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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**