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**Q1. Does driving speed affect how far your vehicle travels after you brake?**

- A) FALSE
- B) TRUE

**Answer: B**

**Q2. If you are stopped in a line waiting at a stop sign and there is no cross traffic after vehicles ahead have cleared, what must you do?**

- A) Honk to move traffic.
- B) Come to a complete stop again at the stop sign or line before proceeding.
- C) Slowly roll through the stop sign.
- D) Proceed through without stopping a second time.

**Answer: B**

**Q3. If heavy smoke covers the roadway ahead, you should:**

- A) Turn on high beams and continue.
- B) Turn on four-way flashers and keep driving.
- C) Slow

**Answer: C**

**Q4. Do pedestrians in crosswalks and intersections always have the right-of-way?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: A**

**Q5. Like alcohol or drugs, what effect can drowsiness have on driving?**

- A) Make you feel better on the road.
- B) Impair your judgment.
- C) Make you a better driver.

**Answer: B**

**Q6. To drive safely at night, you should do which of the following?**

- A) Use parking lights instead of headlights.
- B) Only drive if you are young and alert.
- C) Increase following distance and ensure headlights are working properly.

**Answer: C**

**Q7. Which statement about large trucks is correct?**

- A) They are more maneuverable than passenger vehicles.
- B) They all have air brakes that allow them to stop quickly.
- C) They take longer to stop than passenger vehicles.

**Answer: C**

**Q8. Distracted driving is:**

- A) Extremely risky behavior that endangers everyone.
- B) An issue only for new drivers.
- C) Nothing to worry about.
- D) Very uncommon.

**Answer: D**

**Q9. If your vehicle starts to skid, what is the correct action to regain control?**

- A) Ease off the accelerator and steer into the direction of the skid.
- B) Brake hard immediately.
- C) Turn off the ignition
  - then steer.
- D) Shift to neutral and hold the wheel straight.

**Answer: A**

**Q10. Are drivers always required to stop for a stopped school bus on a two-lane road?**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Answer: A**

**Q11. At a traffic signal showing a steady green arrow, what are drivers allowed to do?**

- A) Should slow to a stop
- B) Should merge into a lane in the direction of the arrow.
- C) May turn in the direction of the arrow after yielding to traffic and pedestrians already in the intersection.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. What does a solid yellow arrow on a traffic signal indicate?**

- A) You should speed up to beat the light.
- B) The green arrow protection is ending; prepare to stop and yield to oncoming traffic.
- C) You do not need to signal to turn from that lane.

**Answer: B**

**Q13. When is it legal to pass another vehicle on the right?**

- A) On a narrow bridge.
- B) Even if it requires driving off the pavement.
- C) If there is an available passing lane and the other vehicle is turning left.

**Answer: C**

**Q14. When making a right turn on a green light, you must:**

- A) Maintain your normal driving speed.
- B) Yield to pedestrians.
- C) Stop and look for nearby police cars.

**Answer: B**

**Q15. How should you treat railroad crossings?**

- A) As dangerous and always prepare to stop if necessary.
- B) As a safe place to park your vehicle.
- C) As safe to cross because trains are unlikely.

**Answer: A**

**Q16. If you see pedestrians in a crosswalk ahead, what should you do?**

- A) Stop and allow the pedestrians to finish crossing.
- B) Pull to the right and drive around them.
- C) Continue; you have the right-of-way.

**Answer: A**

**Q17. When exiting a highway, when should you start to slow down?**

- A) On the main road
- B) Once you see a toll booth.
- C) Once you have moved into the exit lane.

**Answer: C**

**Q18. Which behavior may help you identify an aggressive driver?**

- A) Erratic or improper lane changes.
- B) A large number of passengers in the vehicle.
- C) A tendency to drive slowly.

**Answer: A**

**Q19. When crossing a sidewalk to enter traffic from an alley or driveway, drivers should:**

- A) Stop only if pedestrians are on the sidewalk.
- B) Expect pedestrians on the sidewalk to yield.
- C) Stop before driving onto the sidewalk or sidewalk area.

**Answer: C**

**Q20. As your speed increases, you should:**

- A) Look well ahead of your vehicle to allow time to react.
- B) Pass more frequently to keep up with traffic.
- C) Turn on headlights earlier.

**Answer: A**

**Q21. Before passing another vehicle, you should signal when?**

- A) Only after you complete the pass.
- B) Just before changing lanes so others see your intent.
- C) After you begin to pass.
- D) Only if a police officer is present.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. What sequence should you follow to change lanes safely?**

- A) Check mirrors only and then change lanes.
- B) Sound your horn then change lanes.
- C) Signal
- D) Signal and immediately change lanes.

**Answer: C**

**Q23. When turning left onto a one-way street, into which lane should you turn?**

- A) Into the lane closest to the one you were in (the nearest lane).
- B) Into the far right lane.
- C) Into any lane you want.
- D) Into the middle lane only.

**Answer: A**

**Q24. If you suffer a tire blowout while driving, what is the correct response?**

- A) Apply the brakes firmly and quickly.
- B) Tap or pump the brakes.
- C) Slow down gradually and use your brakes lightly.

**Answer: C**

**Q25. Why should you signal continuously while turning?**

- A) Because it is illegal to stop signaling before completing the turn.
- B) To warn pedestrians only.
- C) It lets other road users know your intentions.
- D) Because turning off a signal is always unsafe.

**Answer: C**



**Q26. When driving on gravel or dirt roads, what adjustment must you make?**

- A) Your tires do not have as much traction as they do on pavement
- B) Your tires grip the road better than when you are driving on pavement.
- C) Visibility is better than on pavement.

**Answer: C**

**Q27. If a pedestrian begins to cross in front of your vehicle, what should you do?**

- A) Speed up and pass in front of the pedestrian.
- B) Sound the horn and continue driving.
- C) Flash your lights to warn them.
- D) Slow down and be prepared to stop; yield the right-of-way.

**Answer: D**

**Q28. Is it safe to use cruise control on snowy or icy roads if you reduce speed?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: B**

**Q29. Which statement about alcohol and driving is true?**

- A) If under the legal BAC limit
- B) Alcohol affects judgement needed to drive safely.
- C) If you can walk in a straight line

**Answer: B**

**Q30. At what speed should you always travel?**

- A) At the speed limit.
- B) At the speed of vehicles surrounding you.
- C) At a speed appropriate for road and weather conditions.

**Answer: C**

**Q31. When driving behind another vehicle at night, what should you do with your headlights?**

- A) Use your high beams until within 10 feet of the vehicle ahead.
- B) Keep them on the low beam setting.
- C) Use your high beams.

**Answer: B**

**Q32. What does a single dashed yellow centerline indicate?**

- A) Passing is prohibited.
- B) Turn lanes are ahead.
- C) Traffic flows in the same direction on both sides.
- D) Vehicles in either direction may pass when it is safe.

**Answer: D**

**Q33. Reaction time becomes slower after doing what?**

- A) Working hard.
- B) Drinking alcohol.
- C) Sleeping.
- D) Exercising.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. Headlights are required when visibility is less than how many feet?**

- A) 300 feet.
- B) 100 feet.
- C) 500 feet.

**Answer: C**

**Q35. When approaching a person using a white cane or guide dog, you should:**

- A) Carefully drive around them while maintaining speed.
- B) Wave to get their attention.
- C) Honk and proceed slowly.
- D) Stop and wait until the person is well clear of your path.

**Answer: D**

**Q36. Large vehicles have blind spots that can extend up to how far behind them?**

- A) FALSE
- B) TRUE

**Answer: B**

**Q37. When does stopping distance increase?**

- A) On paved highways.
- B) On a wet or icy road.
- C) When driving at night.

**Answer: B**

**Q38. If you hit an unattended parked vehicle and can't find the owner, you must:**

- A) Must stay until the police arrive.
- B) Have done as much as you can.
- C) Leave a written notice with your name

**Answer: C**

**Q39. True or False: When an emergency vehicle with sirens and lights approaches, you should pull to the right-hand edge and wait for it to pass.**

- A) False
- B) True

**Answer: B**

**Q40. When you see an emergency vehicle using flashing lights, what is the correct action?**

- A) Maintain speed and remain in your lane.
- B) Move into the right lane and drive slowly until it passes.
- C) Pull over to the curb or edge of the road and stop until it passes.

**Answer: C**

**Q41. A broken yellow centerline between two lanes of traffic means:**

- A) Passing is not permitted.
- B) Both lanes of traffic are going the same direction.
- C) Passing is permitted when it's safe.

**Answer: C**

**Q42. If the roadway ahead is flooded, you should:**

- A) Turn around and find another route—do not drive through floodwater.
- B) Speed through to create a wake and clear the water.
- C) Attempt to drive through if the water looks shallow.
- D) Drive in the center of the roadway.

**Answer: A**

**Q43. What type of sign warns drivers about hazardous conditions ahead?**

- A) Warning signs (usually yellow with black markings).
- B) Regulatory signs (white with black markings).
- C) Information signs (green or blue).
- D) Guide signs (brown).

**Answer: A**

**Q44. If a police officer orders you to stop even though the traffic signal is green, what should you do?**

- A) Obey the officer.
- B) Obey the traffic signal instead.
- C) Follow the vehicle in front of you.

**Answer: A**

**Q45. To prevent hydroplaning you should:**

- A) Use your parking lights.
- B) Drive faster to cut through water.
- C) Ensure tires have good tread depth and proper inflation and reduce speed in rain.
- D) Only worry about tire inflation.

**Answer: C**

**Q46. When dealing with pedestrians, a driver must:**

- A) Yield the right-of-way only when the pedestrian is in a crosswalk.
- B) Honk to warn pedestrians to clear the road.
- C) Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians
- D) Make sure the pedestrian expects the vehicle before proceeding.

**Answer: A**

**Q47. Yellow pavement lines separate:**

- A) Traffic lanes on one-way streets.
- B) Carpool lanes from regular lanes.
- C) Traffic moving in opposite directions on two-way roads.

**Answer: C**

**Q48. When you hear a fire engine siren behind you, what must you do?**

- A) Slow down until it passes you.
- B) Pull over to the side of the road and stop.
- C) Continue driving with your flashers on.

**Answer: B**

**Q49. A good rule regarding passing is:**

- A) Try to get to the front of slow traffic to see better.
- B) Always pass on the right.
- C) Drive with the flow of traffic and pass only when necessary and safe.

**Answer: C**

**Q50. Signs requiring mandatory compliance are called:**

- A) Regulatory signs.
- B) Warning signs.
- C) Information signs.

**Answer: A**