

# MARYLAND MVA 3 HOUR DRUG & ALCOHOL PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

**STUDY GUIDE**



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WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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 when planning to consume alcohol in a social setting?**
  - A. Assume you can drive home later
  - B. Mix drinks to pace yourself
  - C. Plan for a safe transportation method
  - D. Only consume energy drinks
- 2. What does primary law regarding texting and driving imply?**
  - A. The police must have another reason to stop you
  - B. The police may initiate a stop without other cause
  - C. The law only applies to commercial drivers
  - D. Texting while stopped at a red light is allowed
- 3. Who is responsible for all costs associated with the Ignition Interlock program?**
  - A. The vehicle owner
  - B. The service provider
  - C. The participant
  - D. The state government
- 4. Which beverage contains the most alcohol?**
  - A. 12 ounce beer
  - B. 1 ½ ounces of 80 proof whiskey
  - C. 5 ounces of wine
  - D. All approximately the same amount of alcohol
- 5. What is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana?**
  - A. CBD
  - B. THC
  - C. CBC
  - D. CBS

- 6. Which action is permissible for drivers using handheld phones while driving?**
- A. Making a business call
  - B. Making a 911 emergency call
  - C. Texting a friend
  - D. Checking social media
- 7. What must a driver do if they refuse to take a test for drugs and alcohol?**
- A. Pay a fine immediately
  - B. Challenge the police officer in court
  - C. Surrender their driver's license
  - D. File a complaint with the police department
- 8. What are the potential consequences of a third DUI offense in Maryland?**
- A. Mild penalties including a warning and fines
  - B. Severe penalties including prolonged incarceration and mandatory alcohol treatment programs
  - C. Community service and educational programs only
  - D. A temporary suspension of driving privileges
- 9. Are breathalyzer tests guaranteed to be accurate?**
- A. Yes, they are always accurate
  - B. Sometimes, depending on the user's awareness
  - C. No, calibration errors and personal physiology can affect accuracy
  - D. They are only inaccurate for certain individuals
- 10. How does alcohol affect decision-making abilities while driving?**
- A. Alcohol has no effect on decision-making
  - B. It enhances decision-making abilities
  - C. It leads to increased risk-taking and poor judgment
  - D. It makes decisions quicker but less accurate

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. What should you do when planning to consume alcohol in a social setting?

- A. Assume you can drive home later
- B. Mix drinks to pace yourself
- C. Plan for a safe transportation method**
- D. Only consume energy drinks

When planning to consume alcohol in a social setting, ensuring a safe transportation method is crucial. This approach emphasizes responsibility and safety, recognizing that alcohol can impair judgment and coordination, making it unsafe to drive. By planning for a designated driver, using public transportation, or arranging for a rideshare service, individuals actively take steps to protect themselves and others from the risks associated with impaired driving. Engaging in safe transportation planning reflects an understanding that even moderate alcohol consumption can affect one's ability to operate a vehicle safely. This proactive measure is supported by a societal push towards reducing alcohol-related accidents and promoting responsible drinking habits.

## 2. What does primary law regarding texting and driving imply?

- A. The police must have another reason to stop you
- B. The police may initiate a stop without other cause**
- C. The law only applies to commercial drivers
- D. Texting while stopped at a red light is allowed

The primary law regarding texting and driving means that law enforcement has the authority to stop a driver solely for the violation of this law without needing any other reason. This is a significant regulatory approach aimed at enhancing road safety by directly addressing the dangerous behavior of texting while operating a vehicle. This type of law emphasizes the seriousness of the issue, allowing for proactive law enforcement measures. Drivers can be pulled over and penalized specifically for texting, regardless of whether any other traffic violations are observed. As a result, it aims to discourage this type of distracted driving behavior, which poses significant risks to safety on the roads. In contrast, other options reflect misunderstandings of the law or its applications. For instance, stating that the police must have another reason to stop you would imply that texting is not a solo basis for enforcement, which is not accurate in this context. The law does not limit its applicability solely to commercial drivers or permit texting when stopped at a light, both of which are incorrect interpretations of the primary law regarding texting and driving.

## 3. Who is responsible for all costs associated with the Ignition Interlock program?

- A. The vehicle owner
- B. The service provider
- C. The participant**
- D. The state government

The correct choice identifies that the participant in the Ignition Interlock program is responsible for all costs associated with the program. This includes the installation, maintenance, and servicing of the ignition interlock device. This responsibility is in place to ensure that individuals who have been convicted of driving under the influence are fully aware of the financial implications of their actions and the requirements that come with maintaining their driving privileges. By placing the financial burden on the participant, it also serves as both a deterrent and a reminder of the seriousness of impaired driving offenses. While vehicle owners, service providers, and state government might play roles in the process—such as providing the device, facilitating access, and overseeing the program—the individuals who are directly impacted by the interlock requirement must take on the associated financial responsibilities.

#### 4. Which beverage contains the most alcohol?

- A. 12 ounce beer
- B. 1 ½ ounces of 80 proof whiskey
- C. 5 ounces of wine
- D. All approximately the same amount of alcohol**

*The correct answer is that all options provide approximately the same amount of alcohol. To understand this, it's important to look at the standard drink definitions used to measure alcohol content. In the context of beverages:*  
- A 12 ounce beer typically contains about 5% alcohol by volume (ABV).  
- A 1 ½ ounce serving of 80 proof whiskey has around 40% ABV.  
- A 5 ounce glass of wine usually has an ABV of about 12-14%.  
When calculated, each of these servings contains roughly the same amount of pure alcohol. Specifically, each serving—beer, whiskey, or wine—amounts to about 0.6 ounces of pure alcohol. This standardization allows for a more accurate comparison across different types of alcoholic beverages, making it clear that they can be consumed in measures that lead to similar effects if consumed in the same volume. Understanding this equivalency is crucial for responsible drinking, as it helps individuals gauge their alcohol consumption regardless of the type of beverage they choose.

#### 5. What is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana?

- A. CBD
- B. THC**
- C. CBC
- D. CBS

*The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana that is primarily responsible for its mind-altering effects is tetrahydrocannabinol, commonly known as THC. When marijuana is consumed, THC binds to cannabinoid receptors in the brain, leading to changes in perception, mood, and consciousness. This interaction is what produces the "high" that users often experience. Cannabidiol (CBD), another component in marijuana, does not produce psychoactive effects and is often associated with potential therapeutic benefits, such as pain relief or anti-anxiety effects. Cannabichromene (CBC) and CBS are less well-known cannabinoids and are not primarily responsible for the psychoactive effects that THC is. Understanding the difference between these compounds is essential for recognizing the various effects of marijuana and for discussions about its use and legality.*

#### 6. Which action is permissible for drivers using handheld phones while driving?

- A. Making a business call
- B. Making a 911 emergency call**
- C. Texting a friend
- D. Checking social media

*Making a 911 emergency call is permissible for drivers using handheld phones while driving because it is vital for ensuring safety in critical situations. When an emergency arises, being able to quickly contact emergency services is crucial, and most jurisdictions, including Maryland, recognize the importance of prioritizing safety over restrictions on phone use. In this context, while other actions like making business calls, texting a friend, or checking social media may distract the driver and potentially lead to unsafe driving conditions, using a phone to contact emergency services is considered a necessary exception to the rules governing phone use while driving.*

## 7. What must a driver do if they refuse to take a test for drugs and alcohol?

- A. Pay a fine immediately
- B. Challenge the police officer in court
- C. Surrender their driver's license**
- D. File a complaint with the police department

*When a driver refuses to take a test for drugs and alcohol, they must surrender their driver's license. This is in accordance with Maryland's implied consent laws, which state that by operating a vehicle, a driver implicitly agrees to submit to chemical testing when requested by law enforcement. If a driver refuses the test, they face automatic consequences, including license suspension or revocation. This measure is intended to encourage compliance with testing regulations, as driving under the influence poses significant risks to public safety. The other options do not align with the legal requirements and consequences established by the law in such situations. While filing complaints or challenging police actions in court may be appropriate in different contexts, they do not address the immediate requirement related to testing refusal. Similarly, paying a fine immediately may not be a consequence directly linked to the refusal, and the act of challenging the police officer does not negate the obligation to comply with testing.*

## 8. What are the potential consequences of a third DUI offense in Maryland?

- A. Mild penalties including a warning and fines
- B. Severe penalties including prolonged incarceration and mandatory alcohol treatment programs**
- C. Community service and educational programs only
- D. A temporary suspension of driving privileges

*A third DUI offense in Maryland carries severe penalties that reflect the seriousness of repeated offenses. Such penalties may include substantial imprisonment, often leading to longer incarceration periods compared to first or second offenses. This is due to the state's stance on driving under the influence, which escalates consequences with each subsequent conviction, given the increased risk to public safety. Mandatory alcohol treatment programs are also a critical component of the consequences for a third DUI. These programs aim to address underlying issues related to substance abuse, with the goal of preventing future violations and promoting safer driving practices. The combination of incarceration and rehabilitation reflects a more comprehensive approach to dealing with repeat offenders, emphasizing both accountability and recovery. Other options suggest either very light penalties or focus solely on community service and educational programs, which do not accurately represent the legal ramifications in Maryland for a third DUI offense. The legal framework prioritizes stringent measures to deter repeated offenses and safeguard public safety, making option B the accurate representation of potential consequences.*

## 9. Are breathalyzer tests guaranteed to be accurate?

- A. Yes, they are always accurate
- B. Sometimes, depending on the user's awareness
- C. No, calibration errors and personal physiology can affect accuracy**
- D. They are only inaccurate for certain individuals

Breathalyzer tests, while commonly used to assess blood alcohol concentration (BAC), are not guaranteed to be accurate under all circumstances. The correct answer highlights that various factors can influence the reliability of these tests. Calibration errors can occur if the device is not properly maintained or adjusted according to the manufacturer's specifications. Regular calibration is essential for ensuring that breathalyzers provide accurate readings. If a device has not been calibrated correctly, it may produce misleading results. Additionally, personal physiology can affect the accuracy of the reading. Individual factors such as body temperature, lung capacity, and even the presence of certain medical conditions can lead to variations in BAC readings. This means that two individuals with the same level of alcohol consumption may receive different results from a breathalyzer. Understanding these factors is crucial, especially in legal contexts where breathalyzer results can have significant consequences. Knowledge of the limitations of breathalyzer tests helps to promote a more nuanced approach to interpreting their results in real-world scenarios.

## 10. How does alcohol affect decision-making abilities while driving?

- A. Alcohol has no effect on decision-making
- B. It enhances decision-making abilities
- C. It leads to increased risk-taking and poor judgment**
- D. It makes decisions quicker but less accurate

Alcohol significantly impairs decision-making abilities while driving by leading to increased risk-taking and poor judgment. When individuals consume alcohol, their cognitive functions are negatively impacted. This includes the ability to evaluate situations accurately and make sound decisions. Drivers under the influence may misjudge their own capabilities, underestimate dangers, and make reckless choices, such as speeding or driving too closely to other vehicles. These impairments are particularly dangerous in driving situations, as making poor decisions can have immediate and severe consequences, including accidents. The presence of alcohol alters a person's perception of risks and can result in a lack of awareness of their surroundings, which heightens the likelihood of dangerous driving behaviors. Understanding how alcohol affects decision-making can help emphasize the importance of staying sober while operating a vehicle.

## 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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