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Q1. When is it necessary to use your low beam headlights?

- A)** On a lighted street.
- B)** On a freeway.
- C)** In fog.

Answer: C

Q2. When should you use your high-beam headlights while driving at night?

- A)** When there are no oncoming vehicles approaching.
- B)** When you are following another vehicle in heavy traffic.
- C)** When you are within a one-block distance of an oncoming vehicle.

Answer: A

Q3. What is the purpose of work zone barriers, drums, cones, and signs?

- A)** To keep traffic out of hazardous work zones.
- B)** To inconvenience drivers.
- C)** To make drivers angry about delays.
- D)** To mark detours only.

Answer: A

Q4. How many alcoholic drinks are required to begin affecting your driving ability?

- A)** One
- B)** Two
- C)** Three

Answer: A

Q5. At a red light with a green arrow, when may you proceed in the arrow's direction?

- A)** You first come to a complete stop.
- B)** You wait until the light changes.
- C)** You are in the proper lane and the roadway is clear.

Answer: C

Q6. When should you adjust your rearview and side mirrors?

- A)** Before you start driving.
- B)** After driving a few minutes.
- C)** Whenever you think of it.
- D)** While the car is moving.

Answer: A

Q7. If you must park in an unusual area, what should you do to reduce hazard?

- A)** Park with your reverse lights on.
- B)** Make sure your vehicle is visible to drivers approaching from any direction.
- C)** Park five feet from the curb.

Answer: B

Q8. At an uncontrolled intersection where vehicles arrive simultaneously from the right and left, to whom should you yield?

- A)** Yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on your left.
- B)** Yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on your right.
- C)** Wait until there are no vehicles at the intersection before proceeding.

Answer: B

Q9. When driving behind another vehicle at night, which beam setting should you use?

- A) High beams until 10 feet away.
- B) Low beam headlights.
- C) Parking lights.
- D) Emergency flashers.

Answer: B

Q10. After passing another vehicle, when is it safe to return to your lane?

- A) When the other driver signals you to return.
- B) When you see the passed vehicle's headlights in your rearview mirror.
- C) After three seconds of signaling.
- D) When you pass the other vehicle's front bumper.

Answer: B

Q11. If you are driving in the center lane of an expressway and are continually passed on both sides, what should you do?

- A) Stay in the center lane.
- B) Move to the lane on your right.
- C) Move to the lane on your left.

Answer: B

Q12. Any amount of alcohol in your bloodstream can impair which of the following?

- A) Knowledge.
- B) Right-of-way privileges.
- C) Judgment and physical coordination.

Answer: C

Q13. Which driving behavior most blocks the smooth flow of traffic?

- A)** Slowing down to look at a collision scene.
- B)** Avoiding unnecessary lane changes.
- C)** Using public transportation instead of your vehicle.

Answer: A

Q14. If a traffic signal is not working, what should you do at the intersection?

- A)** If the intersection is clear
 - you may not need to stop.
- B)** Come to a full stop and yield the right-of-way before entering the intersection.
- C)** Drive quickly through the intersection to get out of the way of other vehicles.

Answer: B

Q15. What does a broken yellow centerline mean?

- A)** Passing is not permitted.
- B)** Passing on the right is permitted when the way ahead is clear.
- C)** Passing on the left is permitted when the way ahead is clear.

Answer: C

Q16. When should you not use your horn?

- A)** To warn someone you might hit.
- B)** Near blind pedestrians.
- C)** When visibility ahead is limited.
- D)** To alert drivers of a danger.

Answer: B

Q17. Why is night driving more hazardous?

- A)** The speed limit is increased at night.
- B)** There are fewer cars on the roads at night.
- C)** Distance and vehicle speed are difficult to judge in the dark.

Answer: C

Q18. If your vehicle develops a mechanical problem on the road, what should you do?

- A)** Stop in your lane and put on your hazard lights.
- B)** Signal and pull into the slow lane.
- C)** Put on your hazard lights and pull off the road.

Answer: C

Q19. How should you check blind spots when preparing to change lanes?

- A)** Only the left outside mirror.
- B)** Look over your left or right shoulder.
- C)** Only the inside rearview mirror.

Answer: B

Q20. Which of the following is the correct way to operate the accelerator and brake pedals?

- A)** Use your left foot to brake.
- B)** Use your right foot for both braking and accelerating your vehicle.
- C)** You should always brake abruptly to ensure stopping.

Answer: B

Q21. What type of information do blue traffic signs provide?

- A)** Motorist services such as rest areas or hospitals.
- B)** Construction and maintenance warnings.
- C)** Mileage to specific locations.

Answer: A

Q22. How should you treat an intersection controlled by a flashing red traffic signal?

- A)** Treat it like a stop sign—come to a complete stop
 - yield
 - then proceed.
- B)** Reduce your speed and proceed with caution.
- C)** Come to a complete stop and remain stopped while the light is red.
- D)** Treat it the same as a flashing yellow signal.

Answer: A

Q23. How is driving slower than surrounding traffic typically viewed?

- A)** Appropriate if you don't know the speed limit.
- B)** Often a hazard because others may try unsafe passes.
- C)** A good idea if the weather is bad.

Answer: B

Q24. What is the legal status of texting while driving?

- A)** Permitted if driving at a slow speed.
- B)** Not legal in most states and highly dangerous.
- C)** Legal if the driver is 21 years of age or older.

Answer: B

Q25. If you are angry after an argument, what should you do before driving?

- A)** Loudly play the radio while driving so you won't think about your argument.
- B)** Take a few minutes to cool off before driving.
- C)** Drive on the interstate to let off steam.

Answer: B

Q26. Which action should you never do when changing lanes?

- A)** Check your blind spot by looking over your shoulder.
- B)** Move into another lane while within an intersection.
- C)** Check for other drivers moving into the same lane.

Answer: B

Q27. In fog, rain, or snow which headlights are appropriate to use?

- A)** Low beams.
- B)** High beams.
- C)** Fog lights only.

Answer: A

Q28. A diamond-shaped road sign generally indicates what?

- A)** Stop.
- B)** Warning of special conditions or hazards ahead.
- C)** Yield.
- D)** Regulatory requirements.

Answer: B

Q29. If you see a pedestrian using a guide dog or carrying a white cane, what must you do?

- A)** The pedestrian must yield the right-of-way.
- B)** You must yield the right-of-way.
- C)** Honk your horn to alert them.

Answer: B

Q30. When a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, when may vehicles behind it proceed?

- A)** When all students are off the bus.
- B)** When the stop arm is retracted.
- C)** When the stop arm is retracted and the bus resumes motion.

Answer: C

Q31. A broken yellow centerline next to your lane indicates what about passing?

- A)** Passing is not permitted.
- B)** Passing on the right is permitted when the way ahead is clear.
- C)** Passing on the left is permitted when the way ahead is clear.

Answer: C

Q32. After passing a vehicle on the left, when is it safe to move back into the right lane?

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

Answer: C

Q33. When entering the interstate, after checking for a gap and signaling you should:

- A)** Expect traffic to allow you to proceed into the lane
 - since you have the right-of-way.
- B)** Wait for the lane to clear before merging.
- C)** Merge carefully into the gap.

Answer: C

Q34. When may you cross double yellow lines to pass another vehicle?

- A)** If the vehicle in front moves to the right to let you pass.
- B)** When the yellow line next to your side of the road is broken.
- C)** If the yellow line on the opposite side is broken.

Answer: B

Q35. If you've had several beers, how can the alcohol effects be reduced?

- A)** Drinking several cups of coffee.
- B)** Waiting several hours.
- C)** Taking a cold shower.

Answer: B

Q36. Which driving skills are affected by alcohol or drug use?

- A)** Alertness and concentration.
- B)** Reaction time and coordination.
- C)** All of the above.

Answer: C

Q37. Why is it dangerous to follow a motorcycle too closely?

- A)** Motorcycles do not follow traffic rules.
- B)** They can stop much quicker than cars.
- C)** They brake more slowly than cars.
- D)** They are heavier than cars.

Answer: B

Q38. When another vehicle is passing you, what is the proper action?

- A)** Brake hard.
- B)** Maintain a constant speed.
- C)** Speed up.

Answer: B

Q39. Where is it safe to pass another vehicle?

- A)** Within an intersection where there are no oncoming vehicles.
- B)** Wherever signs and/or pavement markings permit passing.
- C)** Within a curve where there are no oncoming vehicles.

Answer: B

Q40. When are streets and highways most slippery?

- A)** When it has been raining hard for several hours.
- B)** When they are clean and dry.
- C)** Just after it starts to rain.

Answer: C

Q41. When making a left turn at an intersection, whom must you yield to?

- A) Oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- B) Only oncoming vehicles.
- C) No one
 - you have the right-of-way.
- D) Only vehicles on your right.

Answer: A

Q42. You are parking downhill on a two-way road with no curb. Which way should you turn the front wheels?

- A) Straight ahead
- B) Right
 - toward the side of the road
- C) Left
 - toward the center of the road

Answer: B

Q43. If there is a solid yellow line on your side of the centerline, what does it mean?

- A) Do not pass.
- B) Traffic light ahead.
- C) Reduce your speed.

Answer: A

Q44. What does a yellow left-turn arrow signal indicate?

- A) The protected left turn is about to end.
- B) Yield to pedestrians only.
- C) Stop and wait.
- D) Left turns are prohibited.

Answer: A

Q45. Before making a left turn from a one-way street, which lane should you be in?

- A) The lane nearest the center of the street.
- B) The lane nearest the right curb.
- C) The lane nearest the left curb.
- D) Any lane as long as it is clear.

Answer: C

Q46. When preparing to change lanes, which statement is correct?

- A) Vehicles with two outside mirrors do not have blind spots.
- B) Look over your right shoulder for a right lane change and over your left shoulder for a left lane change.
- C) You only need to turn and look over your right shoulder for lane changes to the right or left.

Answer: B

Q47. Regulatory signs are typically what color?

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

Answer: B

Q48. What does a broken yellow line next to a solid yellow line mean?

- A) Passing is permitted from the side next to the solid yellow line.
- B) Passing is not permitted from either direction.
- C) Passing is permitted from the side next to the broken yellow line.

Answer: C

Q49. On a green arrow signal, what must you do before turning?

- A)** Yield to any vehicle
 - bicycle
 - or pedestrian in the intersection.
- B)** Wait four seconds before turning.
- C)** Only yield to vehicles.
- D)** Turn immediately without checking.

Answer: A

Q50. In very foggy conditions, what lighting should you use?

- A)** High beam headlights.
- B)** Emergency flashers.
- C)** Low beam headlights.
- D)** Parking lights only.

Answer: C