

# NYPD 1st Trimester Practice Exam (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. Who was Samuel Battle?**
  - A. First Black Officer hired in 1914**
  - B. First Female Officer**
  - C. First Hispanic Officer**
  - D. First Asian Officer**
  
- 2. According to Lexow Committee findings, what were the bribe amounts to become a police officer and to become a captain?**
  - A. \$300 to become an officer; \$12,000 to become a captain; price originally \$10,000**
  - B. \$500 to become an officer; \$15,000 to become a captain; price originally \$20,000**
  - C. \$100 to become an officer; \$4,000 to become a captain; price originally \$2,000**
  - D. \$1,000 to become an officer; \$18,000 to become a captain; price originally \$12,000**
  
- 3. The Curran Commission?**
  - A. Occurred 1912, exposed ties between police and racketeers; eight inspectors indicted**
  - B. Occurred 1897, exposed bribery in transit; none indicted**
  - C. Occurred 1920, reformed traffic enforcement; five inspectors indicted**
  - D. Occurred 1940, investigated political corruption; four inspectors indicted**
  
- 4. Which log item is related to road or highway conditions?**
  - A. H.O.T roll call**
  - B. Highway conditions record log**
  - C. Outgoing toll calls log**
  - D. Telephone dispatch log**
  
- 5. According to the Rand Report, investigators spent time on which activities?**
  - A. Administrative tasks only**
  - B. Going over evidence and finding victims/witnesses to interview**
  - C. Field training exercises**
  - D. Community outreach**

- 6. Which of the following are Schedule B punishable offenses?**
- A. FOODRAPAS; failure to give name and shield; Omitted activity log entry; Other deem appropriate by CO/XO; Department property loss (other than ID card, summons or firearm); Radio failure to respond; Alcoholic in department facility; Prisoner fail to safeguard; Activity log- losing; Shield loss**
  - B. choices2 for clarity in case of duplicates**
  - C. FOODRAPAS; failure to give name and shield; Omitted activity log entry**
  - D. Radio failure to respond and shield loss only**
- 7. Which rank is associated with the Eagle insignia?**
- A. Inspector**
  - B. Deputy Inspector**
  - C. Captain**
  - D. Lieutenant**
- 8. What are the determining factors for initiating a vehicle pursuit?**
- A. The suspect's vehicle color**
  - B. Risk to the public (traffic, road, and weather) and severity of the crime**
  - C. The time of day**
  - D. The suspect's last known location**
- 9. Which of the following is a Schedule B offense?**
- A. Shield loss**
  - B. Improper uniform wear**
  - C. Tardiness**
  - D. Missing property log entry**
- 10. What is the First Deputy Commissioner?**
- A. A one-star rank**
  - B. A two-star rank**
  - C. A four-star rank, second highest civilian MOS**
  - D. A five-star rank, highest civilian MOS**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. Who was Samuel Battle?

- A. First Black Officer hired in 1914**
- B. First Female Officer**
- C. First Hispanic Officer**
- D. First Asian Officer**

Samuel Battle stands out in NYPD history as the first Black officer hired by the department, a milestone for civil rights and policing in the city. His hire in the early 1910s broke color barriers and opened doors for future generations of minority officers. Because the question asks who he was, identifying him as the department's first Black officer best captures his historical significance. The other options describe milestones for different groups that do not apply to Battle, whose legacy centers on breaking the color barrier in recruitment and paving the way for a more diverse police force.

## 2. According to Lexow Committee findings, what were the bribe amounts to become a police officer and to become a captain?

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The findings show a pay-to-play system in the NYPD as uncovered by the Lexow Committee. The report documented that entering the police force could be bought for about 300 dollars, while reaching the rank of captain required a much larger sum—around 12,000 dollars, with the original asking price noted at about 10,000 dollars. This contrast illustrates how corruption extended from initial placement into the department up through high-ranking promotions, reflecting how political influence and money could steer appointments. The figures reflect the committee's specific historical record, which is why this option matches what the Lexow findings described.

### 3. The Curran Commission?

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In 1912, the Curran Commission was a legislative inquiry into corruption within the New York Police Department. It uncovered extensive ties between officers and racketeers, showing that protection and cooperation with criminal elements came from inside the force. As a result, eight inspectors were indicted, demonstrating that corruption reached high levels of the department and prompting calls for reform and stronger oversight. The other described events belong to different years and outcomes and do not capture the same findings or indictments associated with this commission.

### 4. Which log item is related to road or highway conditions?

- A. H.O.T roll call**
- B. Highway conditions record log**
- C. Outgoing toll calls log**
- D. Telephone dispatch log**

Roadway information needs are met by a log that records conditions on the highways, including traffic flow, weather-related hazards, and any closures or construction. This is the Highway conditions record log, and it ensures responders have current data to plan and respond to incidents. Other logs focus on different functions: roll calls track personnel status, outgoing toll calls log covers toll-related communications, and a telephone dispatch log captures dispatch communications. Because this log is specifically designed to document road conditions, it is the best match for road or highway-related information.

### 5. According to the Rand Report, investigators spent time on which activities?

- A. Administrative tasks only**
- B. Going over evidence and finding victims/witnesses to interview**
- C. Field training exercises**
- D. Community outreach**

The main idea here is how detectives allocate their time during an investigation. The Rand Report found that the core workload centers on turning clues into a solid factual picture by going over evidence and locating victims and witnesses to interview. This is where the investigation actually advances—analyze physical and testimonial information, verify details, and pull in people who can confirm or contradict leads. Those interviews and evidence reviews drive case development and progress, so they occupy the bulk of an investigator's time. Administrative tasks, field training exercises, and community outreach exist as necessary parts of the job, but they do not define the typical time pattern in active investigations.

**6. Which of the following are Schedule B punishable offenses?**

- A. FOODRAPAS; failure to give name and shield; Omitted activity log entry; Other deem appropriate by CO/XO; Department property loss (other than ID card, summons or firearm); Radio failure to respond; Alcoholic in department facility; Prisoner fail to safeguard; Activity log- losing; Shield loss**
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- C. FOODRAPAS; failure to give name and shield; Omitted activity log entry**
- D. Radio failure to respond and shield loss only**

Schedule B punishable offenses are a defined set of misconduct items that are serious enough to discipline but not the top-tier violations. This category typically includes administrative and supervisory problems, such as failure to identify properly (name and shield), omissions or errors in official logs, improper handling of department property, and lapses in communications or safety protocols. It also covers certain prohibited behaviors in department facilities, like drinking alcohol, and responsibilities related to safeguarding prisoners or protecting equipment like shields. The best answer matches the full list of offenses designated as Schedule B in this context, including FOODRAPAS; failure to give name and shield; omitted activity log entry; other items deemed appropriate by the CO/XO; department property loss (excluding certain items); radio failure to respond; alcohol in a department facility; prisoner safeguarding failures; activity log loss; and shield loss. Any option that leaves out items in this category or adds items not listed as Schedule B isn't capturing the complete set, making it less accurate for identifying Schedule B offenses.

**7. Which rank is associated with the Eagle insignia?**

- A. Inspector**
- B. Deputy Inspector**
- C. Captain**
- D. Lieutenant**

Understanding police rank insignia helps you identify who's in command at a glance. In the NYPD, the eagle emblem is the symbol used to denote the rank of Inspector. That distinctive mark on collars or badges is what signals the officer's rank and level of responsibility, which is why the eagle is associated with Inspector. Other ranks use different symbols, so the eagle isn't used for them.

**8. What are the determining factors for initiating a vehicle pursuit?**

**A. The suspect's vehicle color**

**B. Risk to the public (traffic, road, and weather) and severity of the crime**

**C. The time of day**

**D. The suspect's last known location**

Initiating a vehicle pursuit hinges on a risk assessment: officers must weigh the danger the pursuit would pose to the public against the potential benefit of stopping the suspect. The most decisive factors are the risk to the public (including traffic, road and weather conditions, and the presence of pedestrians or other motorists) and the severity of the crime. If pursuing would create greater danger than the crime's seriousness warrants, the pursuit should not be started. If the offense is serious or poses further danger and the risk to bystanders can be managed, a pursuit may be justified. The suspect's vehicle color, the time of day, or the last known location do not determine the decision on their own and are not the primary basis for initiating a pursuit.

**9. Which of the following is a Schedule B offense?**

**A. Shield loss**

**B. Improper uniform wear**

**C. Tardiness**

**D. Missing property log entry**

The key idea is how disciplinary offenses are categorized by schedule, with Schedule B covering non-criminal, less severe misconduct that involves safeguarding department property or equipment. Shield loss fits this category because it shows a failure to protect issued department equipment. Losing the shield directly affects accountability and security, making it a property-related violation rather than a matter of attendance, documentation, or uniform appearance. Tardiness is an attendance issue, missing a property log entry is a documentation lapse, and improper uniform wear concerns policy adherence and appearance, not the safeguarding of equipment.

**10. What is the First Deputy Commissioner?**

**A. A one-star rank**

**B. A two-star rank**

**C. A four-star rank, second highest civilian MOS**

**D. A five-star rank, highest civilian MOS**

The main idea is the level of leadership and the insignia that represents it. The First Deputy Commissioner is the department's second-in-command, reporting directly to the Commissioner. In NYPD hierarchy, the top executive role carries a four-star insignia, signaling the highest tier of civilian leadership just below the Commissioner. That four-star designation sets this position apart as the second highest in the department, unlike lower ranks that use one- or two-star insignia. There isn't a five-star rank in this context, so describing the First Deputy Commissioner as a four-star rank accurately captures both its seniority and its symbol.

## 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.**

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