

# Texas Defensive Driving Written 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**

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- 1. What is the recommended distance to maintain from the vehicle in front of you?**
  - A. At least three seconds under normal conditions**
  - B. One second in all conditions**
  - C. Five seconds in all conditions**
  - D. Two seconds under normal conditions**
  
- 2. What should you do when you are about to make a turn?**
  - A. Accelerate before making the turn**
  - B. Signal your intent to turn**
  - C. Check your rearview mirror only**
  - D. Ignore pedestrians**
  
- 3. What should you do before making a lane change?**
  - A. Speed up to merge quickly**
  - B. Check mirrors and signal your intention**
  - C. Wait for other drivers to initiate the change**
  - D. Change lanes without signaling**
  
- 4. How should your headlights be used?**
  - A. Use them in low visibility conditions, at night, and when required by law**
  - B. Only use them at night**
  - C. Keep them off during the day**
  - D. Use them only in adverse weather conditions**
  
- 5. What is the primary goal of defensive driving?**
  - A. To learn advanced driving techniques**
  - B. To prevent accidents and promote safe driving practices**
  - C. To improve vehicle performance**
  - D. To comply with the law**

**6. How can students order their Driving Record through Aceable?**

- A. By calling a hotline**
- B. By visiting a DMV office**
- C. By ordering it at a separate website**
- D. Order it at the end of the course or at <http://aceable.com/additional-items>**

**7. When can students expect to receive their certificates through FedEx delivery on a Saturday?**

- A. 8 AM**
- B. 9:30 AM**
- C. 10:30 AM**
- D. 12 PM**

**8. What is a passing grade for a level assessment?**

- A. 60% (3 out of 5 questions correct)**
- B. 70% (3 out of 5 questions correct)**
- C. 75% (3 out of 4 questions correct)**
- D. 80% (4 out of 5 questions correct)**

**9. Which of the following is a common distraction while driving?**

- A. Using turn signals**
- B. Listening to music**
- C. Texting**
- D. Adjusting mirrors**

**10. Are students restricted to doing a certain number of hours per day?**

- A. Yes, they can only do 2 hours a day**
- B. Yes, they can only do 4 hours a day**
- C. No, they can do as much as they like per day**
- D. Only 1 hour a day**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. What is the recommended distance to maintain from the vehicle in front of you?

- A. At least three seconds under normal conditions**
- B. One second in all conditions**
- C. Five seconds in all conditions**
- D. Two seconds under normal conditions**

Maintaining a following distance of at least three seconds under normal conditions is recommended because it provides a safe buffer between your vehicle and the one in front. This time-based measure allows you to react appropriately to sudden stops or changes in traffic, thereby reducing the likelihood of a rear-end collision. Factors such as the speed you're traveling and road conditions can impact stopping distances, which makes the three-second rule a flexible yet effective guideline for ensuring adequate space. In various conditions including weather changes or road hazards, increasing that distance even further is advisable, which is why having at least three seconds as a baseline is both practical and safe.

## 2. What should you do when you are about to make a turn?

- A. Accelerate before making the turn**
- B. Signal your intent to turn**
- C. Check your rearview mirror only**
- D. Ignore pedestrians**

When preparing to make a turn, signaling your intent is essential for safe driving practices. This action lets other drivers and pedestrians know your plans, which helps prevent accidents and misunderstandings on the road. By using your turn signal, you communicate your direction and intention, allowing others to adjust their movements accordingly. In addition to signaling, drivers should also check their mirrors and be aware of pedestrians to ensure a safe maneuver. However, the critical aspect emphasized here is the communication of your intentions through signaling. This practice not only adheres to traffic laws but also fosters a safer driving environment for everyone on the road.

## 3. What should you do before making a lane change?

- A. Speed up to merge quickly**
- B. Check mirrors and signal your intention**
- C. Wait for other drivers to initiate the change**
- D. Change lanes without signaling**

Before making a lane change, it's vital to check your mirrors and signal your intention. This action is essential for ensuring safety on the road. When you check your mirrors, you gather information about surrounding vehicles, including those that may be in your blind spots. Signaling your intention to change lanes communicates your next move to other drivers, which helps to create a smoother and safer driving environment. Proper signaling and mirror checks enhance predictability and reduce the risk of accidents, as other road users will be aware of your intentions and can adjust their behavior accordingly. This habit is a core principle of defensive driving, emphasizing awareness and communication on the road.

#### 4. How should your headlights be used?

**A. Use them in low visibility conditions, at night, and when required by law**

**B. Only use them at night**

**C. Keep them off during the day**

**D. Use them only in adverse weather conditions**

Using headlights appropriately is crucial for ensuring road safety and visibility. The correct answer emphasizes that headlights should be utilized in low visibility conditions, at night, and when legally required. This is important because headlights enhance your ability to see the road and be seen by other drivers, particularly in situations such as fog, rain, or heavy snow where visibility is significantly reduced. Driving at night also necessitates the use of headlights to illuminate the road ahead and identify potential hazards that may not be visible in the dark. Moreover, there are locations and times when laws specifically require the use of headlights, such as during sunset and sunrise or in adverse weather conditions. Using headlights consistently in these scenarios not only helps you navigate safely but is also in accordance with traffic regulations. The other options fall short of promoting safe driving practices. For instance, using headlights only at night ignores the importance of visibility during the day, especially in poor weather conditions. Keeping headlights off during daylight hours can lead to increased risks, as other drivers may not see your vehicle clearly. Additionally, limiting their use to only adverse weather conditions misses situations where low visibility can occur for various reasons, not just poor weather.

#### 5. What is the primary goal of defensive driving?

**A. To learn advanced driving techniques**

**B. To prevent accidents and promote safe driving practices**

**C. To improve vehicle performance**

**D. To comply with the law**

The primary goal of defensive driving is to prevent accidents and promote safe driving practices. This approach emphasizes the importance of being aware of one's surroundings, anticipating potential hazards, and making informed decisions to avoid accidents. Defensive driving techniques encourage drivers to stay alert, remain calm, and respond effectively to unpredictable conditions, whether they involve other drivers, road conditions, or environmental factors. By focusing on safety and prioritizing the well-being of all road users, defensive driving ultimately contributes to a decrease in accidents and enhances overall road safety. While learning advanced driving techniques, improving vehicle performance, and complying with laws are all important aspects of driving, they do not encapsulate the overarching aim of defensive driving, which is fundamentally centered around accident prevention and the promotion of safe driving behaviors.

## 6. How can students order their Driving Record through Aceable?

- A. By calling a hotline
- B. By visiting a DMV office
- C. By ordering it at a separate website
- D. Order it at the end of the course or at <http://aceable.com/additional-items>**

The correct response highlights the convenience of ordering a Driving Record directly at the end of the course or through a designated link on the Aceable website. This option streamlines the process, making it simple for students to acquire their records without needing to navigate through other avenues such as calling hotlines or visiting DMV offices, which can often involve waiting and additional steps. By providing this immediate option at the end of the course, Aceable enhances the overall user experience, ensuring that students can easily access their Driving Records in a timely manner. This method reflects the modern approach to accessing important documents online, catering to the needs of today's digital learners.

## 7. When can students expect to receive their certificates through FedEx delivery on a Saturday?

- A. 8 AM
- B. 9:30 AM
- C. 10:30 AM
- D. 12 PM**

Students can expect to receive their certificates through FedEx delivery on a Saturday at 12 PM. This is likely because FedEx typically delivers packages and mail during their standard delivery hours, and 12 PM is a common time for deliveries to be made. The other options, while they may also be delivery times, are not specified as being on a Saturday, making them incorrect. Additionally, they are all earlier than 12 PM, so they would not apply to Saturday deliveries.

## 8. What is a passing grade for a level assessment?

- A. 60% (3 out of 5 questions correct)
- B. 70% (3 out of 5 questions correct)
- C. 75% (3 out of 4 questions correct)**
- D. 80% (4 out of 5 questions correct)

The correct answer indicates that a passing grade for the level assessment is 75%, which is achieved by answering 3 out of 4 questions correctly. This percentage demonstrates a standard set by many educational programs that ensures participants have a sufficient understanding of the material. In this context, a passing grade is intended to confirm that students have the necessary knowledge to drive defensively and ensure road safety. Grading policies often aim for a balance between a reasonable achievement level and the importance of the content being learned. The requirement of answering 3 out of 4 questions correctly reinforces the necessity for a solid grasp of crucial concepts, leading to safer driving practices. The other options present varying thresholds for what constitutes a passing score. These percentages or the specific number of questions may not align with the standards typically required for ensuring comprehension and readiness for defensive driving in real-world situations.

**9. Which of the following is a common distraction while driving?**

- A. Using turn signals**
- B. Listening to music**
- C. Texting**
- D. Adjusting mirrors**

Texting is considered a common distraction while driving because it requires the driver to take their hands off the wheel, their eyes off the road, and their attention away from driving. This multi-tasking significantly increases the risk of accidents. Engaging in texting can lead to slower reaction times and the inability to properly assess the driving environment, such as other vehicles, pedestrians, or hazards. Listening to music, while it can potentially lead to distraction depending on the volume or the type of music, typically does not require the same level of cognitive engagement or physical input as texting. Similarly, using turn signals and adjusting mirrors are usually brief actions that maintain rather than detract from a driver's focus on the road. In contrast, texting is more immersive and poses a significant risk due to the divided attention it causes, making it a major safety concern for drivers.

**10. Are students restricted to doing a certain number of hours per day?**

- A. Yes, they can only do 2 hours a day**
- B. Yes, they can only do 4 hours a day**
- C. No, they can do as much as they like per day**
- D. Only 1 hour a day**

The correct answer indicates that students are not limited to a specific number of hours they can engage in the course per day and can choose to study as much as they want. This flexibility allows students to learn at their own pace, accommodating different learning styles and schedules. Being able to utilize unlimited study hours is beneficial for those who prefer to absorb information more quickly or need additional time to grasp certain concepts. Many defensive driving courses are designed to be self-paced, enabling students to manage their time effectively while ensuring they understand the material thoroughly before completing the course. In contrast, options that suggest restrictive hour limits place unnecessary constraints on students, which could be counterproductive to effective learning and understanding of defensive driving principles.

# 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](mailto:hello@examzify.com).**

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