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**Q1. Alcohol consumption causes:**

- A) Improved coordination
- B) Impaired concentration
  - coordination
  - and slowed judgment
- C) No effect on driving ability

**Answer: B**

**Q2. If another car is about to hit you, what is the appropriate warning action?**

- A) Sound your horn.
- B) Wave your arms.
- C) Use your emergency lights.

**Answer: A**

**Q3. Which color line divides lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions?**

- A) White.
- B) Red.
- C) Yellow.
- D) Blue.

**Answer: C**

**Q4. Guide signs that provide direction and mileage are usually which color?**

- A) Green
- B) Yellow
- C) Red

**Answer: A**

**Q5. If you discover a defect that could affect safe operation, what should you do?**

- A) Correct the defect as soon as possible
- B) Drive more slowly until you can afford the repair
- C) Postpone repair until the vehicle is inconvenient to use

**Answer: A**

**Q6. Round traffic signs generally warn drivers of what ahead?**

- A) No passing zones.
- B) School zones.
- C) Railroad crossings.
- D) Stop signs.

**Answer: C**

**Q7. How should you regard railroad crossings?**

- A) Dangerous and to be approached with caution
- B) Generally safe to cross without stopping
- C) Good places to park your car

**Answer: A**

**Q8. Seat belts are most effective when worn by whom?**

- A) The person driving the car.
- B) Passengers when they are on a long drive.
- C) All occupants of a car being driven on an expressway.

**Answer: C**

**Q9. What does a solid red arrow on a traffic signal mean?**

- A) Means that drivers may turn in the direction indicated by the arrow.
- B) Is never used as a traffic signal.
- C) Has the same meaning as a circular red traffic light.

**Answer: C**

**Q10. Which of these is a common cause of distracted driving?**

- A) Changing lanes quickly
- B) Talking or texting on a cell phone
- C) Driving with high beams on

**Answer: B**

**Q11. When you park facing downhill on a two-way street, how should you turn your wheels?**

- A) Turn your wheels to the left.
- B) Keep your wheels pointed straight ahead.
- C) Turn your wheels to the right (toward the curb).
- D) Turn your wheels toward the center of the road.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. On which traffic signal do you have the right-of-way to turn left?**

- A) A solid green light
- B) A flashing yellow light
- C) A green arrow pointing left

**Answer: C**

**Q13. If you drive a heavy truck or bus, what responsibility do you have toward other highway users?**

- A) You can expect smaller vehicles to always stay out of your way.
- B) You may use the extra size of your vehicle to advantage in traffic.
- C) You must consider the limitations of your vehicle and give proper consideration to others.
- D) You are exempt from yielding in tight situations.

**Answer: C**

**Q14. If railroad crossing signals are flashing as you approach, what must you do?**

- A) Slow down and look for a train.
- B) Stop and look for a train.
- C) Look for a train
  - then speed up if none are visible.

**Answer: B**

**Q15. If a traffic signal shows a green arrow and a red light together, what does that mean?**

- A) You may only drive straight ahead.
- B) You may proceed only in the direction of the green arrow.
- C) You must wait for the solid green light to go in any direction.
- D) You may turn in any direction with caution.

**Answer: B**

**Q16. A single broken white line down the center of a multi-lane road signals:**

- A) Lanes moving in the same direction where lane changes and passing are permitted
- B) Lanes moving in opposite directions where passing is forbidden
- C) Lanes moving in the same direction where passing is forbidden

**Answer: A**

**Q17. What steps should you take just before changing lanes?**

- A) Check your side view mirror.
- B) Quickly turn your head to check for other vehicles.
- C) Check your rearview mirror.

**Answer: B**

**Q18. Where should you keep a space cushion while driving?**

- A) Only behind your vehicle.
- B) Only to your left and right.
- C) Only in front of your vehicle.
- D) On all sides of your vehicle to allow time to react to hazards.

**Answer: D**

**Q19. Why must you be especially alert to motorcycles?**

- A) They are smaller and harder to see
- B) They rarely use headlights
- C) Motorcyclists are less skilled than car drivers

**Answer: A**

**Q20. Under what condition may you turn left on a solid red light if not prohibited?**

- A) From a two-way street onto a one-way street after stopping
- B) Under no circumstances
- C) Onto any street if no vehicles or pedestrians are present

**Answer: A**

**Q21. If you change your address, when and how must you notify the county examiner of drivers?**

- A) By phone within 30 days.
- B) In writing within 30 days.
- C) In person within 10 days.
- D) In writing within 10 days.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. A steady green traffic light means:**

- A) You may drive through the intersection if the road is clear
- B) You must stop and check for oncoming traffic
- C) You must slow and prepare to stop

**Answer: A**

**Q23. When merging onto a freeway, what is the best general practice?**

- A) Enter slowly and wait for an opening.
- B) Stop at the end of the ramp
  - then merge.
- C) Accelerate on the ramp to match the speed of freeway traffic and merge when safe.
- D) Turn on hazard lights until fully merged.

**Answer: C**

**Q24. When is it illegal to drive below the posted speed limit?**

- A) Only in rural areas.
- B) When driving slowly disrupts the normal flow of traffic.
- C) When traveling in heavy construction zones.
- D) Never illegal to drive below the limit.

**Answer: B**



**Q25. Which sections of road are most likely to freeze first in cold, wet weather?**

- A) Flat sections of roadway.
- B) Shaded sections of roadway.
- C) Roads that are in the sun.

**Answer: B**

**Q26. Which of the following is a required action when changing lanes?**

- A) Rely only on your mirrors.
- B) Signal at least 100 feet before changing lanes in residential areas.
- C) Begin signaling after you start the lane change.
- D) Ignore blind spots if mirrors look clear.

**Answer: B**

**Q27. When must you stop at a railroad crossing?**

- A) Flashing red signals and gates are present and operating.
- B) It is controlled by a stop sign.
- C) Directed to do so by a flagger.

**Answer: A**

**Q28. After making a left turn from a two-way street onto a one-way street, you should end up in which lane?**

- A) The lane nearest to the left side of the one-way street (left lane)
- B) The right lane of the street
- C) The center of the street

**Answer: A**

**Q29. What will help someone overcome the influence of alcoholic drinks?**

- A) Tomato juice and lime
- B) Hot coffee
- C) Fresh air
- D) Only the passage of time.

**Answer: D**

**Q30. What does a solid white line down the center of a two-lane road indicate?**

- A) Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are permitted to pass when safe.
- B) Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are not permitted to pass.
- C) Lanes are moving in the same direction and drivers are not permitted to pass.

**Answer: C**

**Q31. If you encounter an animal on the roadway, how should you respond?**

- A) Pass the animal slowly to avoid startling it.
- B) Honk continuously to scare it off.
- C) Pass the animal as closely as possible to get by quickly.
- D) Maintain speed and expect the animal to move.

**Answer: A**

**Q32. When are you allowed to go around lowered gates at a railroad crossing?**

- A) Under no circumstances
- B) After the lights stop flashing and the train has passed
- C) When you hear the train but see no cars on the tracks

**Answer: A**

**Q33. What do advisory speed or speed restriction signs indicate about driving speeds?**

- A) They can be ignored in rainy
  - snowy
  - or icy conditions.
- B) They show a recommended speed for a curve or condition but you must drive slower in poor conditions.
- C) They are triangular in shape.
- D) They are blue signs with black lettering.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. Must traffic signs and pavement markings be obeyed?**

- A) Are merely suggestions.
- B) Must always be obeyed.
- C) Must be followed only when there is other traffic.

**Answer: B**

**Q35. If your vehicle begins to skid, what should you do?**

- A) Turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid
- B) Turn your wheel into oncoming traffic
- C) Overcorrect sharply

**Answer: A**

**Q36. What do crossbuck signs indicate?**

- A) Railroad crossings.
- B) School zones.
- C) No passing zones.

**Answer: A**

**Q37. If an officer is directing traffic at a working signalized intersection, you should:**

- A) Follow the officer's directions instead of the traffic signal
- B) Follow only the traffic lights
- C) Honk to confirm directions

**Answer: A**

**Q38. What does a double solid yellow centerline mean?**

- A) Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are not permitted to pass.
- B) Lanes are moving in the same direction and drivers are not permitted to pass.
- C) Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are permitted to pass when safe to do so.

**Answer: A**

**Q39. How can you avoid being in a truck or bus driver's blind spot?**

- A) Never pass a truck or bus regardless of conditions.
- B) Avoid driving alongside large vehicles and do not tailgate them.
- C) Flash your lights to alert the driver.
- D) Drive directly behind the truck to stay visible.

**Answer: B**

**Q40. To make a right turn, your vehicle should be positioned:**

- A) As close to the right side of the road as possible
- B) Near the center of the street
- C) Close to the left side of the street

**Answer: A**

**Q41. Two solid white lines across a lane indicate a crosswalk. What must drivers do when pedestrians are in a crosswalk?**

- A) Motor vehicles have the right-of-way.
- B) Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- C) Pedestrians have no right-of-way.
- D) Only yield if the pedestrian is in the center of the road.

**Answer: B**

**Q42. To help prevent hydroplaning, you should:**

- A) Maintain good tire tread and proper inflation and reduce speed in the rain
- B) Only ensure tires are properly inflated
- C) Only reduce speed when puddles appear

**Answer: A**

**Q43. Why must drivers be extra alert for motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians?**

- A) They can be difficult to see in traffic.
- B) They follow different traffic laws than cars.
- C) They always have the right-of-way.
- D) They travel faster than cars.

**Answer: A**

**Q44. What factor strongly affects your ability to stop your vehicle?**

- A) Signal lights.
- B) The condition of the road surface.
- C) The time of day.
- D) The color of your vehicle.

**Answer: B**

**Q45. When towing, where should the trailer's safety chain be attached on the towing vehicle?**

- A) To the frame of the towing vehicle
- B) To the vehicle's bumper
- C) To the trailer's hitch only

**Answer: A**

**Q46. On a highway marked with double solid yellow lines, when may you cross them?**

- A) Never under any circumstances.
- B) To pass another vehicle if no oncoming traffic is present.
- C) To overtake a slow vehicle at any time.
- D) To make a left turn into or from an alley
  - private road
  - or driveway.

**Answer: D**

**Q47. To reduce fatigue on a long trip, what is a good practice?**

- A) Drink coffee and continue driving.
- B) Keep driving but roll down the windows periodically.
- C) Do arm exercises while driving.
- D) Stop and rest every two hours.

**Answer: D**

**Q48. On a two-lane road without bicycle lanes, what is the safest method to pass a bicyclist going the same direction?**

- A) Slow down
  - wait for no oncoming traffic
  - then pass with ample space
- B) Do not pass until you reach a traffic signal or stop sign
- C) Continue straight
  - the bicyclist must get out of your way

**Answer: A**

**Q49. If another driver cuts you off, you should:**

- A) Let it go and continue driving safely
- B) Pull alongside and yell at them
- C) Flash your high beams repeatedly

**Answer: A**

**Q50. How should you approach a railroad crossing that has no signals or gates?**

- A) Always stop completely.
- B) Slow down and be prepared to stop after checking both directions.
- C) Assume no trains use the crossing.
- D) Drive across quickly without looking.

**Answer: B**