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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