT listed as a problem Salan can help with?**

- A. Food rations**
- B. Problems with neighbors**
- C. School**
- D. Medical bills**

The idea here is understanding what help Salan provides in the story. Salan is described as someone who connects families with practical, everyday support in the camp—things that affect daily life and stability. He helps with getting food rations so families don't go hungry, he steps in to smooth tensions or issues with neighbors, and he supports families with schooling—like helping kids access education, get enrolled, or stay on track. Medical bills aren't part of the help Salan is shown providing. Medical costs and access are typically addressed through clinics, hospitals, or specific aid programs rather than through Salan's outreach. So the option that isn't listed as something Salan can help with is medical bills.

**2. Which daily action does Omar perform as part of his morning routine?**

- A. Rinses his mouth**
- B. Fetches water**
- C. Counts his beads**
- D. Gathers firewood**

Daily routines reveal how people manage essential resources, and Omar's morning habit centers on obtaining water. Fetching water sets up the day by ensuring there is enough water for drinking, cooking, washing, and cleaning, which are practical, day-to-day needs in many settings. This action is a steady, reliable part of starting the day, showing how life is organized around access to a water source. Rinsing his mouth is a quick hygiene moment that wouldn't by itself establish the whole morning routine. Counting beads points to a personal or spiritual practice rather than a practical daily task. Gathering firewood can be important, but in this context the task most closely tied to beginning the day and supporting daily chores is fetching water.

**3. What does Dantey mean?**

- A. Someone who keeps to themselves**
- B. A loud friend**
- C. A brave fighter**
- D. A playful kid**

Understanding how a nickname reflects a character's usual behavior is what this item tests. If the text describes Dantey as quiet, not seeking attention, and tending to stay on the sidelines, then the name is used to signal someone who keeps to themselves. That interpretation fits best because it aligns with a reserved, low-profile portrayal. The other descriptions—being loud, being a brave fighter, or being a playful kid—don't match how Dantey is depicted in the context. So Dantey means a person who keeps to themselves.

**4. Where does Omar write notes when he can't record them in his notebook?**

- A. On paper**
- B. On the wall**
- C. In the sand**
- D. In a diary**

Remembering a detail about Omar's note-taking when he can't use his notebook. The story shows him writing in the sand, using a stick or his finger to leave notes on the ground. This surface fits his situation—no notebook available, outdoors, with sand at hand—so it becomes a practical, improvised way to capture his thoughts. Writing in the sand highlights his resourcefulness in tough circumstances and the setting of the story. While paper, a wall, or a diary could serve other scenarios, the text specifically describes using the sand as the place to jot down notes when the notebook isn't an option.

**5. What do all the people living in Dadaab have in common?**

- A. They had to leave their homes because they were afraid for their lives.**
- B. They all speak the same language.**
- C. They all come from the same city.**
- D. They all own farms.**

The main idea here is that the people in Dadaab share a common experience of displacement due to danger. Dadaab is a refugee camp in Kenya built to shelter Somalis who fled violence, persecution, or fear for their lives. Being a refugee means you have left your home to seek safety elsewhere because staying behind would put you at risk. That universal thread—fleeing home because life was in danger—is what ties all the residents together. The other options aren't universal: language, hometown, or farming background vary among the people in the camp, but the shared condition of having to leave because of safety concerns is the consistent factor.

**6. In order to attend Salan's private school to learn English, Omar was asked to perform which task on a weekly basis?**

- A. Clean the classrooms**
- B. Translate lessons for younger students**
- C. Fetch water for the school once a week**
- D. Deliver meals to teachers**

This question tests understanding of what Omar had to do to attend Salan's English school. In the story, access to the private school comes with a weekly duty that supports the school's needs. The detail given is that Omar had to fetch water for the school once a week. This shows how the school operates with limited resources and relies on students' contributions to meet basic necessities. Because the weekly water task is the obligation described, it's the best choice. Other chores like cleaning classrooms, translating lessons, or delivering meals aren't described as the required duty for attending.

**7. What do the boys call the mud puddle where they play?**

- A. A mud puddle where they play**
- B. The river pool**
- C. A playground pond**
- D. A mud yard**

This question tests recognizing how a character names a place in the story. The boys call that spot by a straightforward, descriptive label that matches what it is and how they use it: “a mud puddle where they play.” That exact wording directly reflects their perspective as kids playing there, so it’s the best fit. The other options introduce terms that imply different features or a more formal name, which aren’t how the boys refer to this spot in the text. They aren’t described as a river pool, a playground pond, or a mud yard in the story’s wording, so those don’t align with the wording the characters use. In short, the correct choice matches the descriptive label the boys actually use for their play space.

**8. How old does Omar think he is?**

- A. 11 years old**
- B. 9 years old**
- C. 7 years old**
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Omar’s age is shown as eleven, and that detail anchors his experiences and viewpoint in the narrative. Being eleven places him at a preteen stage where he’s old enough to remember events and timelines, take on meaningful responsibilities, and still feel the vulnerability that comes with displacement. The text uses that specific age to shape how he talks about what he’s seen, how he reacts to danger, and how he relates to others in the camp. If he were younger or older, the description of his daily tasks, his role among siblings, and his level of understanding wouldn’t line up with what the scene conveys. So the age that fits best is eleven.

**9. What did Omar's friend Jeri believe about everyone in America?**

- A. That all the people there were super rich**
- B. That all the people there were poor**
- C. That all the people there were doctors**
- D. That all the people there were strangers**

The question is about recognizing a stereotype. Jeri’s belief that everyone in America is super rich shows a simple, sweeping generalization based on limited information—thinking a whole country’s people share one, extreme trait. In *When Stars Are Scattered*, this reflects how someone outside the United States might picture America from stories or media, assuming wealth is universal there, even though real life includes a wide range of incomes and experiences. So the best answer is that she believed all Americans were rich, because that captures the specific stereotype Jeri held. The other ideas—that Americans are all poor, doctors, or strangers—don’t match what the story conveys about her view.

**10. Which statement describes Hassan's behavior in the camp?**

- A. He always speaks loudly.**
- B. He helps others with chores.**
- C. He hides from people.**
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Hassan's quietness is how the story portrays him in the camp. He communicates very little in words, often staying still or using brief gestures rather than talking, which makes the description that he doesn't talk the most accurate reflection of his behavior. In the camp's busy, tense environment, his silence stands out and contrasts with others who are louder or more active, so the other possibilities—speaking loudly, helping with chores, or hiding—don't fit as well with how he's shown.

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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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