

WONDERLIC BASIC SKILLS TEST (WBST) PRACTICE EXAM (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. What is the main purpose of transitional words in writing?**
 - A. To create poetry and rhythm
 - B. To connect ideas and ensure coherence
 - C. To summarize the main points
 - D. To introduce new topics
- 2. What ultimately caused the explosions?**
 - A. Earthquakes.
 - B. The house foundation settling.
 - C. "Frost quakes."
 - D. Something yet to be discovered.
- 3. How long is the typical time limit for completing the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test?**
 - A. 30 minutes
 - B. 50 minutes
 - C. 15 minutes
 - D. 1 hour
- 4. What advantage does a high score on the WBST provide?**
 - A. It guarantees job placement
 - B. It enhances employment prospects and qualifies for more positions
 - C. It has no impact on job applications
 - D. It reflects the ability to solve complex problems
- 5. Which of the following connections is missing in the house layout?**
 - A. the garage and the dining room
 - B. the family room and the sun deck
 - C. the dining room and the kitchen
 - D. the garage and the laundry
- 6. What is 3 multiplied by 7?**
 - A. 18
 - B. 21
 - C. 24
 - D. 27

7. Which word could best replace 'gauche' in describing behavior?
- A. elegant
 - B. awkward
 - C. polished
 - D. graceful
8. If the temperature rises from 30 to 45 degrees, what is the increase in temperature?
- A. 10 degrees
 - B. 15 degrees
 - C. 20 degrees
 - D. 5 degrees
9. Choose the correct conjunction: "I wanted to go to the beach, ____ it rained."
- A. although
 - B. but
 - C. and
 - D. so
10. What do you call a group of sentences that forms a paragraph?
- A. A list
 - B. A coherent piece of writing
 - C. A summary
 - D. A fragment

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the main purpose of transitional words in writing?

- A. To create poetry and rhythm
- B. To connect ideas and ensure coherence**
- C. To summarize the main points
- D. To introduce new topics

Transitional words play a crucial role in writing by helping to connect ideas and ensure coherence throughout the text. They guide the reader through the flow of thoughts and arguments, making it easier to understand how different points relate to one another. For instance, words like "however," "furthermore," "consequently," and "on the other hand" signal the relationship between sentences and paragraphs, indicating whether the ideas are contrasting, adding more information, or drawing conclusions. This enhances clarity and maintains the reader's engagement by providing a logical progression of ideas. While creating poetry, summarizing main points, or introducing new topics may involve the use of language, these activities don't encompass the primary function of transitional words. Their main goal is to create a seamless flow between ideas, which is essential for effective communication in both academic and professional writing.

2. What ultimately caused the explosions?

- A. Earthquakes.
- B. The house foundation settling.
- C. "Frost quakes."
- D. Something yet to be discovered.**

The reasoning behind selecting "something yet to be discovered" as the ultimate cause of the explosions aligns with the scientific method, which emphasizes the importance of acquiring evidence before drawing conclusions. This answer acknowledges the potential for unknown factors that contribute to such phenomena. In scientific inquiry, it is crucial to remain open to new discoveries. As more evidence emerges or as further investigation occurs, our understanding of the causes behind complex events can evolve. In this context, there is a possibility that there are factors, conditions, or mechanisms not currently understood or uncovered that could easily be responsible for the explosions. This could include specific geological conditions or other environmental factors that have not yet been identified through research or analysis. By selecting this answer, one demonstrates a willingness to consider that science is an ongoing process of discovery, rather than a fixed body of knowledge.

3. How long is the typical time limit for completing the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test?

- A. 30 minutes**
- B. 50 minutes
- C. 15 minutes
- D. 1 hour

The typical time limit for completing the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test is 30 minutes. This duration is designed to ensure that test-takers can demonstrate their aptitude and skills under a reasonable time pressure, reflecting real-world situations where quick thinking and decision-making are often required. The test consists of a variety of questions assessing verbal and quantitative reasoning abilities, and the 30-minute limit encourages efficient time management and problem-solving strategies. Test-takers must be adept at working through questions promptly while maintaining accuracy, which reflects the practical applications of the skills being assessed.

4. What advantage does a high score on the WBST provide?

- A. It guarantees job placement
- B. It enhances employment prospects and qualifies for more positions**
- C. It has no impact on job applications
- D. It reflects the ability to solve complex problems

A high score on the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (WBST) enhances employment prospects and qualifies an individual for a broader range of job positions. This is because many employers use standardized tests like the WBST to assess the foundational skills of candidates, such as verbal and numerical abilities, which are critical for various roles. A better score often indicates stronger cognitive skills, making candidates more appealing to employers, and may lead to improved job opportunities or promotions. Thus, scoring well can open doors to positions that may require higher competency levels or have competitive hiring processes, ultimately making the candidate a more attractive choice for potential employers.

5. Which of the following connections is missing in the house layout?

- A. the garage and the dining room**
- B. the family room and the sun deck
- C. the dining room and the kitchen
- D. the garage and the laundry

The connection between the garage and the dining room is a logical choice because, in typical house layouts, these two areas are generally not directly adjacent or connected. The garage is primarily designed for vehicle storage and may serve as an entry point into the home, while the dining room is a space for meals and gatherings. This means that a direct connection between the two is usually unnecessary and often nonexistent in standard architectural designs. In contrast, other areas such as the family room and the sun deck, or the dining room and kitchen, usually have strong functional connections. The family room often serves as a transition space to outdoor areas like a sun deck, facilitating an easy flow between indoor and outdoor living. Similarly, the dining room and kitchen are commonly adjacent to allow for efficient meal preparation and serving. Lastly, the garage and laundry often share proximity in home designs, as both areas can deal with similar activities related to household management. Thus, the identified connection represents a unique aspect of typical home layout considerations.

6. What is 3 multiplied by 7?

- A. 18
- B. 21**
- C. 24
- D. 27

To find the product of 3 and 7, you simply multiply the two numbers together. Multiplication can be thought of as adding a number to itself a certain number of times. In this case, if you take 3 and add it to itself 7 times (or, conversely, add 7 to itself 3 times), you will find that the total sum is 21. Therefore, 3 multiplied by 7 equals 21, making this the correct answer. This fundamental operation is a key concept in arithmetic that underlies many mathematical principles. The other choices do not represent the correct product when 3 is multiplied by 7, showing that understanding basic multiplication is essential for arriving at the correct result.

7. Which word could best replace 'gauche' in describing behavior?

- A. elegant
- B. awkward**
- C. polished
- D. graceful

The term 'gauche' is typically used to describe behavior that is clumsy, socially awkward, or lacking in grace. Therefore, the word that best replaces 'gauche' is 'awkward,' as it directly captures the essence of social ineptness and a lack of refinement associated with the original word. On the other hand, the other choices like 'elegant', 'polished', and 'graceful' convey positive attributes associated with sophistication and finesse, which are contrary to the meaning of 'gauche.' Thus, they do not serve as suitable replacements in this context, as they would alter the intended implication of describing awkward behavior.

8. If the temperature rises from 30 to 45 degrees, what is the increase in temperature?

- A. 10 degrees
- B. 15 degrees**
- C. 20 degrees
- D. 5 degrees

To determine the increase in temperature, you need to subtract the initial temperature from the final temperature. Here, you start with 30 degrees and rise to 45 degrees. When you perform the calculation, you find: 45 degrees (final temperature) - 30 degrees (initial temperature) = 15 degrees. This calculation clearly shows that the increase in temperature is 15 degrees. Therefore, the choice indicating an increase of 15 degrees accurately reflects the difference in temperatures from the start to the end of the temperature change.

9. Choose the correct conjunction: "I wanted to go to the beach, ____ it rained."

- A. although
- B. but**
- C. and
- D. so

The conjunction "but" effectively conveys a contrast between two statements, establishing a relationship that shows an obstacle or an unexpected turn of events. In the sentence, "I wanted to go to the beach, but it rained," the use of "but" signals that despite the speaker's desire to go to the beach, the rain impeded that plan. This creates a clear opposition between the intention and the outcome. The other conjunction choices do not convey this contrasting relationship appropriately. For example, "although" would typically introduce a dependent clause and would require restructuring of the sentence. "And" suggests addition or continuation, which does not fit since the ideas are not in agreement. "So" indicates causation or result, which would not be accurate in this context as it doesn't reflect the contrasting nature of the statements.

10. What do you call a group of sentences that forms a paragraph?

- A. A list
- B. A coherent piece of writing**
- C. A summary
- D. A fragment

A group of sentences that forms a paragraph is best described as a coherent piece of writing. This is because paragraphs are typically constructed to convey a specific idea or theme, with each sentence contributing to that overall concept. The sentences need to be logically connected and flow together to enhance understanding of the main point being presented. In effective writing, coherence is essential as it helps readers easily follow and grasp the message and arguments being communicated. Other terms like "a list," "a summary," or "a fragment" do not accurately encapsulate the essence of a paragraph since they imply different structures or functions. A list contains individual elements rather than a developed idea, a summary condenses information instead of elaborating on a topic, and a fragment refers to an incomplete sentence that cannot stand alone. Thus, "a coherent piece of writing" aptly describes the nature of a paragraph by emphasizing its structured and purposeful composition.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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