

National Sounds and Night Skies Division (NSNSD) Patrol 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. A Vehicle Report is filed on which DD 5580 form?**
 - A. DD 5580/11**
 - B. DD 5580/12**
 - C. DD 5580/19**
 - D. DD 5580/22**

- 2. Which of the following is NOT an SP MEVA?**
 - A. SP-257**
 - B. SP-300**
 - C. SP AIRFIELD**
 - D. SP-400**

- 3. If a vessel is unknown at Craney Island Pier, what is the first action?**
 - A. Contact Dispatch/Watch Commander**
 - B. Board the vessel to gather information**
 - C. Notify the vessel's owner**
 - D. Ignore until it raises no concern**

- 4. What is issued for a suspended license?**
 - A. DSA-10 and DD 1408**
 - B. Suspension notice**
 - C. Temporary permit**
 - D. License reissue form**

- 5. How many clues for impairment?**
 - A. 3**
 - B. 4**
 - C. 2**
 - D. 5**

- 6. What is 'Qualified' martial law?**
- A. A situation where the military is mobilized to augment civilian law enforcement with manpower, but still operates under the authority of the civil authorities rather than military chain of command.**
 - B. Full military takeover of civilian government.**
 - C. Temporary abolition of police powers.**
 - D. State of war with suspension of all laws.**
- 7. In a domestic violence situation, where should you never allow an individual to go?**
- A. Kitchen, Bedroom**
 - B. Living Room**
 - C. Outside**
 - D. Car**
- 8. Which of the following is NOT a DD 5580 form listed in the material?**
- A. DD 5580/5**
 - B. DD 5580/1**
 - C. DD 5580/2**
 - D. DD 5580/10**
- 9. Which program is associated with assisting victims and witnesses in a legal context?**
- A. Family Advocacy Program**
 - B. Victim and Witness Assistance Program**
 - C. Military Protective Order Program**
 - D. On-base Safety Program**
- 10. What is DD 5580/20 used for?**
- A. Field Test Results**
 - B. Vehicle Report**
 - C. Field Interview Card**
 - D. Complaint of stolen motor vehicle**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. A Vehicle Report is filed on which DD 5580 form?

- A. DD 5580/11
- B. DD 5580/12**
- C. DD 5580/19
- D. DD 5580/22

Vehicle reporting relies on using the exact DoD form version assigned for that purpose. DD 5580/12 is the version designated for a Vehicle Report during patrol operations, so it is the form you would file. The other suffixes correspond to different document types or different purposes and do not satisfy the standard requirements for a Vehicle Report, which is why they are not used for this purpose.

2. Which of the following is NOT an SP MEVA?

- A. SP-257
- B. SP-300
- C. SP AIRFIELD
- D. SP-400**

This question checks your familiarity with what counts as an SP MEVA item by looking at how items are identified in the SP MEVA catalog. SP MEVA entries are established visual aids that fit specific catalog entries, usually with a numeric code or a descriptive label that maps to a MEVA asset. In this set, SP-257 and SP-300 are standard numeric codes that belong to the MEVA lineup, and SP AIRFIELD represents a MEVA asset tied to a field environment. SP-400, however, does not map to a recognized SP MEVA entry in the catalog, so it isn't an SP MEVA.

3. If a vessel is unknown at Craney Island Pier, what is the first action?

- A. Contact Dispatch/Watch Commander**
- B. Board the vessel to gather information
- C. Notify the vessel's owner
- D. Ignore until it raises no concern

The first action is to contact Dispatch/Watch Commander. In a security-sensitive area like Craney Island Pier, escalating the situation to the command chain immediately ensures the proper authorities can assess risk, coordinate a formal response, and keep everyone safe. Approaching to board or trying to gather information without authorization can put you at risk and bypass established security procedures, which could delay or derail a safe resolution. Dispatch/Watch Commander will determine whether additional units are needed, what information to collect, and how to proceed. While waiting for guidance, observe from a safe distance and note details that can help responders, such as the vessel's size and type, color and markings, any flags, its position, and any signs of distress or suspicious activity. Maintain radio communication with the command and follow their instructions. Do not attempt to board the vessel or notify the owner directly; those steps should come through the official chain of command. Ignoring the vessel is not an option when security is involved.

4. What is issued for a suspended license?

- A. DSA-10 and DD 1408**
- B. Suspension notice**
- C. Temporary permit**
- D. License reissue form**

When a license is suspended, formal documentation is issued to record the action and communicate the driver's status across systems. In this scenario, the standard pairing is DSA-10 and DD 1408. DSA-10 functions as the official administrative record of the suspension within the agency, detailing who is affected, the reasons, and the effective dates. DD 1408 is the field-facing form that flags the driver's suspended status in enforcement and licensing systems, so officers and agencies know the privileges are cut off. Together, they ensure the suspension is both properly recorded and immediately recognizable to those who need to enforce and reference it. A generic suspension notice doesn't specify the exact forms used, a temporary permit is only for certain limited cases, and a license reissue form is used after the suspension is lifted to obtain a new license.

5. How many clues for impairment?

- A. 3**
- B. 4**
- C. 2**
- D. 5**

Clues of impairment show up in three broad areas: appearance, behavior, and performance. This triad captures the main ways impairment becomes noticeable, so the standard count of clue types is three. You might see signs in appearance (like odor or unsteady grooming), behavior (slurred speech, unusual agitation), and performance (difficulty with balance or slower reaction time). While you can observe many individual signs within these areas, they're all grouped into the same three categories, which is why the answer is three. A fourth category isn't typically recognized, and counting more than three would imply an additional, separate clue type that isn't standard.

6. What is 'Qualified' martial law?

- A. A situation where the military is mobilized to augment civilian law enforcement with manpower, but still operates under the authority of the civil authorities rather than military chain of command.**
- B. Full military takeover of civilian government.**
- C. Temporary abolition of police powers.**
- D. State of war with suspension of all laws.**

Qualified martial law means the military is brought in to support civilian authorities with manpower and resources, but civilian leadership remains in command. The military operates under civilian control and within defined limits, carrying out tasks authorized by civil authorities rather than taking over government or suspending the normal civil order. Civilian courts, police leadership, and elected or appointed civilian officials stay in charge, and rights protections are still intended to be preserved, though some restrictive measures may be allowed for a limited period. This is different from a full military takeover, where the military would assume control of government functions. It's also not simply the abolition of police powers or a blanket suspension of all laws; qualified martial law involves temporary, targeted assistance under civilian direction, rather than a complete collapse of civil authority.

7. In a domestic violence situation, where should you never allow an individual to go?

- A. Kitchen, Bedroom**
- B. Living Room**
- C. Outside**
- D. Car**

The key idea is to minimize exposure to spaces that increase the risk of harm during a domestic violence situation. The kitchen is particularly dangerous because it has knives, hot surfaces, and other potential weapons or hazards that can be used in a confrontation. The bedroom offers privacy and concealment, which can make it easier for harm to escalate or for someone to trap another. Keeping someone out of these areas reduces immediate danger and makes it easier to monitor the situation and keep everyone safe. Other spaces like the living room are more open and easier to supervise, while going outside or into a car can remove you from sight or create escape risks, but the highest-risk areas to avoid are the kitchen and bedroom.

8. Which of the following is NOT a DD 5580 form listed in the material?

- A. DD 5580/5**
- B. DD 5580/1**
- C. DD 5580/2**
- D. DD 5580/10**

Form numbers in a series indicate different versions or uses, and a study guide may only cover a subset. When asked to identify something not listed, focus on which forms are actually mentioned in the material. In this material, DD 5580/1, DD 5580/2, and DD 5580/10 are described or included; those are the forms you would find referenced there. The form DD 5580/5 does not appear in the material, so it is not listed. Keep in mind that absence here doesn't mean the form can't exist in other contexts; it just isn't part of this material's coverage.

9. Which program is associated with assisting victims and witnesses in a legal context?

- A. Family Advocacy Program**
- B. Victim and Witness Assistance Program**
- C. Military Protective Order Program**
- D. On-base Safety Program**

Assisting victims and witnesses in a legal context means providing direct support to navigate the justice process, understand rights, and access resources, including court accompaniment and coordination with prosecutors. The program that best fits this purpose is the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, since it is designed to offer advocacy, information about rights, safety planning, referrals, and help through hearings and other legal steps. The other programs cover related areas but not this specific courtroom-focused support: Family Advocacy Program focuses on preventing and responding to abuse within military families; Military Protective Order Program handles issuing and enforcing protective orders; On-base Safety Program concentrates on overall base safety rather than acting as a legal advocate for victims and witnesses.

10. What is DD 5580/20 used for?

- A. Field Test Results**
- B. Vehicle Report**
- C. Field Interview Card**
- D. Complaint of stolen motor vehicle**

The question tests recognizing which form is used to record results from tests conducted in the field. DD 5580/20 is the form designated for documenting field test results, so it's the best fit for capturing objective data, observations, and conclusions from tests performed outside the office. It would typically include the test objective, conditions, data collected, results, and signatures, providing a clear record of how the field test was conducted and what was found. The other options describe different kinds of documents: a Vehicle Report would document details about a vehicle's condition or an incident involving a vehicle, a Field Interview Card records information gathered during a street interview with a person, and a Complaint of stolen motor vehicle would be part of an incident or theft report. Each serves a distinct purpose, not the systematic recording of field test results.

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:

<https://nsnsdpatrol.examzify.com>

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

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