

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (OSHP) SIGNALS PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



**SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE
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. What emergency does Signal 100 address?**
 - A. Caution Ohio Police (COP) message
 - B. Drug courier alert
 - C. Backup officer needed
 - D. Wrong way driver
- 2. What does Signal 10 request an officer to do?**
 - A. Call by phone
 - B. Rush
 - C. In service
 - D. Reference previous traffic
- 3. What does Signal 50 indicate in terms of an individual's previous behavior?**
 - A. Prior speeding violation
 - B. Prior resisting conviction
 - C. Prior theft conviction
 - D. Prior DUI violation
- 4. What standard element accompanies a hand signal to ensure drivers notice the officer?**
 - A. The use of a bright uniform and possibly reflective gear
 - B. A whistle
 - C. Flashing lights on the car
 - D. A loudspeaker system
- 5. What does Signal 27 refer to?**
 - A. Secure post
 - B. Improper procedure
 - C. Contact home
 - D. Relay in person
- 6. Which signal is associated with a registered sex offender?**
 - A. Signal 63
 - B. Signal 65
 - C. Signal 66
 - D. Signal 60

7. Signal categories help officers communicate their operational status. Which of the following is NOT a recognized signal?

- A. Out of service, equipment failure
- B. Inactive
- C. Rush
- D. Unable to answer

8. What does Signal 60 refer to in the context of OSHP communication?

- A. Subject has weapon
- B. Concealed Carry Permit Holder
- C. Domestic violence incident/alert entry
- D. Convoy/reference convoy

9. Which signal represents a non-injury traffic crash?

- A. Signal 31
- B. Signal 30
- C. Signal 31A
- D. Signal 32

10. Signal 2 reflects what operational state?

- A. Out of service
- B. In service
- C. Unable to copy
- D. Out of service, subject to call

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What emergency does Signal 100 address?

- A. Caution Ohio Police (COP) message
- B. Drug courier alert
- C. Backup officer needed
- D. Wrong way driver**

Signal 100 addresses the situation of a wrong-way driver on the highway or roadway. This signal is crucial because it alerts law enforcement personnel and other drivers about the imminent danger posed by a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction. Wrong-way driving can lead to severe accidents and often necessitates immediate intervention to prevent collisions. The focus of Signal 100 is not just about notifying the police but also about ensuring that the relevant safety measures are taken to deal with the potentially hazardous situation. By broadcasting this signal, law enforcement can quickly coordinate a response to safely redirect traffic and manage the situation effectively. The other signals refer to distinct situations, such as communicating a drug courier alert, which pertains to suspicious activity indicating drug transportation, or a backup officer needing to assist an officer in a standard operational context. These situations, while important, do not convey the same immediate urgency and public safety concerns that arise from a wrong-way driver scenario.

2. What does Signal 10 request an officer to do?

- A. Call by phone**
- B. Rush
- C. In service
- D. Reference previous traffic

Signal 10 is a request for an officer to contact dispatch or another officer via telephone. This communication can be vital for coordinating efforts, sharing important information, or clarifying situations where immediate action is not required on the scene. Having a distinct signal for phone communication allows officers to streamline their interactions and maintain focus on their duties without unnecessary distractions. It's a critical signal for ensuring that officers stay informed and connected, which helps in managing law enforcement operations effectively. The other options relate to different types of requests or commands; for example, "rush" would indicate urgency or immediate action, while "in service" typically means an officer is available for calls and "reference previous traffic" directs attention to prior reports or events. Each signal has its specific purpose, making it essential to understand the distinctions clearly.

3. What does Signal 50 indicate in terms of an individual's previous behavior?

- A. Prior speeding violation
- B. Prior resisting conviction**
- C. Prior theft conviction
- D. Prior DUI violation

Signal 50 is specifically used in the context of indicating that an individual has a prior conviction for resisting arrest. This designation is important for law enforcement personnel as it allows them to gauge the potential behavior of the individual they may be dealing with during a traffic stop or other engagement. Knowing that someone has a history of resisting arrest can inform officers' approach to the situation, enhancing their awareness of possible risks involved. The other options refer to different types of criminal behavior that do not pertain to the specific designation of Signal 50, which exclusively relates to previous resisting convictions.

4. What standard element accompanies a hand signal to ensure drivers notice the officer?

- A. The use of a bright uniform and possibly reflective gear**
- B. A whistle
- C. Flashing lights on the car
- D. A loudspeaker system

The inclusion of a bright uniform and possibly reflective gear is a crucial element that accompanies hand signals to enhance visibility and ensure that drivers notice the officer. These elements are designed to catch the attention of motorists, especially in low-light conditions or during inclement weather. The bright colors and reflective materials help to ensure the officer stands out against various backgrounds, making it easier for drivers to see them from a distance. This visibility is paramount in traffic situations, as it promotes safety not only for the officers directing traffic but also for the drivers who must respond to their signals. The use of bright uniforms and reflective gear is a standard practice in law enforcement, particularly in situations where hand signals are employed, as it helps maintain an orderly flow of traffic while keeping everyone safe.

5. What does Signal 27 refer to?

- A. Secure post
- B. Improper procedure**
- C. Contact home
- D. Relay in person

Signal 27 refers specifically to "improper procedure." This signal is used by law enforcement, including the Ohio State Highway Patrol, to indicate that a situation or action does not adhere to the proper protocols or guidelines established for handling specific circumstances. Understanding this signal is crucial for officers as it helps maintain accountability and adherence to established procedures, ensuring safety and efficacy in law enforcement operations. Miscommunication or incorrect handling of situations can lead to serious consequences, which is why recognizing "improper procedure" through Signal 27 is essential for maintaining order and effective policing. The other signals pertain to different scenarios—securing a post or contacting home involves more logistical or operational tasks, while relaying information in person pertains to communication requirements, all of which are distinct from flagging a procedural error.

6. Which signal is associated with a registered sex offender?

- A. Signal 63**
- B. Signal 65
- C. Signal 66
- D. Signal 60

Signal 63 is specifically associated with registered sex offenders within the context of the Ohio State Highway Patrol signaling system. This signal is utilized by law enforcement to communicate information vital for monitoring, tracking, and responding to situations involving individuals on the sex offender registry. By having a distinct signal for this purpose, it allows for quick and clear communication among officers when addressing concerns related to registered sex offenders, facilitating efficient law enforcement actions and public safety measures. This is particularly important given the sensitive nature of the information and the need for immediate response in cases that may involve these individuals.

7. Signal categories help officers communicate their operational status. Which of the following is NOT a recognized signal?

- A. Out of service, equipment failure
- B. Inactive**
- C. Rush
- D. Unable to answer

In the context of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's signal categories, the term that does not represent an established operational signal is "inactive." This term does not provide specific information regarding the status or activity of an officer or their equipment. In contrast, recognized signals such as "out of service, equipment failure," "rush," and "unable to answer" serve clearly defined purposes in communication, indicating particular conditions or needs an officer may experience. For instance, "out of service, equipment failure" informs other units that the officer is unable to perform their duties due to a malfunction. "Rush" indicates the officer's need to respond quickly to a situation, while "unable to answer" signifies that the officer cannot respond at that moment. Each of these signals conveys vital information to facilitate operational coordination and safety. In contrast, "inactive" lacks this clarity and does not serve as a functional signal within the recognized framework used by the patrol.

8. What does Signal 60 refer to in the context of OSHP communication?

- A. Subject has weapon
- B. Concealed Carry Permit Holder
- C. Domestic violence incident/alert entry
- D. Convoy/reference convoy**

Signal 60 in the context of Ohio State Highway Patrol communication refers to a convoy or a reference to a convoy. This signal is utilized by law enforcement to arrange for the coordination of multiple units traveling together, ensuring that they can maintain communication and support each other effectively while on the move. This is particularly important for operations where safety in numbers is a factor, such as during high-profile transports or when responding to incidents that may require multiple officers. Understanding such signals enhances operational efficiency and situational awareness among officers during their duties.

9. Which signal represents a non-injury traffic crash?

- A. Signal 31**
- B. Signal 30
- C. Signal 31A
- D. Signal 32

Signal 31 is specifically designated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to indicate a non-injury traffic crash. This signal helps law enforcement officers effectively and efficiently communicate the nature of the incident to dispatch and other responding units, ensuring that they are aware that there are no injuries involved. Understanding the appropriate use of this signal is important because it allows first responders to prioritize resources and respond to higher severity incidents if needed, rather than allocating unnecessary resources to a situation where injuries are not a factor. The clarity of communication helps maintain safety on the roads and supports better management of traffic incidents.

10. Signal 2 reflects what operational state?

- A. Out of service
- B. In service**
- C. Unable to copy
- D. Out of service, subject to call

Signal 2 indicates that an officer is "In service," meaning they are actively available and responding to calls. This status signifies that the officer is equipped and ready to engage with the public or handle incidents as they arise. Being "In service" is crucial for the operation of law enforcement, as it allows for prompt responses to emergencies and effective patrol duties. This signal helps coordinate communication and resource management among officers and dispatch, ensuring that law enforcement presence is effectively deployed where it is most needed. In contrast, other statuses represent different situations, such as being unavailable for duty or temporarily inactive, which do not reflect an officer's active engagement with their responsibilities.

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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.

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

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