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**Q1. Which statement about alcohol and driving is true?**

- A) Alcohol has no effect on nighttime driving.
- B) If you can walk a straight line
- C) Alcohol impairs judgment required for safe driving.
- D) If you are below the legal BAC limit

**Answer: C**

**Q2. What is the safest approach to crossing a railroad track?**

- A) Look and listen for trains in both directions and obey all warning signals.
- B) Listen only.
- C) Cross quickly when a train is approaching.

**Answer: B**

**Q3. When entering a crowded freeway, what steps should you take to merge safely?**

- A) Always stop before entering the highway.
- B) Use your mirrors and check blind spots; use the acceleration lane to match traffic speed; yield to traffic already on the freeway.
- C) Merge across two lanes at once.

**Answer: B**

**Q4. Must drivers stop when a school bus is using its flashing red lights?**

- A) False
- B) True

**Answer: B**

**Q5. To help ensure your physical condition doesn't make you an unsafe driver, you should:**

- A) Only drive when you feel fully rested without medical checkups.
- B) Ignore minor physical issues while driving.
- C) Know how medications affect your driving and drive within your limitations.

**Answer: C**

**Q6. While backing up, what is the recommended way to see behind your vehicle?**

- A) Back up while looking forward.
- B) Rely exclusively on your mirrors.
- C) Open your door to check behind you.
- D) Look over your shoulder and out the rear window rather than relying only on mirrors.

**Answer: D**

**Q7. If you are driving so slowly that traffic backs up behind you on a two-lane road, you should:**

- A) Pull off the road at the first safe opportunity to let traffic pass.
- B) Keep driving at the same speed until a passing zone appears.
- C) Increase your speed abruptly to clear the backup.
- D) Stay in lane and prevent others from passing.

**Answer: A**

**Q8. The first driving ability impaired by alcohol is:**

- A) Judgment
- B) Vision
- C) Balance

**Answer: A**

**Q9. What should you do first when visibility is reduced?**

- A) Reduce your speed.
- B) Turn on your windshield wipers only.
- C) Turn on your high beam headlights.
- D) Turn on your low beam headlights and hazard lights.

**Answer: A**

**Q10. When near a blind pedestrian using a white cane or guide dog you should:**

- A) Slow down and be prepared to stop.
- B) Take the right-of-way.
- C) Proceed at normal speed.

**Answer: A**

**Q11. When backing up, you should:**

- A) Close your eyes and estimate distance.
- B) Press the accelerator to move quickly.
- C) Rely solely on your rearview mirror.
- D) Look through the rear window over your right shoulder and back up slowly.

**Answer: D**

**Q12. If you start feeling tired while driving, you should:**

- A) Drink an energy drink and keep going.
- B) Stop and rest or switch drivers.
- C) Open a window for fresh air.

**Answer: B**

**Q13. If your vehicle breaks down on a highway, you should:**

- A) Sit in your car and wait without signaling.
- B) Sound your horn at passing drivers for help.
- C) Use your four-way flashers and move off the road to a safe place.

**Answer: C**

**Q14. When should you yield your legal right-of-way?**

- A) Never
- B) Only at uncontrolled intersections.
- C) Whenever yielding will help prevent a collision.

**Answer: C**

**Q15. Is it legal to cross double solid yellow centerlines to pass another vehicle?**

- A) Yes
- B) Only to turn into a driveway or private entrance
- C) No

**Answer: B**

**Q16. When following a large truck on the freeway, how should your following distance compare to that behind a passenger vehicle?**

- A) No more than one car length behind the truck.
- B) Closely behind the truck in bad weather because the driver can see farther ahead.
- C) Farther behind the truck than you would when following a passenger vehicle.

**Answer: C**

**Q17. If two vehicles arrive at a four-way stop at the same time, which vehicle must yield?**

- A) The vehicle on the right must yield to the vehicle on the left.
- B) Drivers must make hand motions to communicate.
- C) The vehicle on the left must yield to the vehicle on the right.

**Answer: C**

**Q18. After passing another vehicle, when is it safe to return to the right lane?**

- A) When you can no longer see the passed vehicle over your shoulder.
- B) When you can see the entire front of the passed vehicle in your rearview mirror.
- C) After about three seconds.

**Answer: B**

**Q19. What is the best way to handle being tailgated?**

- A) Change lanes or gradually slow to encourage the tailgater to pass.
- B) Speed up to increase the distance between you and the tailgater.
- C) Slam on your brakes to get the driver to back off.

**Answer: A**

**Q20. If the driver ahead is distracted (driving with one hand, talking to a passenger), you should:**

- A) Follow their example more closely.
- B) Attempt to pass immediately.
- C) Give the vehicle extra space.

**Answer: C**

**Q21. When may you not cross a single broken white or yellow line?**

- A) When the car in front of you is disabled.
- B) When doing so would interfere with traffic.
- C) When turning left into a driveway.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. Before passing another vehicle, you should:**

- A) Signal early enough so others know your intent.
- B) Only signal just before changing lanes.
- C) Signal after you have completed the pass.
- D) Not signal at all if traffic is light.

**Answer: A**

**Q23. When two drivers arrive at the same time to an open intersection, who has the right-of-way?**

- A) The driver on the left.
- B) The driver on the right.
- C) The driver who signals first.

**Answer: B**

**Q24. To check blind spots and see vehicles not visible in mirrors, you should:**

- A) Check only inside rearview mirror.
- B) Check only outside mirrors.
- C) Look over your shoulders.

**Answer: C**



**Q25. A lack of sleep impairs driving ability in a way similar to which of the following?**

- A) The effect that amphetamines have.
- B) The effect that anger has.
- C) The effect that alcohol has.

**Answer: C**

**Q26. What blocks the smooth flow of traffic?**

- A) Slowing down to look at a collision scene (rubbernecking).
- B) Avoiding unnecessary lane changes.
- C) Using public transportation instead of a car.

**Answer: A**

**Q27. Broken yellow lines are used to:**

- A) Separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction.
- B) Indicate no passing zones.
- C) Separate lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions and permit passing where safe.

**Answer: C**

**Q28. If an oncoming vehicle is heading toward you in your lane, what actions should you take?**

- A) Speed up and swerve into oncoming traffic.
- B) Turn on your lights and flash them while braking and steering to the right.
- C) Steer right
  - slow or stop
  - and use your horn and lights to warn the other driver.
- D) Blow your horn.

**Answer: D**

**Q29. If you see or hear an approaching emergency vehicle while driving on a divided multilane highway, you should:**

- A) Stop immediately in your lane
  - even if it may cause a rear-end collision.
- B) Continue driving normally if there are other lanes open for the emergency vehicle.
- C) Safely move to the right
  - slow down
  - and stop if necessary to allow the emergency vehicle to pass.
- D) Speed up to get out of the way as quickly as possible.

**Answer: C**

**Q30. When you park facing uphill on a street with a curb, after setting the parking brake you should:**

- A) Turn the front wheels toward the curb.
- B) Turn the front wheels away from the curb.
- C) Leave the wheels straight.

**Answer: B**

**Q31. If someone is tailgating you on a two-lane road and you cannot change lanes, what is the recommended action?**

- A) Speed up to increase distance.
- B) Slow down gradually to encourage the tailgater to pass.
- C) Apply your brakes and then resume original speed.

**Answer: B**

**Q32. As you approach a roundabout you should:**

- A) Maintain your current speed.
- B) Increase your speed to merge quickly.
- C) Decrease your speed and prepare to yield.

**Answer: C**

**Q33. A blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.02 percent:**

- A) Has no effect on driving.
- B) Only affects very inexperienced drivers.
- C) Nearly doubles the risk of being in a fatal crash.

**Answer: C**

**Q34. When driving in extremely thick fog with very poor visibility, the safest action is to:**

- A) Pull off the roadway
  - stop
  - and use emergency flashers until visibility improves.
- B) Proceed very slowly (under 10 mph) along the road.
- C) Turn on high beams to see farther ahead.
- D) Drive in the lane closest to the shoulder.

**Answer: A**

**Q35. What should you do before driving if you are taking any medicine?**

- A) Consult your doctor or pharmacist about how it may affect your driving.
- B) Have someone follow you home
  - even if medication is fine.
- C) Open your windows and drive slower.
- D) Double the dose to speed up recovery.

**Answer: A**

**Q36. When passing a bicyclist on a two-lane road without bike lanes, the safest method is to:**

- A) Slow down
  - wait for no oncoming traffic
  - then pass leaving sufficient space.
- B) Pass quickly and close to the cyclist to minimize lane time.
- C) Never pass until a traffic signal or stop sign.

**Answer: A**

**Q37. Is it true that every motor vehicle in Maine must have liability insurance?**

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Only trucks must have insurance.

**Answer: A**

**Q38. On a multilane road, a dashed yellow line next to a solid yellow line means what?**

- A) Passing is prohibited from both directions.
- B) Passing is permitted from both directions.
- C) Passing is permitted only from the direction next to the dashed line.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. If your accelerator becomes stuck while driving, what should you do first?**

- A) Reach down and try to pull the accelerator up.
- B) Turn off your headlights and continue driving slowly.
- C) Shift the vehicle into neutral and apply steady pressure on the brake.
- D) Shift into park immediately.

**Answer: C**

**Q40. What does a flashing red traffic signal mean?**

- A) You do not have to stop if the way is clear.
- B) The traffic signal is broken and can be ignored.
- C) The same as a stop sign; come to a full stop before proceeding.

**Answer: C**

**Q41. If you see pedestrians close to the road where you are driving, what should you do?**

- A) Slow down and pass with caution.
- B) Sound your horn and maintain your speed.
- C) Speed up to clear the area quickly.

**Answer: A**

**Q42. When driving in dense fog, which of these is correct?**

- A) Keep your normal speed to avoid causing delays.
- B) Use high beam headlights to see farther.
- C) Use low beam headlights and drive cautiously at reduced speeds.

**Answer: C**

**Q43. Which substances can impair driving and lead to DUI charges?**

- A) Beer
- B) All of the above
- C) Controlled substances (illegal drugs or prescriptions)

**Answer: B**

**Q44. How can you avoid collisions caused by vehicles in your blind spots?**

- A) Change lanes without signaling.
- B) Adjust your rearview mirrors every few minutes.
- C) Honk before changing lanes instead of checking.
- D) Quickly turn your head to check the blind spot before changing lanes.

**Answer: D**

**Q45. What does a pentagon-shaped sign indicate?**

- A) School zone or school crossing.
- B) Stop sign.
- C) Regulatory sign.

**Answer: A**

**Q46. As you near the top of a hill, what should you be prepared to do?**

- A) Maintain a steady speed.
- B) Speed up slightly.
- C) Prepare to stop if necessary.

**Answer: C**

**Q47. A flashing yellow traffic signal tells you to:**

- A) Drive with caution.
- B) Yield to oncoming traffic only.
- C) Stop before proceeding.

**Answer: A**

**Q48. If a green arrow changes to a solid green light, you:**

- A) May still turn but must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- B) Have no right to turn and must proceed straight.
- C) Retain the arrow's exclusive right-of-way.

**Answer: A**

**Q49. What typically causes a vehicle to hydroplane?**

- A) Driving too fast for wet road conditions
  - causing tires to lose contact with the road.
- B) Sudden braking on dry pavement.
- C) Excessive stops during a trip.
- D) A fully worn steering wheel.

**Answer: A**

**Q50. To increase visibility in rain or fog, drivers should use:**

- A) Low beam headlights.
- B) High beam headlights.
- C) Parking lights only.

**Answer: A**