

DENVER FIRE PROBATIONARY 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. What should firefighters do to ensure communication is maintained in a large incident?**
 - A. Use only handheld radios
 - B. Establish a command post
 - C. Limit information sharing
 - D. Wait for instructions from the Chief
- 2. For effective communication, where should the Incident Commander report the need for Denver Police Code 10?**
 - A. To the district chief
 - B. To fire dispatch
 - C. To all company officers
 - D. To the press officer
- 3. Before a static line lift, which equipment should be ensured to be pinned in rescue mode on the truck?**
 - A. Static line
 - B. Water way
 - C. Rescue basket
 - D. Anchor point
- 4. The amount of sick leave granted for parental leave shall not exceed ____ without approval.**
 - A. sixty days per twelve-month period
 - B. eighty days per twelve-month period
 - C. ninety days per twelve-month period
 - D. one hundred days per twelve-month period
- 5. What does a priority 1 event in the department/community events directive indicate?**
 - A. Standby for rapid response
 - B. Out of service, attend for entire scheduled time
 - C. Available for emergency incidents
 - D. Training session

- 6. According to the MultiRAE Lite SOG, what is the sensor high alarm level for hydrogen sulfide?**
- A. 10%
 - B. 20%
 - C. 25%
 - D. 30%
- 7. What is the proper climbing angle of a ladder?**
- A. 60 degrees
 - B. 75 degrees
 - C. 90 degrees
 - D. 45 degrees
- 8. What is the order for rolling attack hoses according to coupling position?**
- A. Male coupling in, female coupling out
 - B. Female coupling in, male coupling out
 - C. Both couplings in
 - D. Both couplings out
- 9. Which of the following actions should be taken while cleaning hose?**
- A. Dry hose with a towel
 - B. Work the female swivel back and forth to ensure smooth operation
 - C. Use a pressure washer exclusively
 - D. Submerge the hose in cold water
- 10. When there is a need for Denver Police Code 10, how should the Incident Commander communicate this need?**
- A. To the local police station
 - B. Fire dispatch
 - C. Through the radio to all units
 - D. Notify the mayor's office

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What should firefighters do to ensure communication is maintained in a large incident?

- A. Use only handheld radios
- B. Establish a command post**
- C. Limit information sharing
- D. Wait for instructions from the Chief

Establishing a command post is crucial in ensuring effective communication during a large incident. A command post serves as the centralized location where incident commanders and other key personnel can gather to coordinate operations, manage resources, and disseminate information. This setup not only helps in organizing the response efforts but also facilitates clear communication among various teams and stakeholders involved in the incident. In a complex emergency situation, having a designated area for command operations allows for face-to-face updates and discussions, reducing the potential for miscommunication that can occur when relying solely on handheld radios or other communication devices. Additionally, a command post can help streamline the flow of information, ensuring that everyone in the field is on the same page and aware of the current situation, objectives, and tactical decisions. The other options do not support effective communication to the same extent. Using only handheld radios can limit the range and effectiveness of communications. Limiting information sharing can lead to confusion and misalignment among teams. Waiting for instructions from the Chief could cause delays in response and decision-making, which is critical in emergency scenarios where quick actions are necessary.

2. For effective communication, where should the Incident Commander report the need for Denver Police Code 10?

- A. To the district chief
- B. To fire dispatch**
- C. To all company officers
- D. To the press officer

The need for Denver Police Code 10 should be reported to fire dispatch because this is the communication hub for emergency services. Fire dispatch is responsible for coordinating resources and ensuring that the information about ongoing incidents is relayed accurately and promptly to all necessary parties, including law enforcement. By reporting to fire dispatch, the Incident Commander ensures that the relevant police units can be activated quickly and that other emergency responders are kept informed about the situation. This centralized communication is crucial in an incident management framework, allowing for a cohesive response from various agencies involved, including fire and police services. The other options, while potentially relevant in different contexts, do not serve the immediate need for communication regarding police involvement in an incident. For example, informing the district chief might not expedite the necessary police response, as they may not have the authority to mobilize assistance. Similarly, communicating with all company officers or the press officer would not ensure that law enforcement is notified in a timely manner, which is critical during emergencies requiring police attention.

3. Before a static line lift, which equipment should be ensured to be pinned in rescue mode on the truck?

- A. Static line
- B. Water way**
- C. Rescue basket
- D. Anchor point

For a static line lift, ensuring that the waterway is pinned in rescue mode on the truck is essential for proper operation and safety. When the waterway is pinned in rescue mode, it allows for quick and effective deployment of the system during an emergency situation. This mode typically ensures that no water is flowing through the line, which maximizes safety for rescuers and the individuals being lifted, preventing any unintentional discharge that could complicate a rescue effort. Proper pinning of the equipment helps to streamline operations during rescues, as it maintains control of the equipment and ensures that it is ready for immediate use when needed. Ensuring the waterway is correctly set up eliminates potential hazards and allows the firefighting crew to focus on the rescue operation without distractions.

4. The amount of sick leave granted for parental leave shall not exceed ____ without approval.

- A. sixty days per twelve-month period
- B. eighty days per twelve-month period
- C. ninety days per twelve-month period**
- D. one hundred days per twelve-month period

The correct answer indicates that the amount of sick leave granted for parental leave shall not exceed ninety days per twelve-month period without receiving prior approval. This limit is in place to ensure that parental leave is balanced with the need for personnel coverage and operational readiness within the fire department. Establishing a cap on sick leave associated with parental leave helps manage resources effectively while also allowing employees to take necessary time off for family matters. Understanding the framework of sick leave policies is crucial for maintaining both the wellbeing of department staff and the overall effectiveness of team operations. The caps established by the department also help ensure that the privilege of leave does not negatively impact the overall staffing levels and response capabilities of the firefighting team. Recognizing the importance of parental leave and the necessity of structured limits like the one provided by the correct answer aids in fostering a supportive work environment while also ensuring compliance with departmental policies.

5. What does a priority 1 event in the department/community events directive indicate?

- A. Standby for rapid response
- B. Out of service, attend for entire scheduled time**
- C. Available for emergency incidents
- D. Training session

A priority 1 event in the department/community events directive signifies that personnel are required to be out of service and must attend for the entire scheduled time. This indicates a commitment to that specific event, ensuring that firefighters are not available for routine emergency responses during its duration. Such events may include critical community engagement or significant training sessions that directly impact departmental readiness and community relations. The nature of these events necessitates full attention and involvement from the personnel, which is why they must remain out of service throughout the scheduled time. This approach helps maintain a level of professionalism and ensures that personnel are effectively contributing to their community and maintaining operational standards.

6. According to the MultiRAE Lite SOG, what is the sensor high alarm level for hydrogen sulfide?

- A. 10%
- B. 20%**
- C. 25%
- D. 30%

The sensor high alarm level for hydrogen sulfide in the MultiRAE Lite Standard Operating Guidelines is established at 20 parts per million (ppm). This level is determined based on the potential health risks associated with exposure to hydrogen sulfide gas, which can be highly toxic. At concentrations as low as 10 ppm, workers may begin to experience symptoms, but the high alarm level is set at 20 ppm to ensure a proactive approach to safety. This allows personnel to take necessary precautions and evacuate if necessary before reaching levels that could lead to serious health consequences.

7. What is the proper climbing angle of a ladder?

- A. 60 degrees
- B. 75 degrees**
- C. 90 degrees
- D. 45 degrees

The proper climbing angle of a ladder is crucial for safety and stability when performing tasks at height. An angle of 75 degrees strikes a balance between being steep enough to allow easy access to the top of the ladder and shallow enough to provide a secure footing. At this angle, the ladder distributes weight effectively, reducing the risk of tipping over and ensuring that the climber has a stable platform to ascend or descend. Maintaining this angle helps to align the ladder against the structure it is leaning against without requiring excessive effort to climb. Other angles can lead to safety concerns. A 90-degree angle would have the ladder vertical, which can cause instability and make it difficult to climb. A 60-degree angle might be too shallow, increasing the chance of slipping at the base. A 45-degree angle is often too steep, which can put undue stress on the ladder and the person using it. Therefore, the 75-degree angle is recommended as the optimal position for ladder use.

8. What is the order for rolling attack hoses according to coupling position?

- A. Male coupling in, female coupling out**
- B. Female coupling in, male coupling out
- C. Both couplings in
- D. Both couplings out

The correct order for rolling attack hoses according to coupling position is for the male coupling to be in and the female coupling out. This method helps ensure that when the hose is deployed, the female coupling is easily accessible for connecting to a water source or another hose. Additionally, having the male coupling inward helps protect it from dirt and debris during transportation or storage, minimizing the risk of contamination that could impede effective connections. This arrangement also prevents the female coupling from being inadvertently damaged or pressed against other equipment. While the other arrangements may seem plausible, they do not provide the same level of practicality for deployment and operational efficiency. For example, placing both couplings out could lead to tangling while storing or deploying the hose, and having both couplings inward might hinder effective connection during use. Thus, the specified configuration optimizes functionality and ease of use in emergency situations.

9. Which of the following actions should be taken while cleaning hose?

- A. Dry hose with a towel
- B. Work the female swivel back and forth to ensure smooth operation**
- C. Use a pressure washer exclusively
- D. Submerge the hose in cold water

Working the female swivel back and forth to ensure smooth operation is crucial during the cleaning and maintenance of fire hoses. This action helps to dislodge any debris, dirt, or buildup that may be impairing the connection of the hose. Regularly maintaining the swivel ensures that it operates correctly and can be easily connected or disconnected from other hoses or fittings. Smooth operation of the swivel is essential for the efficiency and safety of firefighting operations, as a malfunction can lead to leaks or difficulty in hose management during critical situations. Other methods mentioned may not provide the same level of maintenance. For example, simply drying the hose with a towel might not effectively clean it, as it doesn't address potential internal issues where contaminants could be lodged. Using a pressure washer may not be suitable for all hoses, as it could damage or unnecessarily wear out the material. Submerging the hose in cold water could help in some cleaning aspects, but it may not thoroughly ensure that all moving parts like swivels are actively maintained to prevent future issues.

10. When there is a need for Denver Police Code 10, how should the Incident Commander communicate this need?

- A. To the local police station
- B. Fire dispatch**
- C. Through the radio to all units
- D. Notify the mayor's office

The correct choice involves communicating the need for Denver Police Code 10 through fire dispatch. This method ensures that the request is documented and can be dispatched by trained personnel who understand the protocols and can allocate police resources appropriately. Fire dispatch serves as a central communication hub that can relay the message quickly and efficiently to relevant law enforcement units, ensuring a rapid response to the situation at hand. Communicating directly to the local police station or through radio to all units may lead to potential misunderstandings or delays in response, as it breaks the established chain of command and communication protocols. Notifying the mayor's office would be inappropriate, as this is not an immediate action that deals with the operational response needed in emergencies; instead, it involves a higher level of bureaucracy that would not be effective for urgent police assistance.

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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