

Texas DMV Written Driving 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. Which action is recommended if you begin to feel sleepy while driving?**
 - A. Open the windows for fresh air**
 - B. Take deep breaths to stay alert**
 - C. Pull over and rest**
 - D. Drink coffee or energy drinks**

- 2. What should you do if you encounter a pedestrian crossing at an intersection?**
 - A. Proceed without stopping**
 - B. Yield the right of way to the pedestrian**
 - C. Honk your horn to alert the pedestrian**
 - D. Speed up to pass before they cross**

- 3. What is the correct way to merge into traffic?**
 - A. Signal and match the speed of the traffic**
 - B. Merge without signaling if there is space**
 - C. Wait for a police officer to direct you**
 - D. Speed ahead of the traffic before merging**

- 4. What should you do if you approach a school bus with its stop sign extended?**
 - A. Slow down and proceed cautiously**
 - B. Stop your vehicle and remain stopped until the sign is retracted**
 - C. Honk your horn**
 - D. Change lanes to pass safely**

- 5. When are you required to use your turn signals?**
 - A. Only when turning left**
 - B. Whenever changing lanes or turning**
 - C. Only when entering a highway**
 - D. Only when driving in the city**

6. In Texas, what is the legal limit for blood alcohol concentration for drivers over 21?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.08%
- C. 0.10%
- D. 0.12%

7. What is the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers aged 21 and older in Texas?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.08%
- C. 0.10%
- D. 0.12%

8. What are the signs of driver fatigue?

- A. Increased speed
- B. Yawning, heavy eyelids, and difficulty concentrating
- C. Heightened alertness
- D. Frequent lane changes

9. What is the primary purpose of wearing a seatbelt while driving?

- A. To prevent minor injuries
- B. To comply with the law only
- C. To save lives and reduce injury severity in accidents
- D. To avoid paying fines

10. What action should you take when approaching a stop sign?

- A. Slow down and determine if you need to stop
- B. Come to a full stop and check for traffic
- C. Proceed with caution and yield
- D. Only stop if there are other vehicles present

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which action is recommended if you begin to feel sleepy while driving?

- A. Open the windows for fresh air
- B. Take deep breaths to stay alert
- C. Pull over and rest**
- D. Drink coffee or energy drinks

If you begin to feel sleepy while driving, the best action is to pull over and rest. Fatigue can significantly impair your ability to make quick and safe decisions on the road, much like alcohol can. Finding a safe location to stop and take a break allows you to refresh yourself, whether that means taking a short nap or simply reorienting yourself. While opening the windows, taking deep breaths, or consuming caffeine may offer temporary relief, these methods do not address the underlying issue of fatigue. They might provide a short-term boost, but they do not replace the need for proper rest. The safest and most effective way to combat sleepiness is to rest your body and mind before continuing your journey. Prioritizing safety is crucial, as drowsy driving can lead to serious accidents.

2. What should you do if you encounter a pedestrian crossing at an intersection?

- A. Proceed without stopping
- B. Yield the right of way to the pedestrian**
- C. Honk your horn to alert the pedestrian
- D. Speed up to pass before they cross

When you encounter a pedestrian crossing at an intersection, yielding the right of way to the pedestrian is essential for promoting safety and compliance with traffic laws. Pedestrians have the right to cross the street at an intersection, and it is the responsibility of drivers to be aware of this. By yielding, you allow the pedestrian to cross safely, which helps prevent accidents and injuries. Furthermore, recognizing that pedestrians are often more vulnerable in traffic situations emphasizes the importance of driving cautiously and being prepared to stop, especially in areas where pedestrians are likely to be present, such as near schools or parks. Yielding not only fulfills legal obligations but also reflects responsible driving behavior that prioritizes the safety of all road users.

3. What is the correct way to merge into traffic?

- A. Signal and match the speed of the traffic**
- B. Merge without signaling if there is space
- C. Wait for a police officer to direct you
- D. Speed ahead of the traffic before merging

Merging into traffic correctly is crucial for safety on the road. The appropriate method involves signaling your intent to merge and adjusting your speed to match that of the traffic you are joining. By signaling, you communicate your intentions to other drivers, which allows them to anticipate your move and helps to create a smoother transition into the flow of traffic. Additionally, matching the speed of surrounding vehicles ensures that you can merge safely without causing disruptions or creating hazards, reducing the risk of collisions. This approach promotes an orderly flow on the roadway and enhances overall traffic safety.

4. What should you do if you approach a school bus with its stop sign extended?

- A. Slow down and proceed cautiously**
- B. Stop your vehicle and remain stopped until the sign is retracted**
- C. Honk your horn**
- D. Change lanes to pass safely**

When you approach a school bus with its stop sign extended, the correct action is to stop your vehicle and remain stopped until the sign is retracted. This law is in place to protect children who are boarding or disembarking from the bus. The extended stop sign indicates that children may be present in the vicinity of the bus, and stopping helps ensure their safety. By stopping, you are complying with the law designed to provide a safe environment for school children during critical times when they are entering or leaving the bus. This also prevents potential accidents that could occur if a vehicle were to proceed while children are crossing the road. It is important to recognize that slowing down and proceeding cautiously can still pose risks, as children may dart unexpectedly into the street. Honking your horn or attempting to change lanes does not address the need for children to safely cross and can endanger their lives. Therefore, the requirement to stop and wait is vital for maintaining the safety of all involved.

5. When are you required to use your turn signals?

- A. Only when turning left**
- B. Whenever changing lanes or turning**
- C. Only when entering a highway**
- D. Only when driving in the city**

Using turn signals is a critical aspect of safe driving, as they communicate your intended maneuvers to other drivers and pedestrians. The requirement to signal applies whenever you are changing lanes or turning, ensuring that those around you are aware of your actions. This practice not only enhances safety by minimizing the risk of collisions but also supports the flow of traffic by keeping other road users informed of your decisions. Therefore, proper signaling is essential in various driving situations, including both highway and city driving. Being vigilant about using your turn signals in all relevant circumstances promotes better communication on the road and contributes to overall traffic safety.

6. In Texas, what is the legal limit for blood alcohol concentration for drivers over 21?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.08%**
- C. 0.10%
- D. 0.12%

In Texas, the legal limit for blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for drivers over the age of 21 is 0.08%. This means that a driver is considered legally impaired if their BAC is at or above this threshold. The 0.08% limit is established to ensure that drivers maintain a level of alertness and coordination necessary for safe driving. Driving under the influence of alcohol can significantly impair one's ability to operate a vehicle, affecting reaction times, judgment, and coordination. The BAC limit is a crucial regulation to help reduce the incidence of alcohol-related traffic accidents and fatalities. It's important to note that even at lower BAC levels, a person can still be charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) if their ability to drive is visibly impaired. The legal system recognizes the risks associated with alcohol consumption and its impact on driving safety, making it essential for drivers to understand and adhere to these regulations.

7. What is the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers aged 21 and older in Texas?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.08%**
- C. 0.10%
- D. 0.12%

The legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers aged 21 and older in Texas is 0.08%. This standard is established to promote road safety and reduce the risk of accidents caused by impaired driving. When a driver's BAC reaches 0.08%, it is considered that their ability to operate a vehicle safely is significantly impaired, affecting judgment, coordination, and reaction times. Setting the limit at 0.08% reflects a consensus in many states that this level creates an increased risk for drivers, passengers, and other road users. Driving with a BAC at or above this threshold can lead to serious legal consequences, including fines, license suspension, and potential jail time, as it is classified as driving while intoxicated (DWI). The other options represent BAC levels that are below or above the legal limit. A BAC of 0.05% may still indicate some level of impairment, while limits above 0.08% are clearly beyond the legal threshold for driving. Understanding this limit is crucial for safe driving and compliance with Texas laws.

8. What are the signs of driver fatigue?

- A. Increased speed
- B. Yawning, heavy eyelids, and difficulty concentrating**
- C. Heightened alertness
- D. Frequent lane changes

Driver fatigue can significantly impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely. Yawning, heavy eyelids, and difficulty concentrating are clear indicators that a driver may be experiencing fatigue. Yawning is a common physiological response to tiredness, often signaling a need for sleep or rest. Heavy eyelids suggest a reduction in the driver's ability to keep their eyes open and focused on the road, which can lead to a higher risk of accidents. Additionally, difficulty concentrating means that the driver may struggle to process information effectively, making it challenging to react to changes in the driving environment or to respond promptly to hazards. In contrast, the other options highlight responses that are not associated with fatigue. For example, increased speed might suggest heightened energy or aggression, rather than fatigue. Heightened alertness is the opposite of the state experienced when one is fatigued, and frequent lane changes could indicate distraction or recklessness, rather than the signs of fatigue which typically manifest in more subdued and uncoordinated behaviors. Recognizing the signs of driver fatigue is crucial for maintaining safety on the road.

9. What is the primary purpose of wearing a seatbelt while driving?

- A. To prevent minor injuries
- B. To comply with the law only
- C. To save lives and reduce injury severity in accidents**
- D. To avoid paying fines

Wearing a seatbelt is fundamentally about safety. The primary purpose of wearing a seatbelt is to save lives and reduce the severity of injuries in the event of a car accident. In high-impact collisions, seatbelts restrain the occupants of a vehicle, preventing them from being thrown from the car or colliding with the interior components of the vehicle. This dramatically reduces the risk of fatal injuries and serious trauma. Data and studies consistently show that seatbelts are effective in lowering the risk of deaths and injuries for all passengers in a vehicle, including those in the back seat. The protective function of a seatbelt is crucial, as it helps distribute the forces of a crash across the sturdier parts of the body, minimizing the likelihood of critical injuries. This life-saving characteristic highlights why the primary focus should be on using seatbelts as a vital safety measure rather than as a mere compliance with laws or a strategy to avoid fines.

10. What action should you take when approaching a stop sign?

- A. Slow down and determine if you need to stop**
- B. Come to a full stop and check for traffic**
- C. Proceed with caution and yield**
- D. Only stop if there are other vehicles present**

When approaching a stop sign, the appropriate action is to come to a full stop and check for traffic. This action is crucial because stop signs are designed to control traffic at intersections and ensure that all vehicles come to a complete halt. By stopping fully, you are allowing yourself the time to observe the intersection, identify any oncoming vehicles, pedestrians, or other potential hazards. This is essential for making informed and safe driving decisions before proceeding. In many driving situations, such as at intersections, the full stop is a legal requirement and contributes to road safety by preventing collisions. Depending on the situation, failing to stop can lead to accidents, fines, and other legal repercussions. It is always safer to stop and check your surroundings than to estimate the need to stop based on the presence of other vehicles or to assume that it is safe to proceed without a full stop. This practice reinforces defensive driving and promotes situational awareness on the road.

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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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