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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. Which phrase means to stop or end a task?

- A. Recall
- B. Cancel
- C. In service
- D. To radio shop

2. Which elements should you use to describe location hierarchy in a city?

- A. Zip codes and street names only.
- B. Building numbers and city blocks.
- C. Cross streets, mile markers, landmarks, and sector designations.
- D. Neighborhood names and parade routes.

3. Code 19 corresponds to which status?

- A. Traffic stop
- B. Special information/assignment
- C. Conduct investigation
- D. Eat/lunch

4. Which term covers the possession or use of firearms or other weapons in violation of law?

- A. Arson
- B. Weapons violation
- C. Vandalism
- D. Disorderly conduct

5. What essential details should be relayed during a traffic stop to ensure safety and efficiency?

- A. Driver's license number, vehicle owner's name, and speed.
- B. Plate, make/model, location, reason for stop, approach status, and officer safety.
- C. Color of hair, direction of travel, weather, and vehicle color.
- D. Traffic density, time of day, and preferred route.

6. What does 10-1 indicate?

- A. Unable to copy; poor reception.
- B. Channel is clear and reception is good.
- C. Repeat the last transmission.
- D. Signal is lost; contact base.

7. What is a 'FI' and how is it used in radio operations?

- A. A field interview; a non-arrest encounter where information is gathered; radio updates may be needed for report.
- B. A formal inquiry with court involvement.
- C. A field investigation that ends in arrest.
- D. A federal inquiry.

8. Which code is used for a complete check of a person or vehicle?

- A. Burglary
- B. Robbery
- C. Clearance check
- D. Complete check

9. Which of the following is the correct description for code 03?

- A. To radio shop
- B. To motor pool
- C. Call your office
- D. Out of service

10. Which code would be used when reporting vandalism?

- A. Vandalism
- B. Larceny
- C. Burglary
- D. Shooting

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which phrase means to stop or end a task?

- A. Recall
- B. Cancel**
- C. In service
- D. To radio shop

In police radio practice, stopping or ending a task is communicated with a direct, unambiguous command. The term that fits this is cancel—it's designed to halt the current instruction and tell units to stop what they're doing and stand down. It's the clearest way to terminate an operation so there's no confusion about continuing or redeploying. Recall can also end a task, but it implies bringing units back from the field, which has a specific sense of redeployment rather than simply stopping the action at hand. In service indicates availability for calls, not end of an assignment. To radio shop refers to sending equipment in for maintenance, not ending field work. So cancel is the best choice because it precisely communicates stopping the task.

2. Which elements should you use to describe location hierarchy in a city?

- A. Zip codes and street names only.
- B. Building numbers and city blocks.
- C. Cross streets, mile markers, landmarks, and sector designations.**
- D. Neighborhood names and parade routes.

Describing location in a city effectively comes from combining precise anchors with stable references that help you orient quickly. Cross streets give you the exact intersection where something occurs. Mile markers add distance context along a route, helping gauge how far along a stretch a person is or how far to travel. Landmarks provide memorable, fixed points to reference when directions alone aren't clear. Sector designations divide the city into defined areas, aiding dispatch, accountability, and rapid routing. Relying only on zip codes and street names can be ambiguous or imprecise for immediate location, since zip codes cover larger areas and multiple streets share names. Building numbers and city blocks focus too narrowly and aren't consistently reliable across all routes. Neighborhood names and parade routes may help in certain contexts but aren't stable or comprehensive enough for precise, universally understood location, especially in time-critical situations.

3. Code 19 corresponds to which status?

- A. Traffic stop**
- B. Special information/assignment
- C. Conduct investigation
- D. Eat/lunch

Code 19 is the radio status used when you are actively stopping a vehicle. It signals to dispatch and other units that you are engaging in a traffic stop and may need traffic control, backup, or additional resources. This status helps coordinate safety, letting others know your current duty is a live stop, not a break or a different kind of assignment. The other options describe different scenarios—special information/assignment is for non-stop information or tasks, conduct investigation refers to pursuing a case or collecting evidence, and eat/lunch is simply a break—so they don't match the situation of actively stopping a vehicle.

4. Which term covers the possession or use of firearms or other weapons in violation of law?

- A. Arson
- B. Weapons violation**
- C. Vandalism
- D. Disorderly conduct

Identifying the term for illegal possession or use of firearms or other weapons. A weapons violation is the label used for offenses where someone possesses, carries, or uses a weapon in violation of laws or regulations. This covers situations like having a firearm when forbidden, carrying without a permit, or using a weapon to commit a crime. Arson involves setting property on fire, vandalism means damaging property, and disorderly conduct covers disruptive or dangerous behavior in public. These other terms describe different crimes, while a weapons violation specifically targets illegal weapon possession or use, making it the correct choice.

5. What essential details should be relayed during a traffic stop to ensure safety and efficiency?

- A. Driver's license number, vehicle owner's name, and speed.
- B. Plate, make/model, location, reason for stop, approach status, and officer safety.**
- C. Color of hair, direction of travel, weather, and vehicle color.
- D. Traffic density, time of day, and preferred route.

During a traffic stop, relaying precise, actionable information to dispatch keeps everyone informed and enhances safety and efficiency. The plate is the vehicle's unique identifier and helps verify you've stopped the correct car and track the vehicle if it leaves the scene. The make and model provide a quick visual check to confirm identity, especially if the plate is obscured or mismatched. Location pins down the exact stop site so backup can be directed, resources can be positioned, and potential hazards on that block are considered. The reason for the stop gives context to dispatch and other responders, guiding the level of response and what additional support may be needed. Approach status communicates your current posture and plan—whether you're approaching, at the vehicle, or seeking cover—so supervision and other units can coordinate effectively and maintain safety margins. Noting officer safety, in general, signals to the team any specific hazards or risks you've identified, prompting appropriate precautions or backup. Other options include details that don't help locate or identify the vehicle or manage the stop, such as unrelated descriptors or broad environmental conditions, which don't contribute to the immediate safety and coordination of the stop.

6. What does 10-1 indicate?

- A. Unable to copy; poor reception.
- B. Channel is clear and reception is good.**
- C. Repeat the last transmission.
- D. Signal is lost; contact base.

In this radio-code usage, 10-1 is the signal that the channel is clear and reception is good. That means your transmission can be heard clearly, with no distortion or interference, so you can proceed without needing a repeat or clarification. This is why it's the best choice here: it directly communicates that the communication link quality is solid and effective. Keep in mind that meanings of 10-codes can vary by agency, so always confirm with your department's codebook.

7. What is a 'FI' and how is it used in radio operations?

- A. A field interview; a non-arrest encounter where information is gathered; radio updates may be needed for report.**
- B. A formal inquiry with court involvement.
- C. A field investigation that ends in arrest.
- D. A federal inquiry.

Field Interview is a non-arrest contact with a person in the field to gather information about possible suspicious activity. In radio operations, officers use this to communicate with dispatch and other units what they're doing, who they're talking to, and what information is being collected, so everyone stays informed and records can be made for a report if needed. The purpose is to verify details, check for warrants or known involvement, and document observations without detaining or arresting anyone. This differs from a formal inquiry that would lead to court involvement, or a field investigation that ends in an arrest, and it isn't a federal inquiry.

8. Which code is used for a complete check of a person or vehicle?

- A. Burglary
- B. Robbery
- C. Clearance check
- D. Complete check**

In this radio code, a complete check means you're going to perform a thorough, all-encompassing verification of a person or vehicle. It signals the dispatcher and other units that you'll run the subject through all relevant systems and checks—identity, licenses and permits, vehicle registration, VIN/plate verification, and any warrants or wants in databases like NCIC. It's a comprehensive sweep, not a quick look, which is why it's the best fit for "a complete check of a person or vehicle." Burglary and robbery refer to crimes, not to the act of checking someone or something, so they don't describe the action being taken. A clearance check implies some form of authorization or clearance, but it doesn't convey the breadth of a full, multi-system investigation that a complete check entails.

9. Which of the following is the correct description for code 03?

- A. To radio shop**
- B. To motor pool
- C. Call your office
- D. Out of service

The idea behind this code is routing a unit's issue to the right support channel, specifically the radio shop for equipment problems. When a radio isn't functioning properly—crackling transmissions, no reception, misconfigured channels—dispatch directs the unit to the radio shop so technicians can diagnose and repair the hardware or programming. This is distinct from vehicle maintenance, which is handled by the motor pool, and from administrative actions like calling your office, which doesn't address equipment servicing. It also isn't a status indicating the unit is out of service; that would convey something different about availability. So, directing a unit to the radio shop is the correct description for handling radio equipment issues.

10. Which code would be used when reporting vandalism?

A. Vandalism

B. Larceny

C. Burglary

D. Shooting

When reporting, you use the code that fits the main type of incident. Vandalism is property damage like graffiti, defacement, or deliberate destruction, so the appropriate code to use is the Vandalism code. It sets the dispatcher and responding units to focus on property damage rather than theft, a weapon offense, or an unlawful entry. Larceny would indicate theft, burglary covers unlawful entry with intent to commit a crime (often theft), and shooting refers to the discharge or use of a firearm. If the primary issue is vandalism, that's the code that communicates the situation most accurately. If there are multiple issues in one report, you can add additional details or codes as needed.

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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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