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DRIVING THEORY PACK · 2026 EDITION

Dubai RTA Theory Test

Sample paper

The first 5 questions of Paper 1 with the answer sheet, key and every answer explained, after the guide that opens the full pack.

RTA Theory (Knowledge) Test · Dubai RTA

3	40 · 30m	30/40	724
FULL EXAM PAPERS	QUESTIONS · MINUTES A PAPER	CORRECT TO PASS (75%)	QUESTIONS, ALL ANSWERED

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About this pack

RTA Theory (Knowledge) Test · Dubai RTA · read this before you start.

3	40	604	724
FULL EXAM PAPERS	QUESTIONS A PAPER, AS THE REAL TEST	MORE IN THE REVISION BANK	ANSWERED, WITH THE RULE

The headline is the three papers. Each is a full RTA Theory (Knowledge) Test at the length and pass mark Dubai RTA uses: 40 questions, 30 minutes, 30 correct to pass. Each has its own answer sheet, a one-glance key, and every answer explained with the rule it comes from.

Behind them is the depth: the other 604 questions in the bank, grouped by topic, each with its answer and the rule under it. That includes 70 motorcycle and 72 truck-and-bus questions, so riders and heavy-vehicle candidates revise their own section on top of the papers everyone sits.

What is in the download

5 PDFs, each with its own cover, named **Wathim - Dubai RTA Theory Test - *part*.pdf**. Print only the paper you are about to sit.

Start here	This guide: the format, how the papers are built, how to mark yourself, and a tracker for your three scores
Paper 1	40 questions · 30 minutes · answer sheet, key, every answer explained, and the score bands
Paper 2	40 questions · 30 minutes · answer sheet, key, every answer explained, and the score bands
Paper 3	40 questions · 30 minutes · answer sheet, key, every answer explained, and the score bands
Revision bank	604 more questions in 8 topics with the answer and the rule under each, the night-before list, and the road-sign sheet

How to use it

1. **Learn the signs first**
   Work the road-sign sheet at the back of the revision bank until you can name every sign with the caption covered, then its road-sign section.

2. **Sit Paper 1 cold, in one block**
   40 questions in 30 minutes on the answer sheet, no notes. Mark it against the key and write the score in the tracker in this guide.

3. **Read every answer, including the right ones**
   Each answer gives the reason and the rule it comes from. If you cannot say why the other three options are wrong, you guessed well rather than knew.

4. **Work your weakest topics in the bank**
   The revision bank is the same syllabus by topic, with the answer under each question. Cover the answer, commit to a letter, then check.

5. **Sit Paper 2, then Paper 3, a few days apart**
   Book the test when you clear 30 of 40 on two papers in a row without rushing.

What these questions are. Original practice questions written by Wathim to the syllabus Dubai RTA tests: signs, traffic rules, right of way, safe driving and penalties. They are not real, recalled or leaked exam items; no authority in the GCC publishes its live bank.

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The test you are sitting

Every paper in this pack is set to this format. Checked June 2026.

Authority	Dubai RTA
Test	RTA Theory (Knowledge) Test
Questions	40
To pass	30 of 40 correct (75%), so at most 10 wrong
Time limit	30 minutes, about 45 seconds a question
Languages	English, Arabic, Urdu (interpretation), Hindi (interpretation), Malayalam (interpretation)

The RTA knowledge test is 40 multiple-choice questions in 30 minutes, and you need 30 correct to pass. That is a 75% pass mark, which is high enough that guessing your way through the signs section does not work - 10 wrong answers is the entire margin you have.

The test is taken on a screen at an RTA-approved institute. English and Arabic are the standard languages; Urdu, Hindi and Malayalam are available through interpretation rather than as a translated paper, which is worth knowing because the interpreter reads the question to you and that changes the pace of the exam.

Third-party sites do not agree on this test's format. Published figures for the Dubai paper alone include 23 out of 35, 24 out of 35 and 30 out of 40, and quoted fees run from AED 50 to AED 220. We publish one figure, say where it came from, and date it. Confirm it against the authority before you pay, because we would rather you checked than trusted us blindly on a number that moves.

Booking. The booking process depends on your emirate. In Dubai, most interactions with the RTA are done through the RTA website (rta.ae) or the official Dubai Drive app (available on iOS and Android). You can register with an RTA-approved driving school, book theory and road tests, track your file status, and pay fees through the app or website. Many approved driving institutes also manage bookings on behalf of their students. In Abu Dhabi, services are primarily accessed through the TAMM platform (tamm.abudhabi) or through the Abu Dhabi Police app. The Abu Dhabi Driving Company (ADDC) and other approved institutes handle much of the enrolment and booking. In Sharjah, the SRTA website and approved institutes are the entry point. In other emirates (Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah, Fujairah, Umm Al Quwain), contact the local municipality or traffic department and an approved local driving institute. Regardless of emirate, enrolling at an approved driving institute first is strongly recommended, as the institute will guide you through the booking steps specific to your location.

Where these figures come from

RTA licensing handbook (light motor vehicle)	the syllabus the question bank is written to: signs, rules, right of way and penalties
roadreadyuae.com and driveeuae.com, October 2026	the AED 200 per-attempt fee and the AED 20 RTA innovation fee. Neither authority publishes a machine-readable fee schedule, so this is the best available figure rather than an official one
Wathim driving-test data, verified June 2026	question count, pass mark and time limit as published across this site

Format, fees and pass mark are set by Dubai RTA and can change. Confirm them with your driving school or the authority before you book.

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How the papers are built

Dubai RTA does not publish how many questions come from each topic, so each paper carries the light-vehicle bank's own mix, with easy and hard questions spread evenly across the three.

Topic	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Revision bank	Total
Road signs and signals	9	9	9	99	**126**
Traffic rules	9	9	9	102	**129**
Right of way	7	7	7	75	**96**
Safe driving	9	9	9	111	**138**
Penalties and fines	6	6	6	75	**93**
Motorcycle: control	-	-	-	35	**35**
Motorcycle: safety	-	-	-	35	**35**
Truck and bus	-	-	-	72	**72**
Total	**40**	**40**	**40**	**604**	**724**

Mark yourself

Score out of 40	Percentage	Result	What it means
35-40	88-100%	**Pass**	Ready. Sit the next paper cold to prove it was not the paper, then book.
30-34	75-85%	**Pass**	A pass, but one or two questions decide it. Close your weakest topic in the bank first.
26-29	65-73%	**Fail**	Close, and on the day close is a fail. Read every answer you missed, then re-sit this paper in a few days.
0-25	0-63%	**Fail**	A real gap. Work the revision bank topic by topic before the next paper.

The line is 30 of 40. Treat anything under it as a fail and repeat the paper. Scoring 29 is not nearly passing; on the day it is the same result as scoring zero.

Your three papers

Paper	Date	Score / 40	Pass?	Weakest topic
Paper 1				
Paper 2				
Paper 3				

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Paper 1: answer sheet

Shade one letter per question, then mark it against the key at the end of the paper.

Name _____ Date _____ Time taken _____ Score / 5

1 (A) (B) (C) (D) 2 (A) (B) (C) (D) 3 (A) (B) (C) (D) 4 (A) (B) (C) (D) 5 (A) (B) (C) (D)

Exam conditions. No notes, no phone, no going back to the bank mid-paper. A paper sat in pieces tells you what you know; one sat in a block tells you what you would score on the day.

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Paper 1: first 5 questions

5 of **40** questions
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Choose the single best answer and shade it on the answer sheet. The key and the reasoning follow.

Q1 Traffic rules



Using a hand-held mobile phone while driving in the UAE is:

(A) Allowed for calls but not texting
(B) Allowed at traffic lights
(C) Only an offence on motorways
(D) An offence with a fine and black points

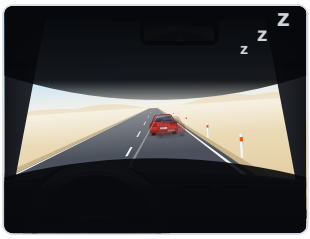
Q2 Safe driving



In a collision, what condition can make a driver-side airbag dangerous rather than protective?

(A) Driving at a speed above 80 km/h
(B) Having a properly adjusted head restraint
(C) Sitting too close to the steering wheel so the deploying bag strikes you with too much force
(D) Wearing a seat belt alongside the airbag

Q3 Safe driving



How often should you ideally take a break on a long motorway drive to manage fatigue?

(A) Only when you reach your destination
(B) Approximately every two hours or 200 km, whichever comes first
(C) Breaks are only needed at night
(D) Once every six hours is sufficient

Q4 Road signs and signals



A red-bordered triangle shows a symbol of fog or low-visibility mist. What should you do?

(A) Slow down, switch on fog lights if fitted and increase following distance
(B) Switch on full-beam headlights only and maintain speed
(C) Drive in the centre of the road so other vehicles can see you
(D) Stop on the hard shoulder and wait for the fog to clear

Q5 Road signs and signals



This sign is posted at the top of a hill. Can you overtake the vehicle in front?

(A) Yes, if the vehicle ahead is going below the speed limit
(B) Yes, if the road looks clear when you reach the crest
(C) Yes, because the sign only applies on flat roads
(D) No, the no-overtaking restriction applies regardless of what you think you can see

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Paper 1: answer key

Mark your sheet and count your score first. Then read every answer below, including the ones you got right: a lucky guess looks the same as knowledge on the sheet.

1	D	2	C	3	B	4	A	5	D

Paper 1: every answer explained

Q1 Answer: **D An offence with a fine and black points**

Holding a phone to call or text while driving is an offence carrying a fine and black points. Use a hands-free system, and ideally do not take calls at all while driving. The federal penalty is AED 800 and 4 black points.

Rule: Ministerial Resolution No. 178 of 2017 (federal fines and black points schedule, kept in force by Federal Decree-Law No. 14 of 2024)

Q2 Answer: **C Sitting too close to the steering wheel so the deploying bag strikes you with too much force**

The answer is sitting too close to the steering wheel. Airbags deploy extremely fast, and if your face or chest is too close to the bag it can cause serious injury rather than prevent it. Sit at least 25 to 30 cm from the steering wheel if possible, and always wear your seat belt because airbags are designed to work with belts, not instead of them.

Rule: RTA defensive-driving guidance

Q3 Answer: **B Approximately every two hours or 200 km, whichever comes first**

The answer is approximately every two hours or 200 km. Regular short breaks of at least 15 minutes allow alertness to recover before fatigue becomes dangerous. Plan rest stops into your journey rather than pushing through tiredness.

Rule: RTA defensive-driving guidance

Q4 Answer: **A Slow down, switch on fog lights if fitted and increase following distance**

A fog warning triangle means reduced visibility ahead. Switch on low-beam headlights and fog lights (if fitted), slow down and increase your gap dramatically. Full-beam headlights in fog reflect back and make visibility worse. The UAE can experience dense fog, especially in winter mornings.

Rule: UAE / GCC standard traffic signs

Q5 Answer: **D No, the no-overtaking restriction applies regardless of what you think you can see**

A no-overtaking sign at a hill crest is there precisely because forward visibility is limited. You must not overtake until the sign is cancelled, even if the road appears clear from your position.

Rule: UAE / GCC standard traffic signs

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What the full pack contains

This sample is a slice of Paper 1. The full pack is:

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Total	724 questions, every one answered with the rule

Get the full pack at **wathim.com/driving-test/papers/uae-dubai**

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