

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. 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 is one key factor to remember when driving in bad weather?

- A. Drive at the speed limit**
- B. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles**
- C. Use high beam headlights**
- D. Ignore road signs**

2. What should you do if you run off the road?

- A. Panic and slam on the brakes**
- B. Stay calm, ease off the gas, and steer straight to get back on**
- C. Turn sharply to get back on the road**
- D. Accelerate to regain control**

3. When can you legally make a right turn on red in Texas?

- A. After coming to a complete stop and ensuring it is safe to do so**
- B. Whenever you feel it is safe**
- C. Only during daytime**
- D. When there are no oncoming vehicles**

4. How should you react if you encounter a flooded road while driving?

- A. Drive through the water slowly**
- B. Turn around and find an alternate route**
- C. Stop your vehicle and wait for the water to recede**
- D. Call for assistance and stay put**

5. What does the term "implied consent" mean in driving?

- A. You agree to drive without distractions**
- B. You agree to submit to a BAC test when asked by law enforcement**
- C. You consent to random vehicle inspections**
- D. You acknowledge road safety regulations**

6. What happens if you refuse to take a breath test during a traffic stop?

- A. You may receive a warning**
- B. Your driver's license is automatically suspended for 180 days**
- C. You will face no consequences**
- D. You can choose to take a blood test instead**

7. How should you handle a tire blowout?

- A. Immediately slam on the brakes**
- B. Maintain control of the vehicle, slow down, and pull over to a safe area**
- C. Steer into oncoming traffic**
- D. Speed up to minimize damage**

8. At what age can a child legally sit in the front seat of a vehicle in Texas?

- A. Age 10 and older**
- B. Age 12 and older**
- C. Age 13 and older**
- D. Age 15 and older**

9. What does a solid yellow line on your side of the road indicate?

- A. Passing is allowed**
- B. No parking is allowed**
- C. No passing is allowed**
- D. It indicates a speed limit change**

10. Which technique should you use to avoid overcorrecting your steering?

- A. Look at your hands while steering**
- B. Look ahead and use gentle movements**
- C. Make sudden and sharp turns**
- D. Focus solely on the road immediately in front**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is one key factor to remember when driving in bad weather?

- A. Drive at the speed limit**
- B. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles**
- C. Use high beam headlights**
- D. Ignore road signs**

Maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles is crucial when driving in bad weather because adverse conditions such as rain, snow, or fog can significantly reduce visibility and increase stopping distances. A safe following distance allows for adequate reaction time in case the vehicle in front of you decelerates suddenly or encounters difficult conditions. This distance is particularly important when roads are slippery, as the traction between your tires and the road surface is decreased, increasing the likelihood of skidding or losing control. By ensuring that you have enough space between your vehicle and others, you enhance your ability to respond quickly to unexpected situations, thereby increasing safety for yourself and others on the road.

2. What should you do if you run off the road?

- A. Panic and slam on the brakes**
- B. Stay calm, ease off the gas, and steer straight to get back on**
- C. Turn sharply to get back on the road**
- D. Accelerate to regain control**

If you find yourself running off the road, the best course of action is to stay calm, ease off the gas, and steer straight to get back on. This approach allows you to maintain control of the vehicle and minimizes the risk of losing traction. By easing off the gas, you reduce the speed gently, which prevents sudden jerking or loss of control. Steering straight helps guide your vehicle back onto the roadway smoothly rather than attempting to make a sharp turn, which could cause you to lose control or roll over. Staying calm is crucial because panic can lead to overreacting and making dangerous decisions, like slamming on the brakes or steering abruptly. This method not only aids in regaining control but also ensures that you are able to assess the situation around you as you maneuver back onto the road safely.

3. When can you legally make a right turn on red in Texas?

- A. After coming to a complete stop and ensuring it is safe to do so**
- B. Whenever you feel it is safe**
- C. Only during daytime**
- D. When there are no oncoming vehicles**

In Texas, making a right turn on red is allowed only after you have come to a complete stop at the red light and ensured that it is safe to proceed. This safety measure is crucial because it allows you to check for any pedestrians crossing and oncoming traffic that may have the right of way. The requirement to come to a complete stop helps prevent accidents and ensures that you are fully aware of your surroundings before making the turn. While it is essential to assess the safety of the turn, merely feeling that it is safe or relying on the time of day, as indicated in the other options, does not comply with Texas traffic laws. The law prioritizes safety over subjective judgment, and therefore, the stipulation of stopping completely is designed to minimize risk and promote cautious driving behavior.

4. How should you react if you encounter a flooded road while driving?

- A. Drive through the water slowly**
- B. Turn around and find an alternate route**
- C. Stop your vehicle and wait for the water to recede**
- D. Call for assistance and stay put**

When encountering a flooded road, turning around and finding an alternate route is the safest option. Water depth can be deceptive, and even a small amount can sweep a vehicle off the road or cause loss of control. By choosing to turn around, you avoid the unknown hazards that floodwaters can pose, such as strong currents, hidden debris, or damage to the road surface that may not be visible. Driving through water, even slowly, can lead to severe risks, including stalling the engine or losing traction. Stopping your vehicle and waiting for the water to recede might expose you and your vehicle to risks from rising waters or other vehicles. Calling for assistance and staying put may be prudent in some situations, but it does not address the immediate danger of flooding. Thus, seeking an alternate route not only ensures your safety but also helps avoid potential emergencies related to flooding.

5. What does the term "implied consent" mean in driving?

- A. You agree to drive without distractions**
- B. You agree to submit to a BAC test when asked by law enforcement**
- C. You consent to random vehicle inspections**
- D. You acknowledge road safety regulations**

The term "implied consent" in the context of driving specifically refers to the legal assumption that by operating a motor vehicle, a driver agrees to submit to chemical testing of their blood, breath, or urine for blood alcohol content (BAC) if law enforcement suspects they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This consent is not explicitly stated; rather, it is inferred from the act of driving itself. In Texas and many other states, when you obtain a driver's license, you automatically consent to these tests. If a driver refuses to take a BAC test, there can be legal consequences, such as license suspension or additional penalties. This concept is crucial for law enforcement to efficiently manage and deter impaired driving, ensuring road safety for everyone. The other options mentioned do not accurately capture the essence of "implied consent": agreeing to drive without distractions, consenting to random vehicle inspections, or acknowledging road safety regulations do not carry the same legal implications or obligations as the agreement to submit to a BAC test.

6. What happens if you refuse to take a breath test during a traffic stop?

- A. You may receive a warning
- B. Your driver's license is automatically suspended for 180 days**
- C. You will face no consequences
- D. You can choose to take a blood test instead

Refusing to take a breath test during a traffic stop results in an automatic suspension of your driver's license for 180 days. This is due to implied consent laws in Texas, which state that by operating a vehicle, you have agreed to submit to a breath or blood test if law enforcement requests it, especially if they suspect you are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. When you refuse the test, the law penalizes that choice with a suspension as a deterrent against impaired driving. It emphasizes the seriousness of driving while intoxicated and encourages compliance with testing, which is intended to ensure road safety. Understanding this can help drivers make informed decisions if they find themselves in such situations.

7. How should you handle a tire blowout?

- A. Immediately slam on the brakes
- B. Maintain control of the vehicle, slow down, and pull over to a safe area**
- C. Steer into oncoming traffic
- D. Speed up to minimize damage

Handling a tire blowout effectively is crucial for maintaining control of the vehicle and ensuring safety. The correct response emphasizes the importance of staying calm and managing the situation with a steady approach. Maintaining control means steering the vehicle firmly to prevent swerving and instability. Slowing down gradually allows you to reduce speed without losing control of the car. It is essential to avoid sudden braking, as this can cause the vehicle to skid or flip, especially if the blowout occurs in the rear tires. Pulling over to a safe area away from traffic ensures that you are no longer in immediate danger and can assess the situation without the added risk of oncoming vehicles. This method minimizes the likelihood of further accidents and is the safest way to handle a tire blowout scenario, aligning with best practices taught in driving safety.

8. At what age can a child legally sit in the front seat of a vehicle in Texas?

- A. Age 10 and older
- B. Age 12 and older
- C. Age 13 and older**
- D. Age 15 and older

In Texas, the law allows a child to legally sit in the front seat of a vehicle when they reach the age of 13. This regulation is in place primarily for safety reasons, as the front seat of a vehicle is equipped with airbags that are designed for adult occupants. A child younger than this age may be at greater risk of injury in the event of an accident, due to their smaller size and the potential for airbags to deploy with significant force. Prior to age 13, Texas law requires children to sit in the back seat when possible, as this is generally considered the safest position in a vehicle for young passengers.

9. What does a solid yellow line on your side of the road indicate?

- A. Passing is allowed**
- B. No parking is allowed**
- C. No passing is allowed**
- D. It indicates a speed limit change**

A solid yellow line on your side of the road indicates that no passing is allowed. This marking serves as a crucial safety guideline, informing drivers that the road conditions are not conducive to overtaking other vehicles. It is often placed on roads where visibility is limited due to curves, hills, or other obstacles, thus reducing the risk of head-on collisions. Recognizing and adhering to this traffic marking helps maintain safety for all road users by preventing risky maneuvers in potentially dangerous situations.

Understanding the significance of this marking is essential for responsible driving and compliance with traffic laws.

10. Which technique should you use to avoid overcorrecting your steering?

- A. Look at your hands while steering**
- B. Look ahead and use gentle movements**
- C. Make sudden and sharp turns**
- D. Focus solely on the road immediately in front**

Using gentle movements and looking ahead while driving is essential to maintain control and avoid overcorrecting your steering. When drivers focus on the road further down, they can anticipate changes in traffic and road conditions, which allows them to make smoother adjustments. Gentle steering movements also help prevent abrupt changes, reducing the risk of losing vehicle control. This approach promotes better steering coordination, enabling the driver to stay centered in their lane without the need for sudden jerking motions that often lead to overcorrection and potential accidents. By maintaining a soft touch on the steering wheel and looking beyond the immediate vicinity, a driver can effectively navigate the road while minimizing the risk of erratic vehicle control.

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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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