

ONTARIO BUS DRIVER KNOWLEDGE 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. As temperatures drop below freezing, which of these areas will freeze first?**
 - A. Underpasses
 - B. Overpasses
 - C. Main roads
 - D. Sidewalks

- 2. You should be especially cautious for children running in the road at...?**
 - A. Noon
 - B. Dawn
 - C. Twilight
 - D. Midnight

- 3. Which of the following is mandatory for bus passengers?**
 - A. Carrying personal items
 - B. Wearing a helmet
 - C. Wearing seatbelts
 - D. Standing while the bus is in motion

- 4. If you are approaching a traffic light which is on amber, you should...?**
 - A. Continue at the same speed
 - B. Speed up
 - C. Stop if you can do so safely
 - D. Turn immediately

- 5. What type of vision is required for bus drivers in Ontario?**
 - A. 20/50 vision or better in each eye
 - B. 20/30 vision or better in each eye
 - C. 20/40 vision or better in each eye
 - D. 20/20 vision only

- 6. When should you turn on your upper alternating red signal lights when stopping a school bus to load or unload passengers?**
 - A. After you stop
 - B. Right before you open the doors
 - C. Before you stop
 - D. As you approach the bus stop

7. Except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, when you are driving your bus on a highway at a speed in excess of 60 km/h, the minimum distance, by law, which you must keep between yourself and other vehicles is...?
- A. 30 metres
 - B. 45 metres
 - C. 60 metres
 - D. 75 metres
8. Who is responsible for the safety of the passengers on a school bus?
- A. The passengers themselves
 - B. The school principal
 - C. The bus company
 - D. The driver
9. How far must school buses stop from the nearest rail at railway crossings?
- A. 3 metres
 - B. 10 metres
 - C. 5 metres
 - D. 15 metres
10. What is an important factor to consider regarding passenger safety?
- A. Taking a shortcut
 - B. Ensuring the bus is at a complete stop before opening doors
 - C. Encouraging passengers to exit quickly
 - D. Playing music loudly

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. As temperatures drop below freezing, which of these areas will freeze first?

- A. Underpasses
- B. Overpasses**
- C. Main roads
- D. Sidewalks

As temperatures drop below freezing, overpasses will freeze first because they are more exposed to the cold air and do not have the heat from the ground to help keep them warm. Underpasses, on the other hand, are protected from the cold air and can retain some heat from the ground. Main roads may also have some heat retained from passing cars, while sidewalks may have some warmth from buildings or from foot traffic. However, overpasses are most likely to freeze first due to their exposure to the elements.

2. You should be especially cautious for children running in the road at...?

- A. Noon
- B. Dawn
- C. Twilight**
- D. Midnight

During dawn, noon, and midnight, it is expected that children would be either at school or at home. Therefore, the roads would not be as busy as during twilight, which is the time right after sunset when it starts to get dark. During this time, children may be playing or returning home from school, making it important to be cautious for them while driving. Therefore, it is important to be especially cautious for children running in the road at twilight.

3. Which of the following is mandatory for bus passengers?

- A. Carrying personal items
- B. Wearing a helmet
- C. Wearing seatbelts**
- D. Standing while the bus is in motion

Wearing seatbelts is mandatory for bus passengers because it significantly enhances passenger safety during transit. Seatbelts are designed to restrain passengers and prevent them from being thrown forward or ejected from their seats in the event of a sudden stop or collision. Many jurisdictions, including Ontario, have regulations that require the use of seatbelts on certain types of buses, particularly when they are equipped with seatbelts. This rule aims to minimize injuries and fatalities in accidents and is part of broader safety protocols in public transport. In contrast, carrying personal items is typically at the discretion of the passengers and does not contribute to safety in the same way. Wearing a helmet is generally not a requirement for bus passengers, as it is more relevant for activities such as cycling or motorcycling. Standing while the bus is in motion is not advisable or safe unless specifically permitted by the bus operator, as it increases the risk of injury during abrupt stops or turns. Thus, the requirement to wear seatbelts stands out as a crucial aspect of ensuring passenger safety on buses.

4. If you are approaching a traffic light which is on amber, you should...?

- A. Continue at the same speed
- B. Speed up
- C. Stop if you can do so safely**
- D. Turn immediately

When approaching a traffic light that has turned amber, it is important to safely come to a stop. Option A, continuing at the same speed, can be dangerous as the light may turn red before you are able to cross the intersection. Option B, speeding up, is also risky as it may lead to not being able to stop safely when the light turns red. Option D, turning immediately, is incorrect as the question does not mention turning and it is important to follow the traffic light and turn only when it is safe to do so. Therefore, the correct answer is to stop if it is safe to do so.

5. What type of vision is required for bus drivers in Ontario?

- A. 20/50 vision or better in each eye
- B. 20/30 vision or better in each eye
- C. 20/40 vision or better in each eye**
- D. 20/20 vision only

Bus drivers in Ontario are required to have a minimum standard of vision of 20/40 or better in each eye. This level of vision is deemed necessary for safety on the roads, as it allows a driver to have a clear sight of pedestrians, other vehicles, road signs, and potential hazards. Having 20/40 vision means that what a person with normal vision can see at 40 feet, a person with 20/40 vision can only see at 20 feet, indicating a reduced but functional level of acuity that is typically sufficient for driving tasks. Legislation regarding vision standards ensures that bus drivers can perform their duties while maintaining a high level of safety for themselves, their passengers, and other road users. While options reflecting higher acuity may seem beneficial, setting the standard at 20/40 recognizes a balance between accessibility for potential drivers and the essential visual capabilities required for safe operation of a bus.

6. When should you turn on your upper alternating red signal lights when stopping a school bus to load or unload passengers?

- A. After you stop
- B. Right before you open the doors
- C. Before you stop**
- D. As you approach the bus stop

The other options are incorrect because turning on the upper alternating red signal lights after you stop (option A) or right before opening the doors (option B) would not give other drivers enough warning that you are about to stop to load or unload passengers. Turning on the lights as you approach the bus stop (option D) is also incorrect because you should be focusing on safely stopping the bus at the designated location, rather than trying to turn on the signal lights while still moving. As such, turning on the upper alternating red signal lights before you stop (option C) is the most appropriate and safe action to take.

7. Except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, when you are driving your bus on a highway at a speed in excess of 60 km/h, the minimum distance, by law, which you must keep between yourself and other vehicles is...?

- A. 30 metres
- B. 45 metres
- C. 60 metres**
- D. 75 metres

When driving a bus on a highway at a speed over 60km/h, the minimum distance you must keep between yourself and other vehicles by law is 60 metres. This means that you should maintain a safe distance from other vehicles to ensure enough time to react and stop in case of any sudden changes on the road. Option A, 30 metres, is too close and does not provide enough distance to safely react in case of emergency. Option B, 45 metres, is still not enough distance and could potentially lead to accidents. Option D, 75 metres, is too far and could also lead to potential accidents if other vehicles try to merge in between. The correct minimum distance of 60 metres strikes a balance between ensuring safety and maintaining a reasonable distance to avoid any potential danger on the road.

8. Who is responsible for the safety of the passengers on a school bus?

- A. The passengers themselves
- B. The school principal
- C. The bus company
- D. The driver**

The driver is responsible for the safety of the passengers on a school bus. The passengers may play a role in their own safety, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the driver to ensure their well-being during the trip. The school principal has overarching responsibility for students' safety while on school property, but not specifically on the bus. The bus company may have some level of responsibility in maintaining the vehicle and ensuring it meets safety standards, but they are not directly responsible for the passengers. Overall, the driver is the one in charge of operating the bus safely and ensuring the safety of all passengers on board.

9. How far must school buses stop from the nearest rail at railway crossings?

- A. 3 metres
- B. 10 metres
- C. 5 metres**
- D. 15 metres

School buses must stop at least 5 metres from the nearest rail at railway crossings. This distance is recommended to ensure the safety of students and to give the bus enough space to stop in case of an emergency. Option A is incorrect because 3 metres is not a sufficient distance to ensure safety. Option B is incorrect because 10 metres is not the recommended distance. Option D is incorrect because 15 metres is much farther than the recommended distance. Therefore, the correct answer is C.

10. What is an important factor to consider regarding passenger safety?

- A. Taking a shortcut
- B. Ensuring the bus is at a complete stop before opening doors**
- C. Encouraging passengers to exit quickly
- D. Playing music loudly

Ensuring the bus is at a complete stop before opening doors is a crucial safety measure that protects both passengers and pedestrians. This practice allows passengers to disembark and board the bus securely without the risk of falling or being struck by other vehicles. It minimizes the chance of accidents, as a moving bus can create dangerous situations for those trying to enter or exit. When the bus is stationary, drivers can assess the surroundings more easily, ensuring that it is safe to open the doors. This measure not only enhances passenger safety but also promotes a more organized boarding process, allowing everyone to enter or exit the bus calmly and without panic. Therefore, adherence to this guideline is vital for the overall safety of all road users.

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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.

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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