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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