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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 DUII 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