

Ohio State Highway 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. Don't worry about getting everything right, 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, and take breaks to retain information better.

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.

7. Use Other Tools

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!

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Questions

- 1. Signal 410 is used for what purpose?**
 - A. Response to resistance**
 - B. Burglary**
 - C. Stolen vehicle report**
 - D. Breaking and entering no theft**
- 2. What does Signal 89 communicate to emergency services?**
 - A. Burglary**
 - B. Road worker injured**
 - C. Homicide**
 - D. Response to resistance**
- 3. Which of the following signals indicates an object thrown from an overpass?**
 - A. Signal 670**
 - B. Signal 782**
 - C. Signal 926**
 - D. Signal 781**
- 4. What situation does Signal 670 refer to?**
 - A. Discharge of firearm**
 - B. Open container**
 - C. Out of service**
 - D. In service**
- 5. What is the appropriate response when receiving Signal 22?**
 - A. Make a phone call**
 - B. Contact DHQ in person**
 - C. Send a follow-up email**
 - D. Disregard the signal**

- 6. Under what conditions can a driver legally turn right at a red traffic light?**
- A. After coming to a complete stop and ensuring it is safe to turn**
 - B. Only if there is no oncoming traffic**
 - C. When a sign indicates that it is permitted**
 - D. Without stopping if no vehicles are present**
- 7. What does Signal 370 represent?**
- A. Response to resistance**
 - B. Breaking and entering no theft**
 - C. Homicide**
 - D. Road worker injured**
- 8. What situation is indicated by Signal 51?**
- A. Bomb scare**
 - B. Plane crash**
 - C. Suspected vehicle carrying bomb**
 - D. Dispatch canine to my location**
- 9. What does Signal 28 indicate for law enforcement units?**
- A. Post secure**
 - B. Request backup**
 - C. Proceed with caution**
 - D. Clear the area**
- 10. Which signal would be used to report a fire that is not related to a motor vehicle?**
- A. Signal 31**
 - B. Signal 36**
 - C. Signal 34**
 - D. Signal 32**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Signal 410 is used for what purpose?

- A. Response to resistance**
- B. Burglary**
- C. Stolen vehicle report**
- D. Breaking and entering no theft**

Signal 410 is specifically used to indicate a stolen vehicle report. Law enforcement utilizes codes to communicate efficiently, and Signal 410 is recognized within the Ohio State Highway Patrol for situations involving the theft of motor vehicles. When an officer broadcasts this signal, it alerts other units and dispatch about the nature of the incident, enabling a coordinated response to locate the stolen vehicle. In the context of law enforcement, distinguishing between different types of incidents is essential for effective response and resource allocation. The code system helps streamline communication during emergencies, ensuring that officers are adequately prepared for the situation at hand, focusing on the importance of addressing vehicle thefts quickly to prevent further criminal activity.

2. What does Signal 89 communicate to emergency services?

- A. Burglary**
- B. Road worker injured**
- C. Homicide**
- D. Response to resistance**

Signal 89 specifically communicates the situation where a road worker has been injured. This code is part of the communication system used by emergency services, including police and highway patrol, to convey critical information clearly and efficiently. When an officer or dispatcher uses Signal 89, it alerts the necessary personnel that there's an emergency involving road workers, prompting immediate response and appropriate resources to ensure the injured worker receives prompt medical attention. This code is essential for prioritization of emergency responses, as it signifies a serious situation that requires swift action to protect life and address safety concerns at work sites. Understanding such codes and their meanings is critical for effective communication in emergency services and can help responders take the correct actions quickly.

3. Which of the following signals indicates an object thrown from an overpass?

- A. Signal 670**
- B. Signal 782**
- C. Signal 926**
- D. Signal 781**

The correct answer is based on specific code signals used by law enforcement, particularly the Ohio State Highway Patrol, to communicate various situations and incidents. Signal 782 is designated to indicate that an object has been thrown from an overpass. This signal is crucial for alerting units about potential hazards on the roadway, as items falling from overpasses can pose significant dangers to drivers and vehicles traveling beneath. Understanding the context of this signal is essential for law enforcement and emergency responders, as it helps them assess the scene and deploy resources appropriately. It also enables officers to communicate effectively with each other, ensuring that everyone involved in managing the incident is aware of the nature of the threat. The other signals mentioned do not pertain to this specific situation. Each signal in this system serves a unique purpose, and being familiar with them is vital for responding to incidents efficiently and ensuring public safety.

4. What situation does Signal 670 refer to?

- A. Discharge of firearm**
- B. Open container**
- C. Out of service**
- D. In service**

Signal 670 refers to the "Open container" situation, which indicates the presence of an open alcoholic beverage container in a vehicle. Understanding this signal is essential for law enforcement officers, especially when dealing with traffic-related offenses. Open containers can contribute to impaired driving and are often associated with various violations related to alcohol consumption in vehicles. By recognizing and responding to this signal, officers can take appropriate action to ensure road safety and enforce laws regarding alcohol use in vehicles. The other signals represent different scenarios relevant to law enforcement but do not pertain to the issue of open containers. For example, the discharge of a firearm signals an immediate concern for public safety and violence, while "out of service" and "in service" relate to the operational status of patrol units. Knowing Signal 670 helps officers address specific violations and maintain public safety effectively.

5. What is the appropriate response when receiving Signal 22?

- A. Make a phone call**
- B. Contact DHQ in person**
- C. Send a follow-up email**
- D. Disregard the signal**

When receiving Signal 22, the appropriate response is to contact the District Headquarters (DHQ) in person. This protocol emphasizes the importance of direct communication in critical situations that may require immediate attention. By going to the DHQ personally, officers can ensure that they communicate effectively and convey the urgency of the situation that prompted the Signal 22. This method allows for immediate clarification and the ability to engage in face-to-face dialogue, which can be crucial for assessing the situation thoroughly and receiving timely support or direction. The other options, such as making a phone call or sending a follow-up email, may not provide the immediacy and clarity required in response to this type of signal. Also, disregarding the signal altogether would not adhere to protocol and could compromise safety or operational effectiveness. Hence, direct contact with the DHQ is the most responsible and effective action to take.

6. Under what conditions can a driver legally turn right at a red traffic light?

- A. After coming to a complete stop and ensuring it is safe to turn**
- B. Only if there is no oncoming traffic**
- C. When a sign indicates that it is permitted**
- D. Without stopping if no vehicles are present**

A driver can legally turn right at a red traffic light after coming to a complete stop and ensuring it is safe to turn. This requirement is in place to ensure that the driver has a clear view of oncoming traffic and pedestrians before making the turn. Stopping allows the driver to assess the situation and make sure that there are no vehicles or people in the way that could cause an accident. It promotes safety and responsible driving behavior in intersections where traffic signals are present. Other choices might suggest different conditions that could lead to misunderstandings or unsafe driving practices. For instance, relying on the absence of oncoming traffic alone does not account for pedestrians who may have the right of way. Similarly, suggesting a sign that allows the turn could imply that the driver could ignore the basic safety protocol of stopping, which is essential. The notion of turning without stopping if no vehicles are present undermines the need to check for pedestrians or other potential hazards. Thus, the emphasis on stopping and ensuring safety is crucial for a safe right turn on red.

7. What does Signal 370 represent?

- A. Response to resistance
- B. Breaking and entering no theft**
- C. Homicide
- D. Road worker injured

The designation "Signal 370" is used by law enforcement to signify a specific situation or event. In this context, it represents "breaking and entering no theft." This means that officers are responding to a situation where there has been unlawful entry into a property, but no theft of property has taken place. This classification helps to alert responding officers about the nature of the incident, allowing them to prepare appropriately for the circumstances they might encounter upon arrival at the scene. The other options represent different situations that require distinct responses and protocols. For instance, a response to resistance is typically indicated by a different signal, as is the case for incidents involving homicide. Similarly, injuries to road workers would be categorized separately to ensure that the necessary medical support and traffic management can be mobilized effectively. Each signal within law enforcement communications is essential for efficient and accurate response measures.

8. What situation is indicated by Signal 51?

- A. Bomb scare
- B. Plane crash**
- C. Suspected vehicle carrying bomb
- D. Dispatch canine to my location

Signal 51 is widely recognized within law enforcement and emergency response communications as a designation for a bomb scare. This signal conveys information regarding a potential bomb threat, which may require specialized responses, including the evacuation of nearby areas, securing the vicinity, and involving bomb disposal experts or agencies. Understanding the specific designation of signals like Signal 51 is critical for efficient and effective emergency response management. In comparison, the other options represent different scenarios that are communicated with distinct signals. For instance, a plane crash would likely have a different signal indicating the need for a specific type of response, while a suspected vehicle carrying a bomb would also have its own identifier to convey a specific threat that necessitates police and safety protocols. Dispatching a canine would be another situation altogether, requiring communication of the need for K9 units to assist in searching for explosives or narcotics, which is not represented by Signal 51. Each signal is designed to streamline communication within emergency management and law enforcement to ensure clarity and prompt action in crisis situations.

9. What does Signal 28 indicate for law enforcement units?

- A. Post secure**
- B. Request backup**
- C. Proceed with caution**
- D. Clear the area**

Signal 28 is a code used in law enforcement communications to indicate the status of a location or situation. Specifically, it means "Post secure." This signifies that a particular area, such as a crime scene or checkpoint, has been secured and is safe for law enforcement personnel to proceed with their activities without the risk of interference or disturbance from outside entities. Understanding this code is essential for effective communication among law enforcement units. When a post is secure, it allows officers to focus on their tasks or investigations without the added concern of potential threats or interruptions. This signal is often used in situations where safety and operational integrity are priorities. The other options reference different scenarios. For instance, "Request backup" would indicate that additional assistance is needed. "Proceed with caution" implies there may be hazards present that require careful navigation. "Clear the area" indicates the necessity of ensuring that no unauthorized personnel are present. Each of these signals serves a distinct purpose and is crucial for maintaining safety and order during law enforcement operations.

10. Which signal would be used to report a fire that is not related to a motor vehicle?

- A. Signal 31**
- B. Signal 36**
- C. Signal 34**
- D. Signal 32**

The appropriate signal for reporting a fire that is not related to a motor vehicle is Signal 36. This signal is specifically designated for fire incidents, whether they involve structures, vegetation, or other types of fires that do not pertain to the operation or problems associated with vehicles. In the context of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and other emergency services, having distinct signals for various types of incidents is essential for effective communication. Using the correct signal allows responders to assess the situation quickly and allocate resources accordingly. The remaining options do not pertain to fire incidents unrelated to vehicles, which is why they are not the correct choice for this particular scenario.

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!