

Massachusetts State Police Radio Codes and Alphabet 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. Which offense carries a civil fine of \$255?**
 - A. Idle Engine For More Than 5 Min**
 - B. Unsafe Operation Of MV**
 - C. Fail To Stop For School Bus**
 - D. Possess Open Container Of Alcohol In MV**

- 2. Failing to signal while driving results in which penalty?**
 - A. Civil fine of 30 dollars**
 - B. Arrest**
 - C. Civil fine of 55 dollars**
 - D. Summons**

- 3. Number plate violation carries what civil fine?**
 - A. \$105**
 - B. \$40**
 - C. \$75**
 - D. \$255**

- 4. Who decides to arrest without a warrant in many situations?**
 - A. Clerk magistrate**
 - B. Arresting officer**
 - C. Judge**
 - D. State governor**

- 5. What does HIU stand for in the department context?**
 - A. Harassment Investigation Unit**
 - B. Higher Investigation Unit**
 - C. Human Injury Unit**
 - D. Hazard Investigation Unit**

- 6. Who may modify training under the cold weather placard policy?**
 - A. The Commandant or his designee**
 - B. The Governor**
 - C. The Fleet Administrator**
 - D. The Division Commander of Standards and Training**

- 7. For CODE 11, which information should be transmitted when the license number is known?**
- A. Transmit vehicle registration and owner's name.**
 - B. Transmit license number and exact location.**
 - C. Transmit only the license type.**
 - D. Transmit the officer's badge number.**
- 8. In a radio test, which signal description corresponds to R-5?**
- A. Barely audible.**
 - B. Fairly good signal.**
 - C. Weak signal.**
 - D. Strong signal.**
- 9. Which statement is true about the CH 90 sections discussed in the material?**
- A. All offenses listed are arrestable in presence**
 - B. None of the offenses require enforcement actions**
 - C. Some offenses are summons only, not arrest**
 - D. All offenses require arrest**
- 10. Which term is listed as a training value alongside Respect and Integrity?**
- A. Equality**
 - B. Courage**
 - C. Loyalty**
 - D. Honesty**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which offense carries a civil fine of \$255?

- A. Idle Engine For More Than 5 Min**
- B. Unsafe Operation Of MV**
- C. Fail To Stop For School Bus**
- D. Possess Open Container Of Alcohol In MV**

In Massachusetts, certain traffic violations carry fixed civil penalties to deter dangerous behavior quickly. Failing to stop for a school bus, when its red lights are active, is one of those offenses and carries a fixed civil fine of \$255. This specific amount reflects the safety priority given to protecting children boarding or alighting from school buses. The other listed offenses involve different conduct and penalties, so they do not carry the same \$255 civil fine.

2. Failing to signal while driving results in which penalty?

- A. Civil fine of 30 dollars**
- B. Arrest**
- C. Civil fine of 55 dollars**
- D. Summons**

Signaling when turning or changing lanes is a basic driving requirement, and Massachusetts treats failing to signal as a civil traffic infraction. The penalty for this specific offense is a civil fine of thirty dollars, which is a fixed monetary penalty. It's not a criminal charge, so there's no arrest associated with this violation. A summons isn't the standard outcome here, since the typical consequence is paying the set civil fine, rather than appearing for a criminal proceeding. The fifty-five dollar option is not the established penalty for this infraction, making the thirty-dollar civil fine the correct, most consistent consequence.

3. Number plate violation carries what civil fine?

- A. \$105**
- B. \$40**
- C. \$75**
- D. \$255**

The idea being tested is the fixed civil penalty for a license plate display violation in Massachusetts. A number plate violation is treated as a relatively minor offense, so the state sets a small, flat civil fine to encourage compliance without pursuing a criminal charge. The amount assigned to this specific violation is forty dollars, which is why that option is the best choice. The other figures correspond to different offenses or more severe penalties, which do not apply to a standard license plate display issue.

4. Who decides to arrest without a warrant in many situations?

- A. Clerk magistrate
- B. Arresting officer**
- C. Judge
- D. State governor

The main idea is that police officers on the scene can act immediately when they have probable cause and there's no time to get a warrant. This is commonly needed when a crime is observed in the officer's presence or when urgent circumstances require action to prevent harm or preserve evidence. In those moments, the officer decides to arrest without a warrant because waiting could let the suspect flee, destroy evidence, or injure someone. Clerk magistrates and judges are involved later in the process by issuing warrants after reviewing a request with probable cause, not making the arrest in the moment. The state governor doesn't handle routine arrest decisions. So the arresting officer is the one who makes the call to arrest without a warrant in many situations.

5. What does HIU stand for in the department context?

- A. Harassment Investigation Unit**
- B. Higher Investigation Unit
- C. Human Injury Unit
- D. Hazard Investigation Unit

HIU stands for Harassment Investigation Unit. In police department naming conventions, a unit is often described as the type of cases it handles plus "Investigation Unit," signaling a focused team. Harassment Investigation Unit specifically addresses investigations into harassment, including patterns of abusive behavior, stalking, threats, and related offenses, often involving victims from domestic, workplace, or cyber contexts. This makes the acronym HIU a natural fit for that specialized unit. Other proposed meanings don't align with how departments typically name units: "Higher Investigation Unit" isn't a standard designation and is vague, "Human Injury Unit" would imply dealing with injuries rather than harassment, and "Hazard Investigation Unit" usually relates to safety or hazardous conditions rather than social or criminal harassment.

6. Who may modify training under the cold weather placard policy?

- A. The Commandant or his designee**
- B. The Governor
- C. The Fleet Administrator
- D. The Division Commander of Standards and Training

The key point is who has the authority to change training policies. Modifying the cold weather placard training policy is centralized under the top command—the Commandant—or a person he designates. This ensures any changes are reviewed and applied uniformly across the department. The Governor typically sets broad governance, not specific departmental training adjustments. The Fleet Administrator handles fleet matters, not training policy. The Division Commander of Standards and Training oversees training operations, but the explicit power to modify policy rests with the Commandant or his designee, who can delegate that authority if needed.

7. For CODE 11, which information should be transmitted when the license number is known?

- A. Transmit vehicle registration and owner's name.**
- B. Transmit license number and exact location.**
- C. Transmit only the license type.**
- D. Transmit the officer's badge number.**

When CODE 11 calls for transmitting information, the essential broadcast is the license number along with the exact location. The license number acts as a precise identifier, allowing other units to quickly look up the subject in records to verify identity and check for any relevant history or warrants. Pairing that with the exact location directs responders to your precise position, speeding up contact and resolution. Transmitting only the license type doesn't identify the person, and providing vehicle registration, owner's name, or the officer's badge number doesn't give the critical combination of the person's identity and where they are.

8. In a radio test, which signal description corresponds to R-5?

- A. Barely audible.**
- B. Fairly good signal.**
- C. Weak signal.**
- D. Strong signal.**

In a radio test, the R-number describes how well a signal is received. R-5 sits in the mid-to-upper range, indicating a fairly good signal. That means you can understand the transmission clearly most of the time with only minor static or occasional small interruptions, but it isn't pristine or crystal clear. It's better than a weak or barely audible reception, yet not as strong as a clearly solid, strong signal. So the description that fits best is fairly good signal.

9. Which statement is true about the CH 90 sections discussed in the material?

- A. All offenses listed are arrestable in presence**
- B. None of the offenses require enforcement actions**
- C. Some offenses are summons only, not arrest**
- D. All offenses require arrest**

CH 90 sections cover a mix of motor vehicle offenses, and enforcement methods vary by offense. The true idea is that not every CH 90 offense requires taking someone into custody; many are handled by issuing a summons to appear in court rather than arresting the driver on the spot. This reflects how minor moving violations or certain vehicle violations are treated more like civil penalties or court appearances, while more serious or dangerous offenses still justify arrest. So, some offenses are summons only, not arrest, which is why that statement is the best fit.

10. Which term is listed as a training value alongside Respect and Integrity?

- A. Equality**
- B. Courage**
- C. Loyalty**
- D. Honesty**

Equality represents the commitment to fair and impartial treatment of every person the officer encounters. In training materials, Respect and Integrity set the standard for how officers should interact and act; Equality extends that standard to ensure rights and opportunities are applied evenly, regardless of background. This trio—respectful conduct, honest and principled actions, and unbiased treatment—tells officers to uphold dignity and apply rules consistently. Other traits like Courage, Loyalty, or Honesty are valuable, but they aren't listed alongside Respect and Integrity in this specific training-values framework.

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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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