

New Jersey MVC Non-CDL 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. What is the typical speed limit in a school zone unless otherwise posted?**
 - A. 15 mph**
 - B. 20 mph**
 - C. 25 mph**
 - D. 30 mph**

- 2. What is the most effective way to reduce the risk of injury in a traffic crash?**
 - A. Avoid driving at night**
 - B. Wear your seat belt**
 - C. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles**
 - D. Drive at or below the speed limit**

- 3. You may not park within how many feet of a fire hydrant?**
 - A. 5 feet**
 - B. 10 feet**
 - C. 15 feet**
 - D. 20 feet**

- 4. What should you do before entering an intersection when the signal is yellow or amber?**
 - A. Speed up to clear the intersection**
 - B. Ignore the light and proceed**
 - C. Stop**
 - D. Yield to traffic**

- 5. How many hours of supervised driving are required for the initial GDL permit in New Jersey?**
 - A. 4 hours**
 - B. 5 hours**
 - C. 6 hours**
 - D. 7 hours**

- 6. Under which circumstance is it suggested to use high beam headlights?**
- A. In city traffic**
 - B. On open country roads with no other vehicles**
 - C. When driving in rain**
 - D. When behind another vehicle**
- 7. What is the penalty for not wearing a seatbelt in New Jersey?**
- A. A fine of \$23**
 - B. A fine of \$46**
 - C. A fine of \$75**
 - D. A fine of \$100**
- 8. If the gas pedal sticks, what should you do quickly while keeping your eyes on the road?**
- A. Shift to neutral and steer the vehicle off the roadway**
 - B. Press the brake and shift into park**
 - C. Turn off the engine while driving**
 - D. Pull over immediately without shifting**
- 9. If a motorist is passing you, what should you do?**
- A. Maintain speed**
 - B. Speed up**
 - C. Slow down**
 - D. Change lanes**
- 10. In city driving, what is a good habit to maintain?**
- A. Look 5 seconds ahead**
 - B. Look 12 seconds ahead**
 - C. Drive at the speed limit**
 - D. Change lanes frequently**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the typical speed limit in a school zone unless otherwise posted?

- A. 15 mph**
- B. 20 mph**
- C. 25 mph**
- D. 30 mph**

In New Jersey, the typical speed limit in a school zone is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. This speed limit is established to ensure the safety of children and pedestrians during times when students are arriving at or leaving from school. School zones are often marked with signs indicating the speed limit, and drivers are expected to be particularly vigilant and cautious in these areas. Maintaining a speed limit of 25 mph helps reduce the potential for accidents, as children might unexpectedly enter the roadway. Additionally, speeding in a school zone can lead to significant fines and penalties to encourage adherence to the law for the safety of all. Other speed limits mentioned, such as 15 mph or 20 mph, might be applied in specific areas or under certain conditions, but the standard school zone speed limit is universally recognized as 25 mph.

2. What is the most effective way to reduce the risk of injury in a traffic crash?

- A. Avoid driving at night**
- B. Wear your seat belt**
- C. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles**
- D. Drive at or below the speed limit**

Wearing your seat belt is considered one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of injury in the event of a traffic crash because it is designed specifically to protect occupants in the vehicle. Seat belts help to keep passengers securely in their seats, preventing them from being thrown from the vehicle or colliding with interior elements during a crash. Studies consistently demonstrate that wearing a seat belt significantly decreases the likelihood of severe injuries and fatalities in accidents. While avoiding driving at night, maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles, and driving at or below the speed limit can contribute to overall safety, they do not directly protect a passenger's body in the event of a collision. Driving at night may expose a driver to additional hazards, maintaining distance helps avoid rear-end collisions, and adherence to speed limits promotes safe driving behavior. However, these measures cannot substitute for the crucial protective function of seat belts.

3. You may not park within how many feet of a fire hydrant?

- A. 5 feet
- B. 10 feet**
- C. 15 feet
- D. 20 feet

The correct distance you must maintain when parking near a fire hydrant is 10 feet. This regulation is crucial as it ensures that firefighters have clear and unobstructed access to the hydrant in case of an emergency. Parking too close can hinder emergency response efforts, potentially putting lives and property at risk. Therefore, maintaining a distance of at least 10 feet from fire hydrants is not only a matter of following parking laws but also of public safety. It is important to be aware of these regulations to avoid fines or penalties and to contribute to a safe environment for everyone.

4. What should you do before entering an intersection when the signal is yellow or amber?

- A. Speed up to clear the intersection
- B. Ignore the light and proceed
- C. Stop**
- D. Yield to traffic

When approaching an intersection with a yellow or amber signal, the appropriate action is to stop if it is safe to do so. The yellow light serves as a warning that the light is about to change to red, indicating that drivers should prepare to stop. It is important to assess the situation; if you can stop safely without entering the intersection, you should do so to avoid potentially running a red light, which is considered a traffic violation and can lead to accidents. Stopping provides an opportunity for cross traffic that may have a green light to proceed safely. This response helps to ensure the safety of all road users by reducing the risk of collisions. It's important to remember that a yellow light is not an invitation to accelerate through an intersection, as that can compromise safety and violate traffic laws.

5. How many hours of supervised driving are required for the initial GDL permit in New Jersey?

- A. 4 hours
- B. 5 hours
- C. 6 hours**
- D. 7 hours

For the initial GDL (Graduated Driver License) permit in New Jersey, the requirement is to complete 6 hours of supervised driving. This crucial component is designed to ensure that new drivers get the necessary experience behind the wheel under the guidance of a licensed driver. During these 6 hours, learners can gain practical skills, learn to navigate various driving conditions, and understand the rules of the road in a controlled environment. This requirement is aimed at improving the safety and preparedness of new drivers once they progress to unsupervised driving. The structure of the GDL program is specifically designed to gradually introduce drivers to the responsibilities of operating a vehicle, making the 6 hours of supervised driving a foundational step in this learning process.

6. Under which circumstance is it suggested to use high beam headlights?

A. In city traffic

B. On open country roads with no other vehicles

C. When driving in rain

D. When behind another vehicle

Using high beam headlights is suggested on open country roads with no other vehicles present. High beams provide greater visibility because they cast a broader and more intense light, allowing drivers to see further down the road and to detect potential hazards much earlier. In rural or isolated areas where there is little to no street lighting, high beams can illuminate the surroundings effectively, enhancing safety. In other scenarios, such as city traffic or when behind another vehicle, using high beams can cause glare and be distracting to other drivers. This can lead to dangerous driving conditions. Similarly, in rain or wet conditions, high beams can reflect off the water droplets, creating more glare and reducing visibility. Thus, the optimal condition for using high beams is in open areas where there are no competing vehicles or light sources.

7. What is the penalty for not wearing a seatbelt in New Jersey?

A. A fine of \$23

B. A fine of \$46

C. A fine of \$75

D. A fine of \$100

In New Jersey, the established penalty for not wearing a seatbelt is indeed a fine of \$46. This penalty reflects the state's strong commitment to promoting seatbelt use as a critical safety measure for drivers and passengers. The law is designed to encourage compliance with seatbelt regulations as a means to reduce injuries and fatalities in the event of an accident. The fine serves as a deterrent against non-compliance, reminding drivers and passengers of the importance of wearing seatbelts for their safety. New Jersey has strict seatbelt laws, and enforcement is vital for reinforcing safe driving practices across the state. By imposing a fine, the state aims to ensure that individuals take their safety seriously while on the road. The other penalties would not align with the state statute, as they do not accurately represent the amount set forth for this specific offense.

8. If the gas pedal sticks, what should you do quickly while keeping your eyes on the road?

- A. Shift to neutral and steer the vehicle off the roadway**
- B. Press the brake and shift into park**
- C. Turn off the engine while driving**
- D. Pull over immediately without shifting**

When the gas pedal sticks, the most effective and safe immediate action is to shift the vehicle into neutral while continuing to steer and maintain focus on the road. Shifting to neutral disengages the engine from the drive wheels, allowing the vehicle to coast rather than accelerate uncontrollably. This action can help regain control, as it reduces the engine's power without completely shutting down the vehicle. Staying focused on the road is crucial because it allows for better steering control and the ability to navigate any obstacles or potential hazards that might be ahead. Once you have shifted to neutral, you can gradually begin to slow down by applying the brakes and look for a safe location to steer the vehicle off the roadway. Other options, while they may seem reasonable, involve actions that could lead to loss of control or additional hazards. For instance, pressing the brake and shifting into park could result in the wheels locking up, making steering difficult. Turning off the engine while driving can lead to a complete loss of power steering and braking assistance, making it harder to control the vehicle. Pulling over immediately without shifting does not give you a means to slow down safely, risking a potential collision. Thus, shifting to neutral is the most practical and effective method to address a sticking gas

9. If a motorist is passing you, what should you do?

- A. Maintain speed**
- B. Speed up**
- C. Slow down**
- D. Change lanes**

When a motorist is passing you, the safest and most responsible action is to slow down. By reducing your speed slightly, you create more space and time for the other driver to maneuver safely around you. This helps to minimize the risk of a collision, especially if the passing vehicle is going at a higher speed. Maintaining speed can be risky because it does not provide an additional safety buffer for the passing vehicle. On the other hand, speeding up is generally a dangerous reaction, as it could lead to a loss of control or potentially cause the passing vehicle to encounter difficulties if it cannot complete the maneuver safely. Changing lanes may not always be an option depending on road conditions and your surroundings; it could also lead to a hazardous situation if another vehicle is in your intended lane. Slowing down is a proactive strategy that promotes safety for all road users in this scenario.

10. In city driving, what is a good habit to maintain?

- A. Look 5 seconds ahead**
- B. Look 12 seconds ahead**
- C. Drive at the speed limit**
- D. Change lanes frequently**

Maintaining a habit of looking 12 seconds ahead while driving in the city is essential for several reasons. This practice allows drivers to anticipate potential hazards, such as pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles that may suddenly enter their path. By scanning the roadway and surroundings well in advance, drivers can make informed decisions about speed adjustments, lane changes, and stopping distances. In urban environments, where traffic patterns can change rapidly, being able to foresee what is about to happen helps to reduce the likelihood of accidents. It creates a more proactive approach to driving, enabling one to react appropriately rather than being caught off guard by sudden obstacles or changes in traffic conditions. Some may think that shorter distances, such as looking 5 seconds ahead, might suffice, but this typically does not provide enough time to react to unexpected situations commonly encountered in city driving. Additionally, adhering to the speed limit is important, but it does not directly correlate with the habit of looking ahead. Frequent lane changes can be dangerous in city traffic, as they increase the risk of collisions and may distract from paying attention to the road and traffic around you. Therefore, focusing on a faraway point ahead empowers drivers to maintain better control and safety on city roads.

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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