

# JJ Keller Entry Level Driver Training for CDL (Commercial Driver's License) 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. Don't worry about getting everything right, 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, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## 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.**

## 7. Use Other Tools

**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!**

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## **Questions**

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- 1. What phenomenon occurs when a driver fails to notice something directly in front of them due to lack of focus?**
  - A. Inattention blindness**
  - B. Auditory exclusion**
  - C. Selective attention**
  - D. Spatial neglect**
- 2. What should you do if the warning lights at a crossing begin to flash after you have started to cross the tracks?**
  - A. Stop immediately and wait**
  - B. Reverse back off the tracks**
  - C. Maintain your speed and keep moving forward**
  - D. Increase your speed to clear the tracks**
- 3. What does the effective use of edge protection during cargo securement help prevent?**
  - A. Decreased fuel consumption**
  - B. Damage to the tiedown and cargo**
  - C. Increased cargo weight**
  - D. Improper load distribution**
- 4. Which of the following is crucial for avoiding a violation during inspections?**
  - A. Having a written protest against inspections**
  - B. Maintaining accurate and current duty status records**
  - C. Minimizing communication with inspectors**
  - D. Avoiding inspections altogether**
- 5. What is expected of drivers regarding routine maintenance according to most companies?**
  - A. Fix all mechanical problems regardless of complexity**
  - B. Change out a light for simple issues**
  - C. Perform engine overhauls**
  - D. Conduct repair on transmission issues**

**6. What consequence might occur due to too much weight on a steering axle?**

- A. Improved handling of the vehicle**
- B. Faulty braking system**
- C. Hard steering and tire damage**
- D. Better fuel efficiency**

**7. How can drivers help minimize distractions while on the road?**

- A. By using a GPS without voice activation**
- B. By committing to not driving while distracted**
- C. By ignoring other drivers**
- D. By taking phone calls while driving**

**8. What should a driver do if they observe another driver behaving erratically?**

- A. Engage them in conversation**
- B. Ignore their behavior**
- C. Report them to authorities if necessary**
- D. Attempt to pass them quickly**

**9. Why is proper space management so important while driving a commercial vehicle?**

- A. You will be able to make positional adjustments when unsafe conditions arise**
- B. It improves fuel efficiency and vehicle performance**
- C. It allows for better navigation through traffic**
- D. It enhances passenger comfort during the ride**

**10. What is one of the primary causes of vehicle rollovers?**

- A. Excessive braking**
- B. Improper load securement**
- C. Driving during adverse weather**
- D. Ignoring traffic signals**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What phenomenon occurs when a driver fails to notice something directly in front of them due to lack of focus?**

- A. Inattention blindness**
- B. Auditory exclusion**
- C. Selective attention**
- D. Spatial neglect**

Inattention blindness occurs when a driver or individual fails to notice an unexpected stimulus that is directly in their line of sight because their focus is directed elsewhere. This phenomenon highlights how attention works; when a person concentrates on a specific task or object, they can become blind to other stimuli that may be equally important or relevant. For drivers, this can be particularly dangerous as it may cause them to overlook vital cues, such as stop signs, pedestrians, or other vehicles, which can lead to accidents. Inattention blindness emphasizes the critical need for staying focused while driving and being aware of one's surroundings to ensure safety on the road. This concept underscores the importance of maintaining continuous situational awareness to prevent serious driving hazards.

**2. What should you do if the warning lights at a crossing begin to flash after you have started to cross the tracks?**

- A. Stop immediately and wait**
- B. Reverse back off the tracks**
- C. Maintain your speed and keep moving forward**
- D. Increase your speed to clear the tracks**

When the warning lights at a crossing begin to flash after you have already started to cross the tracks, it is essential for safety to maintain your speed and keep moving forward. Stopping suddenly on the tracks can be extremely dangerous, as it increases the risk of a collision with an oncoming train that may not be able to stop in time. Crossing safety protocols dictate that if you find yourself on the tracks when the lights activate, the best course of action is to clear the tracks as quickly as possible. This is particularly crucial because trains often travel at high speeds and may not be visible immediately until they are quite close. The other response options present significant hazards. Stopping immediately or reversing off the tracks could place your vehicle in danger of being struck by an approaching train. Increasing your speed might seem risky, but it's the necessary action to ensure that you pass the crossing before any potential danger arrives. Proper training emphasizes the importance of moving forward in this situation to minimize the risk of accidents.

**3. What does the effective use of edge protection during cargo securement help prevent?**

- A. Decreased fuel consumption**
- B. Damage to the tiedown and cargo**
- C. Increased cargo weight**
- D. Improper load distribution**

The effective use of edge protection during cargo securement is essential for avoiding damage to both the tiedown and the cargo itself. Edge protection, such as corner protectors or pads, serves to cushion the tie-down straps against the sharp edges of the cargo. Without this protection, the pressure exerted by the straps can lead to fraying, cutting, or other forms of wear on the tiedown materials. Additionally, sharp edges can cause abrasions or dents on the cargo during transport, especially when the cargo shifts. Thus, by implementing proper edge protection, a driver ensures that the integrity of both the cargo and the securement equipment is maintained, leading to safer transport and reducing the risk of cargo loss or damage.

**4. Which of the following is crucial for avoiding a violation during inspections?**

- A. Having a written protest against inspections**
- B. Maintaining accurate and current duty status records**
- C. Minimizing communication with inspectors**
- D. Avoiding inspections altogether**

Maintaining accurate and current duty status records is essential for avoiding violations during inspections because these records provide clear documentation of a driver's hours of service, work schedule, and compliance with federal regulations. Accurate records help demonstrate that the driver is adhering to the limits on driving hours and rest breaks mandated by law, which are critical for ensuring safety on the road. When inspectors review a driver's logs, they expect the records to reflect the actual hours worked and rest taken. If there are discrepancies or missing information, it can lead to violations and penalties. Therefore, proper record-keeping not only supports regulatory compliance but also helps drivers avoid misunderstandings during inspections and ensures they can provide valid proof of their adherence to safety guidelines. Having a written protest against inspections, minimizing communication with inspectors, or avoiding inspections altogether does not contribute to compliance but instead can lead to further scrutiny and potential complications.

**5. What is expected of drivers regarding routine maintenance according to most companies?**

- A. Fix all mechanical problems regardless of complexity**
- B. Change out a light for simple issues**
- C. Perform engine overhauls**
- D. Conduct repair on transmission issues**

In the context of routine maintenance, drivers are typically expected to handle simple tasks that can be performed without specialized mechanical training or extensive tools. Changing out a light for simple issues aligns with this expectation, as it is a minor repair that a driver can manage to ensure the vehicle remains safe for operation without needing to engage a professional mechanic. While drivers are responsible for inspecting their vehicles and reporting any more serious issues, tasks such as fixing complex mechanical problems, conducting repairs on transmissions, or performing engine overhauls require advanced skills and are beyond the routine maintenance responsibilities of most drivers. These tasks are usually assigned to qualified technicians or mechanics who possess the necessary expertise to address them safely and effectively.

**6. What consequence might occur due to too much weight on a steering axle?**

- A. Improved handling of the vehicle**
- B. Faulty braking system**
- C. Hard steering and tire damage**
- D. Better fuel efficiency**

Too much weight on a steering axle can lead to hard steering and tire damage because excess weight can overload the axle and affect the vehicle's handling. When the steering axle is overloaded, it can make turning more difficult, causing the driver to exert more force on the steering wheel, which may lead to fatigue over time. Furthermore, excessive weight can lead to uneven wear and tear on the tires, increasing the risk of blowouts or reduced traction. This scenario demonstrates how proper weight distribution is vital for safe vehicle operation, as it not only affects maneuverability but also the lifespan of the tires and overall vehicle safety. The other options do not accurately reflect the consequences of overloading the steering axle; for example, improved handling and better fuel efficiency would be counterproductive outcomes of such a weight issue.

## 7. How can drivers help minimize distractions while on the road?

- A. By using a GPS without voice activation
- B. By committing to not driving while distracted**
- C. By ignoring other drivers
- D. By taking phone calls while driving

Minimizing distractions while driving is crucial for maintaining safety on the road, and committing to not driving while distracted is the most effective way to achieve this goal. By making a conscious decision to avoid distractions, drivers can focus their full attention on the task of driving. This commitment encompasses various aspects such as refraining from using mobile devices, avoiding eating or drinking, and steering clear of engaging in conversations that could divert attention. This approach encourages proactive behavior where drivers recognize the potential for distractions and actively take steps to prevent them. By prioritizing focus on the road, drivers can enhance their reaction times, better assess their surroundings, and ultimately contribute to safer driving conditions for themselves and others. The incorrect alternatives emphasize actions that lead to distractions rather than mitigate them. Using a non-voice activated GPS, ignoring other drivers, or taking phone calls while driving all contribute to a heightened risk of accidents and do not promote a safe driving environment.

## 8. What should a driver do if they observe another driver behaving erratically?

- A. Engage them in conversation
- B. Ignore their behavior
- C. Report them to authorities if necessary**
- D. Attempt to pass them quickly

When a driver observes another driver behaving erratically, the appropriate response is to report them to authorities if necessary. This action is crucial for maintaining road safety. Erratic driving can pose significant risks to the driver in question as well as other road users. Reporting the behavior helps authorities assess the situation, which could prevent potential accidents or dangerous incidents. The driver's priority should always be safety. Engaging in conversation may escalate the situation or distract from safe driving practices. Ignoring the behavior could allow a dangerous situation to develop without intervention. Attempting to pass the erratic driver quickly could lead to reckless driving or collisions, further endangering all involved. Thus, reporting the driver is the most responsible action.

## 9. Why is proper space management so important while driving a commercial vehicle?

- A. You will be able to make positional adjustments when unsafe conditions arise**
- B. It improves fuel efficiency and vehicle performance**
- C. It allows for better navigation through traffic**
- D. It enhances passenger comfort during the ride**

Proper space management is crucial when driving a commercial vehicle because it enables drivers to make positional adjustments when they encounter unsafe conditions. This capability is essential for maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles, obstacles, and changing road conditions. By managing space effectively, drivers can react promptly to sudden stops or changes in traffic patterns, thereby reducing the risk of collisions. In addition to safety, good space management allows drivers to maintain control of their vehicle in various situations, such as during adverse weather or unexpected road hazards. By being aware of their surroundings and adjusting their position accordingly, drivers can ensure they have sufficient time to respond to potential hazards, improving overall safety for themselves and other road users. While the other options may involve important aspects of driving, such as fuel efficiency, traffic navigation, and passenger comfort, they do not directly address the critical safety concerns that effective space management prioritizes. Understanding and applying these principles can lead to a safer driving experience in commercial settings, which is why option A is the most relevant.

## 10. What is one of the primary causes of vehicle rollovers?

- A. Excessive braking**
- B. Improper load securement**
- C. Driving during adverse weather**
- D. Ignoring traffic signals**

Improper load securement is one of the primary causes of vehicle rollovers because it can significantly affect the vehicle's center of gravity and balance. When cargo is not secured properly, it can shift during transit, especially during turns, stops, or rapid acceleration. This shifting can lead to an unstable load, increasing the likelihood of tipping over. The center of gravity of a vehicle plays a crucial role in its stability; when the load is unevenly distributed or shifts, it may exceed the vehicle's stability threshold, resulting in a rollover. In contrast, while excessive braking, adverse weather conditions, and ignoring traffic signals can contribute to accidents, they generally do not directly cause rollovers in the same way that improper load securement does. Properly secured loads maintain vehicle stability, reducing the risk of rollovers.

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

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