

# Smog Check Technician Certification Practice Test Questions and Answers

**1. What is the primary purpose of the OBD-II (On-Board Diagnostics) test in smog checking?**

- A) Checking tire pressure
- B) Monitoring emission control system performance and detecting malfunctions
- C) Testing radio functionality
- D) Verifying air conditioning operation

**2. Which exhaust emission is primarily measured during a tailpipe emissions test?**

- A) Water vapor only
- B) Hydrocarbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen oxides (NOx)
- C) Engine oil vapors
- D) Fuel additives

**3. What should a technician do if a vehicle fails the smog check due to emission control tampering?**

- A) Pass the vehicle anyway
- B) Document the tampering, fail the vehicle, and advise the owner of repair requirements
- C) Ignore the tampering if other tests pass
- D) Recommend the owner find another station

**4. Which component is most critical for proper catalytic converter function?**

- A) Air filter condition only
- B) Proper air-fuel mixture, adequate operating temperature, and absence of contaminants
- C) Engine oil level only
- D) Transmission fluid condition

Answers: 1-B 2-B 3-B 4-B

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