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**Q1. Blind spots are:**

- A) Spots in your vision when you become fatigued.
- B) Areas of the road that cannot be seen in a vehicle's mirrors.
- C) Traffic control devices.

**Answer: B**

**Q2. When driving on a highway alongside a single broken white line:**

- A) You cannot cross the line to pass.
- B) You may cross the line to pass and change lanes.
- C) You may only cross the line to change lanes if you are in the left lane.

**Answer: B**

**Q3. Night driving presents unique problems because:**

- A) The speed limit is increased at night.
- B) There are fewer cars on the roads at night.
- C) Distance and vehicle speed are difficult to judge in the dark.

**Answer: C**

**Q4. If you're parked facing uphill with no curb, engage the parking brake and then:**

- A) Turn your wheels toward the edge of the road.
- B) Turn your wheels away from the edge of the road.
- C) Keep your wheels facing straight.

**Answer: A**

**Q5. When on a one-way street, a left turn onto another one-way street is permitted only if:**

- A) You increase your speed before the turn.
- B) Traffic on the street moves to the right.
- C) Traffic on the street moves to the left.

**Answer: C**

**Q6. If it feels like your tires have lost contact with the surface of the road, you should:**

- A) Slow down by shifting into a lower gear.
- B) Ease your foot off the gas pedal.
- C) Slow down by pumping the brakes quickly and firmly.

**Answer: B**

**Q7. While driving at night, a vehicle coming toward you has its high beams on, making it hard for you to see the road ahead. You should:**

- A) Look ahead toward the left edge of your lane.
- B) Look ahead toward the right edge of your lane.
- C) Look straight ahead in your lane.

**Answer: B**

**Q8. Before merging onto the freeway, check traffic on the freeway by:**

- A) Using your rearview and side mirrors.
- B) Using your rearview mirror.
- C) Using your side mirror and looking over your shoulder.

**Answer: C**

**Q9. When turning, drivers must signal continuously for the final 100 feet before the turn. How should a driver signal when changing lanes?**

- A) Signal
  - check your mirrors
  - look over your shoulder
  - then change lanes when it is safe.
- B) Look over your shoulder then signal and then change lanes.
- C) Change lanes and then signal.
- D) None of the above

**Answer: A**

**Q10. What should you do if your cell phone rings and you do not have a hands-free device?**

- A) Answer the call and keep the conversation short.
- B) Do not answer the phone and let it go to voicemail.
- C) Answer the call if you are stopped at a red light.

**Answer: B**

**Q11. While driving all of the following practices are dangerous. Which of these is illegal too?**

- A) Listening to music through headphones that cover both ears.
- B) Adjusting your outside mirrors.
- C) Transporting an unrestrained animal inside the vehicle.

**Answer: A**

**Q12. What's the shape of a railroad crossing warning sign?**

- A) Pentagon.
- B) Round.
- C) Crossbuck.

**Answer: B**

**Q13. Which of the following roadways freeze first when wet?**

- A) Bridges and overpasses
- B) Intersections
- C) Tunnels

**Answer: A**

**Q14. What factors make a car collision more likely?**

- A) Continuously changing lanes to pass other vehicles
- B) Adjusting your rearview mirror before you start driving
- C) Looking over your shoulder while making lane changes

**Answer: A**

**Q15. What is the main reason night driving is more difficult than daytime driving?**

- A) The use of headlight is required by law
- B) Driving within the range of your headlights is required
- C) Reduced visibility

**Answer: C**

**Q16. You exit the freeway on a ramp that curves downhill. You should:**

- A) Slow to a safe speed before the curve.
- B) Slow to the posted speed limit for the freeway.
- C) Wait until you have entered the curve to begin braking.

**Answer: A**

**Q17. You must file a report of a traffic accident occurring in California when:**

- A) Your vehicle fails a smog test.
- B) You are involved in a collision and there is an injury.
- C) You change your insurance company.

**Answer: B**

**Q18. While making a turn you should signal continuously because**

- A) It is illegal to turn off your signal before completing a turn.
- B) It lets other drivers know what your intentions are.
- C) It is always unsafe to turn off a signal before completing a turn.

**Answer: B**

**Q19. Animals may be transported in the back of a pickup truck only if:**

- A) The sides of the truck bed are at least 18 inches high.
- B) They are properly secured.
- C) The tailgate of the truck is closed.

**Answer: B**

**Q20. If you find that the roadway ahead of you is flooded, you should:**

- A) Slam on the brakes.
- B) Not drive through the flooded area. Turn around and find another route.
- C) Drive only in the center of the roadway.

**Answer: B**

**Q21. If you hit an animal with your vehicle while driving on a California highway, you should:**

- A) Move the injured animal off the road.
- B) Call the humane society.
- C) Continue driving.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. Slowing down just to look at collisions or anything else out-of-the-ordinary:**

- A) Causes traffic congestion.
- B) Prevents rear-end collisions.
- C) Improves traffic flow by preventing collisions.

**Answer: A**

**Q23. When is it required for you to obey directions from a crossing guard?**

- A) At all times.
- B) During school hours only.
- C) Only when children are present in front of a school.

**Answer: A**

**Q24. You should allow an extra cushion of space:**

- A) When following a station wagon.
- B) When following a driver who cannot see the rear of their vehicle.
- C) When following a small passenger car.

**Answer: B**

**Q25. What should you never do when changing lanes?**

- A) Cross the centerline in an intersection.
- B) Check your blind spots by looking over your left or right shoulder.
- C) Check for other drivers moving into the same lane.

**Answer: A**

**Q26. Which of these statements is true about drugs and driving?**

- A) Any prescription drug is safe to use if you don't feel drowsy.
- B) Even over-the-counter drugs can impair your driving.
- C) Only illegal drugs can impair your driving.

**Answer: B**



**Q27. You just sold your vehicle. You must notify**

- A) CHP
- B) DMV
- C) your insurance provider

**Answer: B**

**Q28. It is illegal to enter an intersection or crosswalk when:**

- A) The light is yellow
- B) The light is flashing red
- C) You cannot cross without obstructing traffic from either side.

**Answer: C**

**Q29. U-turns are prohibited:**

- A) In a parking lot.
- B) On or near any curve or hill.
- C) On a straight roadway with a clear view for 500 feet in both directions.

**Answer: B**

**Q30. Which of the following is a good practice when driving in adverse weather conditions?**

- A) Use cruise control to maintain a consistent speed
- B) Increase your following distance
- C) Drive at the posted speed limit
- D) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Q31. Which of these statements is true about drinking alcohol and driving?**

- A) If you can walk in a straight line after drinking
- B) If you are under the legal blood alcohol concentration limit
- C) Alcohol affects judgement

**Answer: C**

**Q32. A driver should:**

- A) Stare directly in front of their car.
- B) Only focus on the middle of the road.
- C) Watch beside and around their vehicle
  - checking ahead
  - mirrors
  - and side areas regularly.

**Answer: C**

**Q33. You are driving on a freeway with a posted speed limit of 65 mph. Traffic is heavy and moving at 35 mph. The best speed for your vehicle is most likely:**

- A) 25 mph.
- B) 35 mph.
- C) 30 mph.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. A left turn on red traffic light is allowed after a complete stop, but only if:**

- A) You are traveling on a two-way street and turning onto a two-way street.
- B) You are traveling on a one-way street and turning onto another one-way street.
- C) You yield to all other traffic at the intersection.

**Answer: B**

**Q35. You have had your license for eight months, and being under the age of 18, you may drive:**

- A) At any time.
- B) Between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- C) Between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**Answer: B**

**Q36. To avoid last minute moves, you should be looking down the road to where your vehicle will be in about**

- A) 5 to 10 seconds
- B) 10 to 15 seconds
- C) 15 to 20 seconds

**Answer: B**

**Q37. What is the best advice for driving when heavy fog or dust occurs?**

- A) try not to drive until the conditions improve
- B) do not drive too slowly because other drivers may hit you
- C) alternate your low and high beams to improve visibility

**Answer: A**

**Q38. Prior to switching lanes or overtaking another car, it's crucial to:**

- A) Check your blind spots and mirrors.
- B) Signal your intention before changing lanes.
- C) All of the above.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. You want to make a right turn at the corner. A pedestrian with a guide dog is at the corner ready to cross the street in front of you. Before making your right turn, you should:**

- A) Turn off your engine until the person crosses the street.
- B) Tell the pedestrian when to cross the street.
- C) Wait until the person crosses the street.

**Answer: C**

**Q40. Double solid yellow line markings down the center of a road indicate that passing is:**

- A) Allowed from both directions.
- B) Allowed only from your direction of travel.
- C) Not allowed from either direction.

**Answer: C**

**Q41. To help avoid skidding on slippery surfaces, you should:**

- A) Shift to a lower gear after starting down a steep hill.
- B) Speed up to enter curves and slow down to exit them.
- C) Slow down before entering curves and intersections.

**Answer: C**

**Q42. You want to make a right turn at an upcoming intersection. You should slow down and:**

- A) Move toward the left side of your lane.
- B) Avoid driving in the bicycle lane.
- C) Signal for 100 feet before turning.

**Answer: C**

**Q43. If you are the first person to stop to give assistance at a collision scene, you should drive to the side of the road**

- A) After you have passed the collision scene
- B) Before you reach the collision scene
- C) Next to the collision scene

**Answer: B**

**Q44. When approaching a non-functioning traffic light, what should the driver do?**

- A) Come to a full stop
  - then yield the right-of-way and proceed cautiously when it is safe.
- B) If the intersection is clear
  - you may proceed without stopping.
- C) Drive quickly through the intersection to get out of the way of other vehicles.

**Answer: A**

**Q45. When a vehicle is approaching towards you, before how many feet should you switch from high beam to low beam headlights?**

- A) 900 feet.
- B) 700 feet.
- C) 500 feet.

**Answer: C**

**Q46. While changing lanes:**

- A) Check your side mirror and look over your shoulder to make sure the lane is clear.
- B) Check the inside rearview mirror.
- C) Slow down.

**Answer: A**

**Q47. What can a person drive with a Class C driver's license?**

- A) a light rail train
- B) a car
  - van
  - or pickup truck used for personal or light-duty purposes
- C) a semi truck or other large commercial truck

**Answer: B**

**Q48. What should you do if you feel fatigued while driving?**

- A) Increase your speed to reach your destination more quickly.
- B) Increase the volume of your radio.
- C) Find a safe parking area to take a short nap.

**Answer: C**

**Q49. When driving in fog or mist, never put your headlights on the high beam setting because:**

- A) The light will reflect back into your eyes.
- B) Approaching vehicles might not see you.
- C) Vehicles behind you may follow too closely.

**Answer: A**

**Q50. You should signal at least 100 feet before turning.**

- A) Before every lane change.
- B) At least 5 seconds before you change lanes on a freeway.
- C) None of the above.
- D) both a and b

**Answer: D**