

# Alberta Motor Association (AMA) Learner's 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. When riding on a roadway, maintaining a safe distance from parked cars is important to avoid which situation?**
  - A. Being seen by drivers**
  - B. Sudden stops of other vehicles**
  - C. Doors opening unexpectedly**
  - D. Collisions with cyclists**
  
- 2. What speed should all reversing maneuvers be done at?**
  - A. Walking speed**
  - B. Normal driving speed**
  - C. High speed**
  - D. Fast speed**
  
- 3. When changing lanes, what is the first action you should take?**
  - A. Check over your shoulder for cyclists**
  - B. Turn on your signal light**
  - C. Ensure you're allowed to change lanes**
  - D. Look for vehicles in the rear view mirror**
  
- 4. What is a weave zone?**
  - A. A lane designated only for bicycles**
  - B. A lane used exclusively for entrances**
  - C. A lane that serves both entering and exiting vehicles**
  - D. A lane for emergency vehicles only**
  
- 5. Which of the following actions should cyclists take to enhance their safety?**
  - A. Ride only on sidewalks**
  - B. Wear helmets**
  - C. Pedal at maximum speed**
  - D. Ignore traffic signals**

**6. How much is the fine for not wearing a seat belt in Alberta?**

- A. \$50
- B. \$100
- C. \$115
- D. \$200

**7. What should a driver do when approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights from behind?**

- A. Stop immediately
- B. Prepare to stop
- C. Continue driving at the same speed
- D. Speed up to pass

**8. What is the term used for the time it takes to react and move your foot from the accelerator to the brake?**

- A. Braking time
- B. Reaction time
- C. Stopping distance
- D. Acceleration time

**9. What does a solid yellow line on your side of the road indicate?**

- A. Passing is allowed with caution
- B. No passing is allowed
- C. Only trucks are prohibited from passing
- D. No turning allowed

**10. What is the speed limit when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights?**

- A. 30 km/h
- B. The posted speed limit
- C. 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower
- D. 100 km/h

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. When riding on a roadway, maintaining a safe distance from parked cars is important to avoid which situation?**

- A. Being seen by drivers**
- B. Sudden stops of other vehicles**
- C. Doors opening unexpectedly**
- D. Collisions with cyclists**

Maintaining a safe distance from parked cars is crucial primarily to avoid the risk associated with doors opening unexpectedly. When a vehicle is parked, especially on the side of the road, the occupants may not always check for oncoming traffic before exiting. If a driver or rider is too close to the parked vehicles, they could be caught off guard by a door opening suddenly, which can lead to a collision. By keeping a safe distance, riders can react appropriately and avoid potential accidents that could cause injury to themselves or damage to their vehicle. While being seen by drivers, sudden stops of other vehicles, and collisions with cyclists are also important considerations for road safety, the immediate danger posed by an unexpected door opening is a unique hazard specific to traveling near parked vehicles.

**2. What speed should all reversing maneuvers be done at?**

- A. Walking speed**
- B. Normal driving speed**
- C. High speed**
- D. Fast speed**

Reversing maneuvers should be executed at walking speed to ensure safety and control. This slow speed allows the driver to maintain better awareness of the surroundings and react promptly to any obstacles, pedestrians, or other vehicles that may come into their path. By moving at a slower pace, the driver has more time to assess their environment and make necessary adjustments, which significantly reduces the risk of accidents. Moreover, reversing at walking speed helps to enhance the driver's ability to steer and manage the vehicle effectively during the maneuver.

### 3. When changing lanes, what is the first action you should take?

- A. Check over your shoulder for cyclists**
- B. Turn on your signal light**
- C. Ensure you're allowed to change lanes**
- D. Look for vehicles in the rear view mirror**

When changing lanes, the first action you should take is to ensure you're allowed to change lanes. This involves understanding the traffic rules and regulations that apply to your situation, including checking for any signs indicating lane restrictions and confirming that you're in a safe position to change lanes based on the surrounding traffic. This step is crucial because it sets the foundation for a safe lane change. It's necessary to verify that there are no prohibiting factors, such as a solid line or a vehicle in your intended lane, that could lead to unsafe conditions. By ensuring you're permitted to change lanes before any other actions, you can proceed confidently and make informed decisions. While checking over your shoulder for cyclists, turning on your signal light, and monitoring your rearview mirror are all important steps in the lane-changing process, they follow after confirming that it is safe and legal to change lanes. Each of those actions contributes to situational awareness and communication with other road users, but they are predicated on the understanding that you are allowed to change lanes in the first place.

### 4. What is a weave zone?

- A. A lane designated only for bicycles**
- B. A lane used exclusively for entrances**
- C. A lane that serves both entering and exiting vehicles**
- D. A lane for emergency vehicles only**

A weave zone is specifically designed to accommodate the flow of traffic where vehicles enter and exit the main roadway at the same location. This kind of lane allows vehicles to merge seamlessly onto a highway or other major road while also allowing vehicles to exit it. The design of a weave zone is crucial to maintain the smooth traffic flow, as it needs to balance the needs of vehicles that are entering and leaving the roadway simultaneously. Traffic in a weave zone requires extra attention from drivers, as they must be aware of vehicles merging in both directions. The zone is typically marked with signage and sometimes has special lane markings to aid drivers in navigating safely. Understanding the function of a weave zone is essential for drivers, as it promotes efficient traffic patterns while also helping to reduce the risk of collisions. Other types of lanes mentioned, such as those designated exclusively for bicycles or emergency vehicles, serve specific purposes that do not encompass the dual entrance and exit function of a weave zone.

**5. Which of the following actions should cyclists take to enhance their safety?**

- A. Ride only on sidewalks**
- B. Wear helmets**
- C. Pedal at maximum speed**
- D. Ignore traffic signals**

Wearing helmets is a crucial safety measure for cyclists, as they provide significant protection against head injuries in the event of a fall or collision. Helmets are designed to absorb impact energy and reduce the risk of serious head trauma, which can occur even during minor accidents. Cyclists who wear helmets demonstrate a commitment to their safety and are often better prepared to handle unexpected situations on the road. In addition, many regions encourage or mandate helmet use as part of their cycling safety laws. This proactive approach to personal safety can also influence others in the cycling community to adopt similar practices, thereby cultivating a safer environment for all road users. While riding on sidewalks might seem safer, it can actually pose risks, as pedestrians have the right of way there. Pedaling at maximum speed can lead to loss of control and increased severity in accidents, while ignoring traffic signals can lead to dangerous situations. Thus, wearing a helmet is the most effective way to enhance a cyclist's safety.

**6. How much is the fine for not wearing a seat belt in Alberta?**

- A. \$50**
- B. \$100**
- C. \$115**
- D. \$200**

In Alberta, the fine for not wearing a seat belt is set at \$115. This amount reflects the provincial regulations aimed at promoting safety on the roads. Wearing seat belts is a crucial aspect of vehicle safety that significantly reduces the risk of injury in the event of a collision. The enforcement of this fine serves as a deterrent to encourage compliance with seat belt laws, which are designed to protect all vehicle occupants. Understanding the importance of seat belts and the consequences of not wearing one is essential in fostering a culture of safety among drivers and passengers alike.

**7. What should a driver do when approaching a school bus with flashing amber lights from behind?**

- A. Stop immediately**
- B. Prepare to stop**
- C. Continue driving at the same speed**
- D. Speed up to pass**

When approaching a school bus displaying flashing amber lights from behind, the appropriate action is to prepare to stop. The flashing amber lights serve as a warning to drivers that the bus is preparing to pick up or drop off children. This means that the bus will soon activate its red flashing lights, indicating that it has stopped, and it is time for children to get on or off. By preparing to stop, drivers ensure they can safely halt their vehicle before reaching the bus, thus protecting the safety of children who may unexpectedly cross the road. Continuing to drive at the same speed or attempting to speed up to pass could pose significant hazards to children and violate traffic laws that are designed to protect them. Additionally, stopping immediately can be abrupt and lead to potential rear-end collisions. Therefore, the best course of action is to prepare to stop and remain vigilant for any changes in the bus's lights.

**8. What is the term used for the time it takes to react and move your foot from the accelerator to the brake?**

- A. Braking time**
- B. Reaction time**
- C. Stopping distance**
- D. Acceleration time**

The term "reaction time" specifically refers to the interval it takes for a driver to perceive a stimulus (such as the need to stop) and then physically respond to it, which in this case includes moving the foot from the accelerator to the brake. This time is critical because it directly affects a vehicle's ability to slow down or stop in response to changing conditions on the road. Braking time, on the other hand, generally refers to the total time taken for the vehicle to come to a complete stop after the brakes are applied, which includes reaction time as well as the time it takes for the brakes to engage and the vehicle to decelerate. Stopping distance encompasses both the distance traveled during the reaction time and the braking distance, which is the distance it takes to stop after the brakes have been applied. Acceleration time is associated with how quickly a vehicle can increase speed rather than decrease it. Understanding reaction time is essential for safe driving, as it emphasizes the importance of being alert and prepared to act quickly to avoid accidents.

**9. What does a solid yellow line on your side of the road indicate?**

- A. Passing is allowed with caution**
- B. No passing is allowed**
- C. Only trucks are prohibited from passing**
- D. No turning allowed**

A solid yellow line on your side of the road indicates that no passing is allowed. This marking is a clear warning to drivers that overtaking vehicles in this area would be unsafe due to various factors, such as limited visibility, curves in the road, or proximity to oncoming traffic. It aims to promote safety by discouraging maneuvers that could lead to collisions. Drivers should adhere to this indication to ensure safe travel for themselves and others on the road. The other options do not accurately reflect the meaning of a solid yellow line, as they either permit passing or relate to other regulations that are not relevant to the specific context of lane markings.

**10. What is the speed limit when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights?**

- A. 30 km/h**
- B. The posted speed limit**
- C. 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower**
- D. 100 km/h**

The correct answer specifies that when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights, the speed limit is 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower. This law is designed to ensure safety for both emergency personnel working at the scene and road users. Passing an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing indicates that there is likely a hazardous situation, which necessitates reduced speed. The regulation helps in maintaining a safe distance and minimizing risks of accidents, allowing enough time for drivers to react to any unexpected movements by the emergency personnel or vehicles. In areas where the posted speed limit is lower than 60 km/h, this rule ensures that drivers do not exceed the safer speed limit, prioritizing the well-being of all individuals involved. This reflects a broader approach to road safety, emphasizing caution in the presence of emergency response scenarios.

# 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](mailto:hello@examzify.com).**

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