

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. 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 you do to alert drivers behind you if traffic begins to slow?**
 - A. Honk your horn.**
 - B. Tap your brakes.**
 - C. Turn on your hazard lights.**
 - D. Make eye contact.**
- 2. What is the recommended distance to look ahead while driving?**
 - A. 6-10 seconds**
 - B. 12-15 seconds**
 - C. 18-20 seconds**
 - D. 30-35 seconds**
- 3. What should you do if you notice a hazard ahead of you while driving?**
 - A. Accelerate to avoid it**
 - B. Ignore it if you have a clear view**
 - C. Slow down and prepare to react**
 - D. Quickly change lanes**
- 4. When approaching a pedestrian or bicyclist, what should you assume about their awareness?**
 - A. They are fully aware of your presence.**
 - B. They might see you but may not react quickly.**
 - C. They don't see you and could suddenly move in front of your vehicle.**
 - D. They will always yield to vehicles.**
- 5. What is the environmental benefit of using Auxiliary Power Units (APUs)?**
 - A. They release more emissions**
 - B. They use less fuel than an idling engine**
 - C. They require more maintenance**
 - D. They are more expensive than idling**

6. What must you do if you discover a defect in your vehicle?

- A. Report it to a fellow driver**
- B. Continue driving until you reach your destination**
- C. Complete a DVIR and ensure repairs**
- D. Notify the insurance company**

7. What could be an indication of a distracted driver?

- A. Changing their speed erratically for no apparent reason**
- B. Driving consistently within speed limits**
- C. Using turn signals appropriately**
- D. Maintaining traffic flow smoothly**

8. Which of the following are signs a parked vehicle might pull into traffic?

- A. No one is inside the car**
- B. Brake lights are not illuminated**
- C. Exhaust is coming out of the tailpipe**
- D. There are people inside the car**

9. What is the penalty for a driver's first violation of an out-of-service order?

- A. Disqualification for 90 days**
- B. Disqualification for 180 days to one year**
- C. Disqualification for one month**
- D. Disqualification for 6 months**

10. What does a negative alcohol test indicate for a driver?

- A. That the driver is safe to operate a CMV**
- B. That the driver should be monitored continuously**
- C. That the driver will not be subject to safety-sensitive functions**
- D. That the driver should attend counseling sessions**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What should you do to alert drivers behind you if traffic begins to slow?

- A. Honk your horn.**
- B. Tap your brakes.**
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Tapping your brakes is an effective way to alert drivers behind you that traffic is beginning to slow. This action conveys a clear message through the brake lights, which will illuminate briefly and signal to following vehicles that you are reducing your speed. By doing this, you help create a safer driving environment and give the drivers behind you a chance to react appropriately, reducing the risk of rear-end collisions. Honk your horn could be interpreted in various ways and may not convey the specific message of slowing down. Turning on your hazard lights is typically used to indicate that you are stationary or facing a hazard, but it may not clearly communicate gradual slowing in traffic. Making eye contact with drivers behind is often not practical and may not be effective in alerting them. Thus, lightly tapping your brakes is the most universally understood and effective method for notifying others of a change in your speed.

2. What is the recommended distance to look ahead while driving?

- A. 6-10 seconds**
- B. 12-15 seconds**
- C. 18-20 seconds**
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Looking ahead while driving is crucial for maintaining safety and making informed driving decisions. The recommended distance to look ahead is typically considered to be 12-15 seconds. This time frame allows drivers to be aware of their surroundings, anticipate potential hazards, and react accordingly to changing traffic conditions, such as vehicles stopping suddenly, pedestrians crossing, or obstacles on the road. By focusing on this distance, drivers can effectively gauge how traffic is flowing and adjust their speed or position as needed. This is particularly important in maintaining safe following distances and preparing for upcoming turns or merges. Aiming for this forward vision gives drivers ample time to process information and make critical decisions, ultimately leading to safer driving practices.

3. What should you do if you notice a hazard ahead of you while driving?

- A. Accelerate to avoid it**
- B. Ignore it if you have a clear view**
- C. Slow down and prepare to react**
- D. Quickly change lanes**

If you notice a hazard ahead while driving, slowing down and preparing to react is crucial. This response allows you to better assess the situation and make informed decisions based on the hazard's nature. Reducing your speed gives you more time to react appropriately, whether it involves maneuvering around the hazard, coming to a complete stop, or taking another route. Being cautious by slowing down reflects defensive driving practices aimed at maintaining safety for yourself, your passengers, and others on the road. It also reduces the risk of accidents by allowing for greater control of the vehicle in uncertain conditions. Recognizing and responding to hazards effectively is an essential skill for any driver, especially those newly trained in entry-level driver programs or preparing for a commercial driver's license (CDL) exam.

4. When approaching a pedestrian or bicyclist, what should you assume about their awareness?

- A. They are fully aware of your presence.**
- B. They might see you but may not react quickly.**
- C. They don't see you and could suddenly move in front of your vehicle.**
- D. They will always yield to vehicles.**

The correct answer highlights the importance of maintaining a cautious and defensive approach when interacting with pedestrians and bicyclists. It is crucial to operate under the assumption that they may not be aware of your vehicle's presence, which can lead to unexpected movements, such as stepping into the roadway or veering into traffic. By assuming that a pedestrian or bicyclist does not see your vehicle, you enhance your readiness to react appropriately, reducing the risk of potential accidents. This mindset helps you to drive at a safer speed, avoid distractions, and be more observant of your surroundings. Overall, prioritizing the safety of vulnerable road users ensures that you are prepared for any sudden actions they may take, reinforcing routes that are safe for everyone on the road.

5. What is the environmental benefit of using Auxiliary Power Units (APUs)?

- A. They release more emissions**
- B. They use less fuel than an idling engine**
- C. They require more maintenance**
- D. They are more expensive than idling**

Using Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) offers significant environmental benefits primarily because they utilize less fuel compared to an idling engine. When a truck's main engine is idling, it consumes a considerable amount of fuel to provide power for climate control and other electrical needs while the vehicle is stationary. This not only leads to higher fuel costs for the driver or fleet owner but also results in increased greenhouse gas emissions. APUs are designed specifically to provide the necessary power for these auxiliary functions without requiring the main engine to run. By operating on a smaller, more efficient engine, APUs significantly reduce fuel consumption, which in turn leads to lower emissions of harmful pollutants and greenhouse gases. Consequently, their use contributes positively to environmental sustainability by decreasing the overall carbon footprint associated with long-haul trucking. This understanding of APUs aligns with current trends in the transportation industry aimed at minimizing environmental impact while maintaining operational effectiveness.

6. What must you do if you discover a defect in your vehicle?

- A. Report it to a fellow driver**
- B. Continue driving until you reach your destination**
- C. Complete a DVIR and ensure repairs**
- D. Notify the insurance company**

When you discover a defect in your vehicle, completing a Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR) and ensuring the necessary repairs is crucial for maintaining safety and compliance. This report is a formal document that helps to identify any mechanical or operational issues that could affect the vehicle's performance and safety. By completing a DVIR, you not only document the defect but also initiate the process for repairs, which is essential for preventing accidents and ensuring the vehicle remains roadworthy. Additionally, addressing defects promptly can help avoid more significant issues down the line, enhancing overall safety for yourself and others on the road. Taking any other actions, such as reporting to a fellow driver or continuing to drive despite knowing there's a defect, can lead to dangerous situations or potentially legal repercussions for failing to address known issues. Notifying the insurance company is not typically the first step after discovering a defect; the immediate need is to ensure the vehicle is safe to operate.

7. What could be an indication of a distracted driver?

- A. Changing their speed erratically for no apparent reason**
- B. Driving consistently within speed limits**
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A distracted driver may exhibit erratic speed changes because their attention is divided, making it difficult for them to focus solely on the road. This distraction could stem from various factors, such as looking at their phone, engaging in conversation, or being otherwise preoccupied. When a driver alters their speed without a clear and sensible reason—like approaching a stoplight or a slower vehicle—it signals a lack of concentration. The other options reflect behaviors typically associated with attentive driving. Maintaining speed within legal limits, using turn signals correctly, and integrating smoothly into traffic indicate that a driver is likely focused and aware of their surroundings. Such consistent and appropriate actions suggest that a driver is paying attention to the road, unlike someone who is distracted and may inadvertently speed up or slow down unpredictably.

8. Which of the following are signs a parked vehicle might pull into traffic?

- A. No one is inside the car**
- B. Brake lights are not illuminated**
- C. Exhaust is coming out of the tailpipe**
- D. There are people inside the car**

A parked vehicle that has people inside it may be an indication that the driver is preparing to enter traffic. When individuals are present in the vehicle, it suggests that they could be getting ready to start the engine and pull out. Observing that the vehicle is occupied should prompt other drivers to be more cautious as it is a potential sign that the car will move. In contrast, when a vehicle is unoccupied, there is a lower likelihood of it becoming operational and entering traffic immediately. Similarly, if the brake lights are not illuminated, it indicates that the vehicle is likely at rest and does not show any immediate intention to move. Additionally, the presence of exhaust coming from the tailpipe typically suggests the engine is running, but it does not specifically indicate an imminent move into traffic; it can sometimes be attributed to the vehicle warming up or idling. Therefore, the presence of people inside the vehicle is the strongest indicator of potential movement into traffic.

9. What is the penalty for a driver's first violation of an out-of-service order?

- A. Disqualification for 90 days**
- B. Disqualification for 180 days to one year**
- C. Disqualification for one month**
- D. Disqualification for 6 months**

The penalty for a driver's first violation of an out-of-service order is a disqualification period ranging from 180 days to one year. This reflects the serious nature of violating such an order, which is put in place for safety reasons. Out-of-service orders are issued when a driver or vehicle is deemed unsafe to operate, and complying with these orders is crucial to ensure the safety of all road users. In this context, the disqualification not only serves as a consequence for the violation but also acts as a deterrent to promote compliance with safety regulations. The significance of the duration of disqualification highlights how regulatory bodies prioritize maintaining high safety standards in commercial driving. The other options reflect varying durations, but none align with the established regulations that recognize the potential risks associated with disregarding an out-of-service order. The substantial length of disqualification for a first violation underscores the commitment to safety in the transportation industry.

10. What does a negative alcohol test indicate for a driver?

- A. That the driver is safe to operate a CMV**
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- D. That the driver should attend counseling sessions**

A negative alcohol test indicates that the driver has not consumed alcohol or that their blood alcohol concentration is below the legal limit. In the context of operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), this is vital for ensuring safety on the road. A driver who tests negative for alcohol is considered fit to operate a vehicle, as they are free from impairment that could affect their judgment, coordination, and overall ability to drive safely. This understanding aligns with regulations governing commercial driving, which prioritize the safety of not only the driver but also the general public. Without the influence of alcohol, the driver is more likely to adhere to traffic laws, respond effectively to hazards, and make sound decisions, all of which contribute to safer roadways. Therefore, a negative test directly correlates with the driver's ability to safely operate a CMV.

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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