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DRIVING THEORY PACK · 2026 EDITION

Northern Emirates 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 · Ministry of Interior (federal)

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

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Original practice material. Not the official question bank.

About this pack

RTA Theory (Knowledge) Test · Ministry of Interior (federal) · read this before you start.

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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 Ministry of Interior (federal) 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 - Northern Emirates 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 Ministry of Interior (federal) 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 July 2026.

Authority	Ministry of Interior (federal)
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 UAE theory test (sometimes called the knowledge test or signal test) is a computer-based multiple-choice examination covering road signs, traffic law, right-of-way rules, and safe driving behaviour. In Dubai it is taken at RTA Customer Happiness Centres or at designated test rooms within approved driving institutes. Abu Dhabi and other emirates have their own testing arrangements through their traffic authorities or approved institutes. The test is typically offered in Arabic, English, Urdu, and Hindi, though the exact languages available depend on the emirate and the testing facility. The number of questions, the passing score, and the fee all vary by emirate and are subject to revision; confirm these details with your institute or the official authority portal before you sit. If you fail, a waiting period and a fee for re-sitting usually apply. Study using the official hazard-perception modules and study materials provided by your institute, as these are tailored to the questions and scenarios used in the test.

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
No published fee found for the northern emirates as at October 2026	nothing. Fees in Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah, Fujairah and Umm Al Quwain are set locally and not published centrally, so this page quotes none
Wathim driving-test data, verified June 2026	question count, pass mark and time limit for the federal paper

Format, fees and pass mark are set by Ministry of Interior (federal) and can change. Confirm them with your driving school or the authority before you book.

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How the papers are built

Ministry of Interior (federal) 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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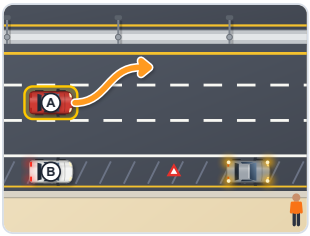
Choose the single best answer and shade it on the answer sheet. The key and the reasoning follow.

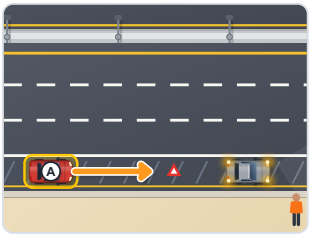
Q1 Right of way



You are travelling on a highway and see a vehicle broken down on the hard shoulder ahead with hazard lights on. What is the correct action?

- (A) Stop on the hard shoulder next to the broken-down car to help
- (B) Maintain speed and stay in the rightmost lane
- (C) Sound the horn as a warning to the broken-down driver
- (D) Move to the left lane away from the hard shoulder if it is safe, and pass with caution

Q2 Safe driving



What is the purpose of the hard shoulder on a motorway?

- (A) A lane for motorcycles to filter through traffic
- (B) A general parking area for rest stops
- (C) An emergency stopping area for breakdowns and genuine emergencies only
- (D) An extra overtaking lane during busy periods

Q3 Safe driving



On a dry road in good conditions, what is the minimum following distance behind the vehicle ahead?

- (A) One car length regardless of speed
- (B) At least a two-second gap
- (C) As close as possible to save space
- (D) Half a second

Q4 Road signs and signals



On a motorway you pass a sign showing 80 inside a red ring with a diagonal line through it. What does this mean?

- (A) The 80 km/h speed limit has ended; revert to the national limit or the next posted limit
- (B) No vehicles over 80 cm wide may continue
- (C) You must now drive exactly 80 km/h
- (D) An 80-tonne weight limit applies from here

Q5 Penalties and fines



A camera records a car at a very high speed far above the limit. Besides a fine and black points, what else can happen?

- (A) The vehicle can be impounded for a set period for extreme speeding
- (B) The speed limit is raised for that road
- (C) Nothing further ever happens for speed alone
- (D) The driver receives a cash reward for a fast time

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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	2	3	4	5
D	C	B	A	A

Paper 1: every answer explained

Q1 Answer: **D** **Move to the left lane away from the hard shoulder if it is safe, and pass with caution**

The answer is to move one lane to the left away from the hard shoulder if safe and pass carefully. This protects anyone working near the broken-down vehicle. Do not stop on a live motorway unless you have broken down yourself.

Rule: RTA road-user rules

Q2 Answer: **C** **An emergency stopping area for breakdowns and genuine emergencies only**

The answer is that the hard shoulder is for genuine emergencies and breakdowns only. Using it as a travel lane or for routine stops is illegal and dangerous because vehicles may be stopped there with little warning. Only use it if you have a vehicle emergency, then exit as soon as the vehicle is repaired or recovered.

Rule: UAE Federal Traffic Law

Q3 Answer: **B** **At least a two-second gap**

The RTA handbook sets at least two seconds in good conditions. Pick a fixed point ahead and count: you should not reach it until two seconds after the vehicle in front. Increase the gap in rain, fog, sand or at high speed.

Rule: RTA Light Motor Vehicle Handbook

Q4 Answer: **A** **The 80 km/h speed limit has ended; revert to the national limit or the next posted limit**

A speed number with a diagonal red line through it inside a circle indicates the end of that specific speed restriction. You must then observe the general national or next posted limit until a new sign applies.

Rule: UAE / GCC standard traffic signs

Q5 Answer: **A** **The vehicle can be impounded for a set period for extreme speeding**

The correct answer is that the vehicle can be impounded for a set period for extreme speeding. Very high speeds are treated more severely than minor ones.

Rule: UAE Federal Traffic Law

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What the full pack contains

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

Start here	The guide at the front of this sample, in full
3 full papers	40 questions · 30 minutes each, with answer sheet, key, every answer explained and the score bands
Revision bank	604 more questions in 8 topics, the night-before list, the road-sign sheet
Total	724 questions, every one answered with the rule

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