

DCI Module 1 - General Inquiries 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. When performing an Out-Of-State vehicle registration inquiry by License Plate, which elements must be used with the Nlets state code?**
 - A. Plate year only**
 - B. Plate color**
 - C. Plate year and plate type**
 - D. Plate type only**

- 2. A response from the Protection Order file is not probable cause to arrest an individual based solely on the record.**
 - A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Not Specified**
 - D. Not Applicable**

- 3. For how many days are NCIC inquiries stored and compared against entries and modifications?**
 - A. 3 days**
 - B. 5 days**
 - C. 7 days**
 - D. 10 days**

- 4. What is generated after a single response from the NC Driver's Issuance file?**
 - A. Vehicle registration check**
 - B. Wanted/Missing persons search**
 - C. Driving record only**
 - D. Criminal history check**

- 5. In Ominxx Force, the message window shows all messages sent and received during the current session.**
 - A. False**
 - B. True**
 - C. Only sent messages**
 - D. Only received messages**

- 6. Which of the following best describes how a Protection Order inquiry behaves if no record is found?**
- A. There is no protection order on file for the subject**
 - B. The record is missing due to an error**
 - C. The order is not relevant to the case**
 - D. The inquiry cannot be completed**
- 7. An Out-Of-State Driver Issuance inquiry by OLN only will NOT generate a Wanted/Missing person query.**
- A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Not applicable**
 - D. It depends on jurisdiction**
- 8. Inquiries into the Protection Order file by name and numerical identifier will provide a response from NCIC and could indicate a status of:**
- A. Active**
 - B. Pending**
 - C. Expired**
 - D. Any of the above**
- 9. When performing vehicle inquiries by license plate number, the complete license plate number must be used and omit any hyphens, spaces, and special characters.**
- A. True**
 - B. False**
 - C. Not applicable**
 - D. It depends on the system**
- 10. Which of the following describes the retention of NCIC inquiries?**
- A. They are stored indefinitely**
 - B. They are stored for 3 days**
 - C. They are stored for 5 days**
 - D. They are stored for 7 days**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. When performing an Out-Of-State vehicle registration inquiry by License Plate, which elements must be used with the Nlets state code?

- A. Plate year only
- B. Plate color
- C. Plate year and plate type**
- D. Plate type only

The essential requirement when doing an Out-Of-State registration inquiry by license plate through Nlets is to include both the plate year and the plate type with the state code. The plate year identifies when the plate was issued, and the plate type identifies the category or style of the plate (such as standard passenger, commercial, or a specialty plate). Together, these elements distinguish between plates that might have the same alphanumeric sequence but belong to different years or plate categories, ensuring the system locates the correct registration across states. Plate color isn't a standardized field across all states and isn't relied upon for this cross-state lookup, so it isn't required.

2. A response from the Protection Order file is not probable cause to arrest an individual based solely on the record.

- A. True**
- B. False
- C. Not Specified
- D. Not Applicable

Probable cause to arrest must be based on facts and circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to believe a crime has occurred. A Protection Order file entry by itself does not prove that a crime was committed or that a violation occurred; it only shows that an order exists. To arrest, there must be additional evidence or observed conduct indicating a violation of the order or another criminal act. The record can help inform and corroborate concerns, but it isn't sufficient on its own to establish probable cause. That's why the statement is true.

3. For how many days are NCIC inquiries stored and compared against entries and modifications?

- A. 3 days
- B. 5 days**
- C. 7 days
- D. 10 days

NCIC uses a short, defined window to store inquiries so they can be checked against any entries or modifications that occur soon after. The five-day window is chosen because it gives enough time for new or updated records to appear and be compared to the original inquiry, ensuring you don't miss a match or surface outdated results. A shorter period could miss later changes, while a longer period adds unnecessary overhead without significantly improving timeliness. So five days best balances catching late modifications with efficient processing, making it the correct choice.

4. What is generated after a single response from the NC Driver's Issuance file?

- A. Vehicle registration check
- B. Wanted/Missing persons search**
- C. Driving record only
- D. Criminal history check

When you query the NC Driver's Issuance file and receive a single response, the system is designed to provide a focused result that can quickly flag broader concerns. The most likely immediate outcome is to cross-check the Wanted/Missing persons file. This setup helps verify identity and flag individuals who may be under a warrant or reported as missing. If there is no match, the response simply yields no hits, and the check can continue with other, more specific data as needed. This differs from vehicle registration checks, driving records, or criminal history checks, which come from other databases and are not the immediate consequence of a single-response inquiry to the Driver's Issuance file. The single-response workflow aims to quickly surface any potential link to someone who is wanted or missing, guiding officers on whether to pursue a broader search.

5. In Ominxx Force, the message window shows all messages sent and received during the current session.

- A. False
- B. True**
- C. Only sent messages
- D. Only received messages

In a chat interface, the message window is meant to show the full back-and-forth of the ongoing conversation. It displays both the messages you send and the ones you receive, arranged in order, so you have the complete context of the current session. Because of that, the window indeed includes all messages exchanged during this session, making the statement true. If you ever don't see something, it's usually due to actions like deleting messages or switching views, but within the current session the log is meant to reflect everything sent and received.

6. Which of the following best describes how a Protection Order inquiry behaves if no record is found?

- A. There is no protection order on file for the subject**
- B. The record is missing due to an error
- C. The order is not relevant to the case
- D. The inquiry cannot be completed

When a Protection Order inquiry returns no matching record, the result means there is no protection order on file for the subject. This negative result indicates absence of any active or past order linked to that person in the system, not an error or an irrelevance issue. It shows the inquiry completed with a clear finding: no protection order exists for the subject in the database at this time. It's not suggesting the system couldn't run the query or that the order would be irrelevant; it simply confirms there isn't a record to show.

7. An Out-Of-State Driver Issuance inquiry by OLN only will NOT generate a Wanted/Missing person query.

A. True

B. False

C. Not applicable

D. It depends on jurisdiction

License-number based inquiries pull licensing details for that individual, such as status and expiration. Wanted or missing person checks come from a separate database and require matching on identifying details beyond a license number, like name and date of birth. Because the OLN-only query lacks those identity details, it does not trigger a Wanted/Missing search. To see a wanted/missing alert, you would need to run a name/DOB-based search or a dedicated wanted/missing query, depending on jurisdiction. So this statement is true.

8. Inquiries into the Protection Order file by name and numerical identifier will provide a response from NCIC and could indicate a status of:

A. Active

B. Pending

C. Expired

D. Any of the above

When you query a protection order in NCIC by name and case number, you're asking for the order's current status. The system can reflect several possible states: it may be in effect (Active), it may be issued but not yet in force (Pending), or it may have ended (Expired). Since any of these conditions could be the actual status of a given order at the time of inquiry, the correct conclusion is that the status could be any of the above. This distinction matters in practice because officers use the status to determine what actions are appropriate, and statuses can change as orders are issued, served, modified, or expire.

9. When performing vehicle inquiries by license plate number, the complete license plate number must be used and omit any hyphens, spaces, and special characters.

A. True

B. False

C. Not applicable

D. It depends on the system

In vehicle inquiries by license plate number, the identifier is treated as a single string of characters, so you must enter the full plate without formatting characters. The database stores plate numbers without hyphens or spaces, and including those separators can prevent a match or return no results. Entering every character exactly as it appears ensures the query identifies the correct vehicle. Some systems might have variations, but the standard practice is to use the complete plate and omit formatting characters, making the statement true.

10. Which of the following describes the retention of NCIC inquiries?

- A. They are stored indefinitely**
- B. They are stored for 3 days**
- C. They are stored for 5 days**
- D. They are stored for 7 days**

In NCIC, inquiries are kept only for a brief period in the system's audit trail. The standard retention is five days, after which the inquiry record is purged. This short window lets investigators review activity when needed while protecting privacy by not retaining sensitive lookup data indefinitely. If an inquiry leads to a case, related information can be saved in the case file, but the direct inquiry record itself isn't kept longer than five days.

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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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