

# Malta Driving Theory 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. You are driving on a dual carriageway and need to slow down quickly due to a hazard. What should you do?**
  - A. Turn off your headlights**
  - B. Switch on your hazard lights**
  - C. Accelerate to pass the hazard**
  - D. Change lanes immediately**
- 2. If a driver pulls out of a side road in front of you and you have to brake hard, what should you do?**
  - A. Honour the mistake and drive aggressively**
  - B. Ignore the error and stay calm**
  - C. Honk your horn in anger**
  - D. Tailgate the car in front**
- 3. If you encounter an injured motorcyclist lying unconscious in the road, what should you do first?**
  - A. Try to move them to the side**
  - B. Seek medical assistance**
  - C. Call a friend for help**
  - D. Drive away to avoid blocking traffic**
- 4. Is it allowed to park on zigzag lines of a zebra crossing?**
  - A. Yes, during nighttime.**
  - B. Yes, if no one is crossing.**
  - C. No, not under any circumstances.**
  - D. Only if there are no nearby vehicles.**
- 5. If a car ahead on a dual carriageway shows its hazard lights briefly, what does it indicate?**
  - A. Traffic ahead is slowing or stopping suddenly**
  - B. The vehicle is parking momentarily**
  - C. The driver is indicating a lane change**
  - D. There is a problem with the vehicle**

**6. When you want to turn right from a main road into a side road, what should you do just before turning?**

- A. Check for traffic overtaking on your right**
- B. Look in your rearview mirror only**
- C. Turn without checking**
- D. Signal left instead of right**

**7. Which of the following items is represented by a triangular road sign?**

- A. Mandatory turn**
- B. Children crossing**
- C. Speed limit**
- D. Parking allowed**

**8. On a dual carriageway, which lane should you typically occupy if not overtaking?**

- A. Right lane**
- B. Middle lane**
- C. Left lane**
- D. No specific lane is required**

**9. What is an important safety consideration when reversing your vehicle?**

- A. Ensuring the vehicle is in neutral**
- B. Keeping your speed high**
- C. Checking mirrors and surroundings**
- D. Using headlights**

**10. What should you do if you see children playing near the road?**

- A. Speed up to pass quickly**
- B. Be vigilant and prepared to stop**
- C. Ignore them as they should know better**
- D. Honk to warn them away from the road**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. You are driving on a dual carriageway and need to slow down quickly due to a hazard. What should you do?**

- A. Turn off your headlights**
- B. Switch on your hazard lights**
- C. Accelerate to pass the hazard**
- D. Change lanes immediately**

When faced with a sudden hazard on a dual carriageway, switching on your hazard lights is the appropriate action to take. This serves as a clear signal to other drivers that you are experiencing an emergency situation or are about to make an unusual maneuver, such as slowing down quickly. It increases awareness and can help prevent collisions, as other road users will recognize that something unusual is occurring ahead. Turning off your headlights would reduce your visibility to other drivers, which would increase the risk of an accident, especially if it is dark or visibility is poor. Accelerating to pass the hazard may seem like a quick solution, but it can be dangerous as it puts you and others at risk if the hazard requires sudden stopping or avoidance. Changing lanes immediately without a proper assessment of the situation and ensuring it is safe can lead to further hazards, as other vehicles might not expect a sudden lane change. Therefore, activating hazard lights is the safest and most responsible choice in this scenario.

**2. If a driver pulls out of a side road in front of you and you have to brake hard, what should you do?**

- A. Honour the mistake and drive aggressively**
- B. Ignore the error and stay calm**
- C. Honk your horn in anger**
- D. Tailgate the car in front**

When a driver unexpectedly pulls out in front of you, staying calm is crucial for maintaining control of the situation. Recognizing that panicking or reacting aggressively can worsen the scenario is essential. Instead of succumbing to frustration, keeping a clear head allows you to evaluate the road conditions and make decisions that prioritize safety. Remaining calm gives you the opportunity to assess the behavior of other road users and maintain a safe distance from vehicles around you. This approach contributes to safer driving conditions for everyone involved. By ignoring the error and staying calm, you reduce the likelihood of escalating the situation, which could lead to dangerous driving behaviors such as tailgating or aggressive honking, ultimately leading to further risks on the road.

**3. If you encounter an injured motorcyclist lying unconscious in the road, what should you do first?**

- A. Try to move them to the side**
- B. Seek medical assistance**
- C. Call a friend for help**
- D. Drive away to avoid blocking traffic**

When you encounter an injured motorcyclist lying unconscious in the road, the first priority is to seek medical assistance. This is crucial because the individual may require immediate medical attention, and delays in getting professional help can worsen their condition. Calling for medical assistance ensures that trained professionals can assess and treat the injuries appropriately. In situations where someone is unconscious, moving them could potentially cause further harm, especially if there are spinal injuries or other critical conditions. Therefore, prioritizing medical support rather than attempting to shift the person or seek help from friends is vital for their safety and well-being. Additionally, it's important to avoid leaving the scene, as doing so would not only hinder rescue efforts but also pose a risk to other road users by failing to assist in managing the situation.

**4. Is it allowed to park on zigzag lines of a zebra crossing?**

- A. Yes, during nighttime.**
- B. Yes, if no one is crossing.**
- C. No, not under any circumstances.**
- D. Only if there are no nearby vehicles.**

Parking on zigzag lines of a zebra crossing is strictly prohibited to ensure pedestrian safety and the smooth flow of traffic. Zigzag lines are specifically designed to alert drivers to the presence of a crossing and to keep the area clear for pedestrians. This regulation is crucial as it helps to maintain visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, reducing the risk of accidents. When vehicles are parked on or around these lines, they can obstruct sightlines, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians waiting to cross or for pedestrians to see oncoming traffic. The prohibition is in place regardless of the time of day, the presence of pedestrians, or other nearby vehicles, as the primary goal is to safeguard individuals using the crosswalk and to facilitate safe navigation for all road users. Thus, parking on these zigzag lines is not permitted under any circumstances.

**5. If a car ahead on a dual carriageway shows its hazard lights briefly, what does it indicate?**

- A. Traffic ahead is slowing or stopping suddenly**
- B. The vehicle is parking momentarily**
- C. The driver is indicating a lane change**
- D. There is a problem with the vehicle**

When a car on a dual carriageway activates its hazard lights briefly, it typically signals to other drivers that there is a potential hazard ahead. This warning is particularly important in situations where traffic may be slowing down or stopping suddenly due to various reasons, such as an accident, road obstruction, or other unforeseen circumstances. The use of hazard lights serves as a visual cue to alert drivers behind the vehicle to reduce their speed and exercise caution. In contrast, while hazard lights can indicate issues with a vehicle, parking, or lane changes in other contexts, such usage in this specific situation—when applied briefly on a dual carriageway—most clearly communicates an immediate concern about the traffic flow ahead. Thus, understanding this signaling is crucial for maintaining safety on the road and preventing accidents.

**6. When you want to turn right from a main road into a side road, what should you do just before turning?**

- A. Check for traffic overtaking on your right**
- B. Look in your rearview mirror only**
- C. Turn without checking**
- D. Signal left instead of right**

When preparing to turn right from a main road into a side road, it is essential to check for traffic overtaking on your right. This action is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it ensures you are aware of any vehicles that may be approaching from behind and intending to overtake you as you prepare to make the turn. This knowledge helps you avoid collisions, as these overtaking vehicles may not expect you to turn, especially if you're not signaling correctly. By checking for traffic overtaking, you can also assess the speed of oncoming vehicles and judge the appropriate time to make your turn safely. This vigilance contributes to overall road safety for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists who might be around the side road you are entering. Properly checking your surroundings is a fundamental aspect of defensive driving, allowing you to anticipate potential hazards and act accordingly. Other approaches, such as only looking in the rearview mirror or turning without checking, can lead to dangerous situations, whereas signaling left instead of right would confuse other road users about your intentions.

**7. Which of the following items is represented by a triangular road sign?**

- A. Mandatory turn**
- B. Children crossing**
- C. Speed limit**
- D. Parking allowed**

A triangular road sign is typically used to convey warnings or caution to drivers about potential hazards ahead. In this case, the correct choice indicating "Children crossing" aligns with the purpose of a triangular sign, as it alerts drivers to a significant risk for pedestrians, particularly children, in the area. Such warnings are crucial for road safety, prompting drivers to reduce speed and remain vigilant. Mandatory turns, speed limits, and parking regulations, on the other hand, are represented by different shapes of road signs. Mandatory turns usually utilize circular signs, speed limits are often indicated by rectangular signs, and parking regulations are also conveyed through rectangles. Understanding the shape and meaning of traffic signs is essential for safe driving and maintaining awareness of road conditions.

**8. On a dual carriageway, which lane should you typically occupy if not overtaking?**

- A. Right lane**
- B. Middle lane**
- C. Left lane**
- D. No specific lane is required**

On a dual carriageway, the left lane is typically the lane you should occupy if you are not overtaking. This is because the left lane is designated for normal driving and is intended for vehicles that are traveling at a steady speed. Using the left lane helps ensure that the right and middle lanes remain available for faster-moving traffic and those who are overtaking. By staying in the left lane, you contribute to a smoother flow of traffic and reduce the likelihood of congestion in the other lanes. It also allows overtaking vehicles to maneuver safely in the right and middle lanes without having to weave through slower-moving traffic. In most driving regulations, it is considered courteous and safe to keep the left lane clear for those who need to pass, aligning with the principle of maintaining proper lane discipline on dual carriageways.

## 9. What is an important safety consideration when reversing your vehicle?

- A. Ensuring the vehicle is in neutral**
- B. Keeping your speed high**
- C. Checking mirrors and surroundings**
- D. Using headlights**

When reversing your vehicle, checking mirrors and surroundings is a crucial safety consideration because it allows you to maintain awareness of any obstacles, pedestrians, or other vehicles that may be in your path. This is essential in preventing accidents, as visibility can be significantly reduced when reversing. Using mirrors effectively helps drivers to see areas that are not visible directly from the driver's seat, thus providing a broader perspective of the environment around them. When reversing, the driver should also turn their head to look in the direction the vehicle is moving, as this gives a better view of the immediate area behind the vehicle. Ensuring a complete check of mirrors and surroundings before and during the reversing process mitigates the risk of collisions and enhances the safety of both the driver and others on the road. Therefore, this practice is vital for safe maneuvering while backing up.

## 10. What should you do if you see children playing near the road?

- A. Speed up to pass quickly**
- B. Be vigilant and prepared to stop**
- C. Ignore them as they should know better**
- D. Honk to warn them away from the road**

When you see children playing near the road, being vigilant and prepared to stop is the most responsible course of action. Children may not be fully aware of the dangers of traffic and can act unpredictably, which increases the risk of accidents. By remaining alert, drivers can assess the situation more effectively and respond promptly if a child suddenly runs into the road. This proactive approach helps ensure the safety of not just the children but everyone using the road. In contrast, speeding up to pass quickly could lead to a tragic situation where a child accidentally steps into the road at that moment. Ignoring children playing nearby neglects the potential danger they may pose to themselves and drivers. Honking to warn them might not be as effective as maintaining a careful watch and being ready to stop, as it may startle the children or not get their attention at all. Therefore, being vigilant is the most appropriate response to ensure safety.

# 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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