

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) BLOCK 3 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. **Where must a juvenile from another jurisdiction with a Missing Persons report be transported?**
 - A. Police Station
 - B. Emergency Shelter
 - C. Juvenile Processing Center (JPC)
 - D. County Jail
2. **On which documents must the Property Record be reported?**
 - A. Incident Report PD251 only
 - B. Incident Report PD251 as well as related reports including arrest paperwork
 - C. Narcotics Ledger
 - D. Property Record Log
3. **True or False: You must notify Teletype when a citizen is transported to the hospital, and there is any indication that they may be admitted, and no next of kin has been notified.**
 - A. True
 - B. False
 - C. Not applicable
 - D. Only if admitted
4. **What phrase must be written in bold red lettering on the Property Released on Scene form?**
 - A. Returned on Scene
 - B. Released on Scene
 - C. Property released
 - D. Returned to Owner
5. **In the DC Taxicab Commission case, which item must be included in the Incident Report?**
 - A. Notification details about the found property
 - B. Owner's ownership documentation
 - C. Vehicle license plate number only
 - D. A photo of the item

- 6. Spiral Search is used when looking for an object that is a specific distance from another. Which pattern is this statement describing?**
- A. Line Search
 - B. Spiral Search
 - C. Grid Search
 - D. Wheel Search Pattern
- 7. Which statement describes the relationship between Public Narrative and Internal Narrative documents?**
- A. Public Narrative uses doc #251; Internal Narrative uses doc #252
 - B. Public Narrative uses doc #252; Internal Narrative uses doc #251
 - C. Public Narrative uses doc #250; Internal Narrative uses doc #251
 - D. Public Narrative uses doc #251; Internal Narrative uses doc #253
- 8. When should you activate your body-worn camera (BWC)?**
- A. Only during high-profile incidents.
 - B. For all dispatch and self-initiated calls for service.
 - C. Never; it is optional.
 - D. Only if requested by supervisors.
- 9. What is the purpose of the Continuation Report (PD202A)?**
- A. To document additional properties when there is a large amount or need for further articulation
 - B. To reclassify property as surrendered
 - C. To record deviations in property value
 - D. To authorize destruction of property
- 10. If you cannot verify the subject's welfare, which actions should you take?**
- A. Notify an official.
 - B. If juvenile, contact YFSD and CFSA.
 - C. Leave your contact info and CCN, or explain why you couldn't.
 - D. All of the above.

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Where must a juvenile from another jurisdiction with a Missing Persons report be transported?

- A. Police Station
- B. Emergency Shelter
- C. Juvenile Processing Center (JPC)**
- D. County Jail

When a juvenile from another jurisdiction has a Missing Persons report, the priority is secure, age-appropriate intake and coordination with the missing jurisdiction. The Juvenile Processing Center is the appropriate destination because it is designed for the intake, assessment, and temporary processing of minors in law enforcement custody, including coordination with other jurisdictions for repatriation or reunification. It provides necessary welfare checks, guardian contact, and proper documentation in a controlled, juvenile-specific environment. Other locations aren't suited for this scenario: a police station is not the designated facility for ongoing juvenile processing, an emergency shelter lacks the custody and processing authority, and a county jail houses adults, which is inappropriate for a juvenile.

2. On which documents must the Property Record be reported?

- A. Incident Report PD251 only
- B. Incident Report PD251 as well as related reports including arrest paperwork**
- C. Narcotics Ledger
- D. Property Record Log

Property records belong on every document that documents the case where the item is involved. When you log an item, include it on the incident report (PD251) so there's a clear record tied to the event. If there are related reports—such as arrest paperwork or other documents that pertain to the same case—the Property Record should be included there as well. This linkage creates a complete chain of custody and accountability across all records, ensuring the item is tracked from seizure or discovery through disposition. Relying on a separate log like a Narcotics Ledger or a standalone Property Record Log wouldn't connect the item to the specific incident and related actions, so the best practice is to report it on the incident report and on all related reports.

3. True or False: You must notify Teletype when a citizen is transported to the hospital, and there is any indication that they may be admitted, and no next of kin has been notified.

- A. True**
- B. False
- C. Not applicable
- D. Only if admitted

When a person is transported to the hospital and there's any chance they'll be admitted, and no next of kin has been notified, you must notify Teletype. Teletype is the department's channel for urgent notifications that trigger essential follow-up actions, including starting the next-of-kin notification process and coordinating with hospital staff or investigators as needed. This ensures timely contact with family and proper documentation of the incident, so no one is left without needed information or support. The emphasis on notifying Teletype in this scenario helps prevent delays in locating or notifying a responsible relative and keeps the case and its welfare steps on track.

4. What phrase must be written in bold red lettering on the Property Released on Scene form?

- A. Returned on Scene**
- B. Released on Scene
- C. Property released
- D. Returned to Owner

The essential idea is to clearly indicate that the property was returned at the scene, not later or elsewhere. The exact wording required is "Returned on Scene" written in bold red lettering on the Property Released on Scene form. Using this precise phrase emphasizes both the action (returning the property) and the location (at the scene), making the disposition instantly understandable and helping to maintain a clear, auditable chain of custody. The bold red formatting ensures it stands out in the record so observers can quickly verify the status at a glance. Other phrasings can be vague about who received the property or where the release happened, whereas this wording precisely communicates the on-scene return.

5. In the DC Taxicab Commission case, which item must be included in the Incident Report?

- A. Notification details about the found property**
- B. Owner's ownership documentation
- C. Vehicle license plate number only
- D. A photo of the item

Noting who was told about found property is essential in an incident report. Recording notification details creates an auditable trail showing that the item was responsibly handled and that steps were taken to locate and inform the rightful owner or responsible party. This helps ensure the item can be returned and provides accountability for the disposition of the property. The notification should include who was informed, when, how (phone, in person, etc.), and the outcome (owner contacted, property held, or claimed). Without this information, there's no clear record of how the item was managed, which can lead to disputes or lost property. While photos or ownership documents can be helpful, they don't by themselves establish that proper notification and disposition occurred. A license plate number alone also doesn't demonstrate how the item was handled or who was notified.

6. Spiral Search is used when looking for an object that is a specific distance from another. Which pattern is this statement describing?

- A. Line Search
- B. Spiral Search**
- C. Grid Search
- D. Wheel Search Pattern

When you know an object is at a specific distance from another point, you want to sweep the area around that reference so you don't miss spots at that distance. A spiral search does just that: you start at the reference point and move outward in turns, forming rings as you go. This pattern systematically covers locations at progressively increasing radii from the center, so you're effectively checking all points around the reference at and near the target distance. It's efficient for ensuring no gaps around the central point while you search outward. Line searches glide along straight paths, good for spanning wide areas when the general direction is known, but they don't focus on remaining at a particular distance from a center. Grid searches lay out a checkerboard of sweeps to ensure thorough coverage of a defined area, which is thorough but not centered on a fixed distance relationship. Wheel (radial) searches extend outward in spokes from a center, which emphasizes direction away from the center rather than maintaining a set distance around it.

7. Which statement describes the relationship between Public Narrative and Internal Narrative documents?

- A. Public Narrative uses doc #251; Internal Narrative uses doc #252**
- B. Public Narrative uses doc #252; Internal Narrative uses doc #251
- C. Public Narrative uses doc #250; Internal Narrative uses doc #251
- D. Public Narrative uses doc #251; Internal Narrative uses doc #253

Public Narrative and Internal Narrative serve different audiences, so they are tied to separate documents. The Public Narrative is the external-facing version used for sharing with the public or stakeholders, while the Internal Narrative is for internal use within the department. The correct mapping assigns Public Narrative to the document labeled 251 and Internal Narrative to the document labeled 252, preserving that separation and ensuring the right content goes to the right audience. Keeping these distinct helps prevent internal details from leaking and keeps content management clean. The other options mix up which document goes with which narrative, which would blur the boundary between external and internal materials.

8. When should you activate your body-worn camera (BWC)?

- A. Only during high-profile incidents.
- B. For all dispatch and self-initiated calls for service.**
- C. Never; it is optional.
- D. Only if requested by supervisors.

The idea being tested is that body-worn cameras should be activated for every public-contact encounter, not just some. Activating your BWC for all dispatch and self-initiated calls ensures there is a complete, objective record from the moment you engage with a subject through the entirety of the interaction. This uniform approach supports accountability, evidentiary value, and transparency, helping protect both the public and officers by preserving a reliable account of what happened, which is useful for investigations, court proceedings, and training. The other options fall short because recording only during high-profile incidents creates gaps in documentation, leaving room for disputes about what occurred. Treating the camera as optional or only turning it on when asked by a supervisor undermines consistency and accountability, increasing the risk of missing or misrepresenting events.

9. What is the purpose of the Continuation Report (PD202A)?

- A. To document additional properties when there is a large amount or need for further articulation**
- B. To reclassify property as surrendered
- C. To record deviations in property value
- D. To authorize destruction of property

The Continuation Report is used to document additional properties when there is a large amount or a need for further articulation, keeping the inventory complete and clear. It provides space to list extra items that wouldn't fit on the main form and to add detailed descriptions, serial numbers, locations, and values so every item is accounted for accurately. This form is not meant for reclassifying property as surrendered, recording deviations in property value, or granting destruction authority; those actions use different procedures and forms.

10. If you cannot verify the subject's welfare, which actions should you take?

- A. Notify an official.
- B. If juvenile, contact YFSD and CFSA.
- C. Leave your contact info and CCN, or explain why you couldn't.
- D. All of the above.**

When you can't verify someone's welfare, you must escalate and document to ensure their safety and proper handling. Start by notifying an official so the situation is reviewed through the proper chain of command. If the subject is a juvenile, involve the Youth and Family Services Division and the Children and Family Services Agency, since they are the agencies responsible for protecting children. Finally, leave your contact information and the CCN, or explain why verification wasn't possible, so there's a clear record for follow-up. Taking all of these steps ensures the concern is addressed through the right channels, a welfare check can proceed, and there's accountability for what was done.

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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.

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

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