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**Q1. An octagonal (eight-sided) sign always means:**

- A)** Speed limit.
- B)** Stop.
- C)** Hospital ahead.

**Answer: B**

**Q2. For drivers age 21 and older, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of:**

- A)** 0.08 percent or higher.
- B)** 0.05 percent or higher.
- C)** 0.02 percent or higher.

**Answer: A**

**Q3. On a multi-lane road, when you see a 'Merging traffic' sign you should:**

- A)** Make room for entering vehicles by moving over if safe and possible.
- B)** Always keep your current speed and position.
- C)** Honk at incoming drivers to warn them off.

**Answer: A**

**Q4. When driving near large trucks, what should other drivers account for?**

- A)** That large vehicles stop much sooner than cars.
- B)** That large vehicles can see everything behind them.
- C)** That trucks always yield to smaller vehicles.
- D)** The increased stopping distance required by large vehicles.

**Answer: D**

**Q5. When should you reduce your speed when approaching a curve in the road?**

- A)** Only if you feel uncomfortable.
- B)** After you have entered the curve.
- C)** Before you enter the curve.
- D)** Only if another car is behind you.

**Answer: C**

**Q6. At a school crossing sign you should:**

- A)** Watch for children and be ready to stop.
- B)** Always stop whether a stop sign is present or not.
- C)** Sound your horn to alert children.

**Answer: A**

**Q7. Why must you be especially alert for motorcycles on the road?**

- A)** Motorcycles always stop more quickly than cars.
- B)** Motorcyclists are less skilled drivers.
- C)** Motorcyclists rarely use helmets.
- D)** Motorcycles are more difficult to see than cars.

**Answer: D**

**Q8. Which action helps prevent crashes by communicating with other road users?**

- A)** Ignore other drivers and focus only on your vehicle.
- B)** Drive only on side streets to avoid interactions.
- C)** Use your signals and horn when appropriate.

**Answer: C**

**Q9. If you encounter an animal on the roadway, what is the safest response?**

- A)** Take no special action and continue.
- B)** Slow down and pass the animal carefully to avoid startling it.
- C)** Pass the animal as closely as possible to get by quickly.

**Answer: B**

**Q10. Motorists should remember that large trucks:**

- A)** Can stop more quickly than passenger vehicles.
- B)** Require less space to turn than cars.
- C)** Have large blind spots and need more room to maneuver and stop.

**Answer: C**

**Q11. If another vehicle is about to collide with you, you should:**

- A)** Wave your arms out the window.
- B)** Do nothing and hope they avoid you.
- C)** Sound your horn to warn the other driver and pedestrians.
- D)** Sound your horn and be prepared to brake or steer to reduce the impact.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. When approaching a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended, what must you do?**

- A)** Proceed only if the bus driver waves you on.
- B)** Pass slowly if you think children are clear.
- C)** Honk before passing on the left.
- D)** Come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the stop arm is withdrawn.

**Answer: D**

**Q13. To change lanes safely, what sequence should you follow?**

- A)** Check mirrors and signal
  - then change lanes without looking over your shoulder.
- B)** Signal
  - check mirrors
  - check your blind spot by looking over your shoulder
  - then change lanes.
- C)** Signal and change lanes immediately.

**Answer: B**

**Q14. Which substances can impair your ability to drive and may result in DUI?**

- A)** Alcoholic beverages such as beer
  - wine
  - or liquor.
- B)** Controlled substances and certain prescription medicines.
- C)** Inhalants such as glue or paint.
- D)** All of the above.

**Answer: D**

**Q15. What does a “Reduced speed, 35 mph” sign mean?**

- A)** The new 35 mph speed limit begins at that sign.
- B)** The new speed begins at the next sign.
- C)** You have plenty of time to slow down after passing the sign.
- D)** The reduction is only a suggestion.

**Answer: A**

**Q16. Which of the following is an effect of alcohol on driving?**

- A)** Loss of concentration.
- B)** Improved coordination.
- C)** Faster judgment.

**Answer: A**

**Q17. When do you have the right-of-way while turning left at a signal?**

- A)** When facing a solid green light.
- B)** When facing a flashing yellow light.
- C)** When facing a green arrow pointing left.
- D)** When oncoming traffic is turning right.

**Answer: C**

**Q18. If your vehicle starts to skid, what should you do?**

- A)** Overcorrect and turn the wheel hard away from the skid.
- B)** Turn your steering wheel in the direction of the skid.
- C)** Turn your steering wheel into oncoming traffic.

**Answer: B**

**Q19. Which factors affect braking distance?**

- A)** The speed of your vehicle.
- B)** The condition of your brakes and tires.
- C)** The condition of the pavement.
- D)** All of the above.

**Answer: D**

**Q20. If you want to move from the right lane to the left lane on a multilane highway, what should you do before changing lanes?**

- A)** Check your mirrors
  - look over your shoulder to check your blind spot
  - signal
  - then change lanes.
- B)** Look over your left shoulder to check your blind spot before changing lanes
  - but signaling is optional.
- C)** Turn on your signal while checking only the rearview mirror.

**Answer: A**

**Q21. If you are waiting in an intersection to complete a left turn, how should you position your steering wheel?**

- A)** Signal and keep the wheels turned left.
- B)** Signal and keep the wheels straight while waiting.
- C)** Flash your headlights to get other drivers to let you turn.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. You must pull to the road edge and stop for an emergency vehicle with flashing lights:**

- A)** Regardless of whether it is approaching from behind or facing you.
- B)** Only if it is following you.
- C)** Only if it is coming toward you from the opposite direction.

**Answer: A**

**Q23. When is using your horn appropriate?**

- A)** When passing another car.
- B)** To alert others when you must stop quickly.
- C)** Whenever you are frustrated with another driver.

**Answer: B**

**Q24. To prepare for anything ahead on the road, you should:**

- A)** Continually scan the entire roadway and roadsides.
- B)** Stare straight ahead at the center of the road only.
- C)** Keep your left foot lightly on the brake.
- D)** Focus only on the vehicle directly ahead of you.

**Answer: A**

**Q25. If a transit vehicle signals to re-enter traffic after stopping, you must:**

- A)** Yield to the transit vehicle to allow it to re-enter safely.
- B)** Honk to warn the driver.
- C)** Speed up and pass the bus.

**Answer: A**

**Q26. At a railroad crossing with only a crossbuck and no gates or lights, you should:**

- A)** Approach with extreme caution and cross only when you are sure no train is coming.
- B)** Turn your radio up so you can hear trains better.
- C)** Wait for a flagger to tell you to cross.

**Answer: A**

**Q27. A steady yellow traffic signal warns that what will soon follow?**

- A)** A flashing yellow light.
- B)** A steady green light.
- C)** A steady red light.

**Answer: C**

**Q28. When approaching a flashing yellow light, drivers should:**

- A)** Slow down and proceed with caution.
- B)** Come to a complete stop every time.
- C)** Increase speed to get through quickly.

**Answer: A**

**Q29. When is it permissible to cross a solid yellow center line?**

- A)** To pass slower traffic at any time.
- B)** Only when making a left turn into a driveway or side street.
- C)** During daytime hours only.
- D)** Whenever the lane beside you is clear.

**Answer: B**

**Q30. A single broken white line down the center of a two-lane road indicates:**

- A)** Lanes move in opposite directions and passing is allowed.
- B)** Lanes move in the same direction and may be crossed to pass when safe.
- C)** Lanes move in opposite directions and no passing is allowed.

**Answer: B**

**Q31. What does a flashing yellow traffic light mean?**

- A)** Slow down and proceed with caution.
- B)** Merging traffic only.
- C)** Pedestrian crossing ahead.
- D)** Come to a full stop before proceeding.

**Answer: A**

**Q32. Which of the following commonly causes traffic accidents?**

- A)** Inattentive driving.
- B)** Excessive speed for conditions.
- C)** Following other vehicles too closely.
- D)** All of the above.

**Answer: D**

**Q33. You cannot pass safely on a two-way, two-lane street unless:**

- A)** You can see far enough ahead to return to your lane before meeting oncoming traffic.
- B)** You are able to clearly see the road ahead only a short distance.
- C)** Your vehicle is the fastest on the road.

**Answer: A**

**Q34. If you begin to feel tired while driving, what is the best action to take?**

- A)** Get some coffee and continue driving.
- B)** Open the window and keep driving.
- C)** Stop driving and rest or change drivers.
- D)** Turn up the radio and drive faster.

**Answer: C**

**Q35. Signs that indicate areas of public recreation are what color?**

- A)** Brown.
- B)** Green.
- C)** Red.

**Answer: A**

**Q36. What effect does drinking coffee have on your blood alcohol concentration (BAC)?**

- A)** Cancels the effect of the alcohol.
- B)** Decreases blood alcohol concentration.
- C)** Has no effect on blood alcohol concentration.
- D)** Makes you legally sober instantly.

**Answer: C**

**Q37. When an emergency vehicle is approaching using siren and/or lights, what must you do immediately?**

- A)** Pull to the right and slow down but stay in your lane.
- B)** Turn on your hazard lights and continue driving.
- C)** Pull to the right and stop.

**Answer: C**

**Q38. When merging onto a freeway, what is usually best practice?**

- A)** Turn on hazard lights until fully merged.
- B)** Proceed slowly and wait for an opening at low speed.
- C)** Use the on-ramp to accelerate to the speed of freeway traffic and blend in.
- D)** Stop at the end of the ramp and wait for a large gap.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. When you encounter a blind pedestrian with a white cane or guide dog, what should you do?**

- A)** Honk to alert the pedestrian and proceed.
- B)** Assume they will avoid your vehicle.
- C)** Take the right-of-way and proceed.
- D)** Slow down
  - yield
  - and be prepared to stop.

**Answer: D**

**Q40. Drivers who have consumed alcohol before driving typically:**

- A)** Do not have sufficient control over their bodies
  - minds
  - or vehicle operation.
- B)** Are always aware of the risks they're taking.
- C)** Drive better because they are more careful.

**Answer: A**

**Q41. If your vehicle does not have ABS and you must stop quickly, what should you do?**

- A)** Hold the brake pedal down firmly.
- B)** Firmly pump the brakes repeatedly.
- C)** Tap the brakes lightly.

**Answer: B**

**Q42. If you become stranded in a snowstorm, the safest action is to:**

- A)** Stay inside your vehicle and wait for help.
- B)** Get out and walk for help immediately.
- C)** Lay down and sleep in your car.

**Answer: A**

**Q43. What does a steady green light at an intersection mean?**

- A)** You may drive through the intersection if the road is clear.
- B)** You must slow and prepare to stop.
- C)** You must stop and check for oncoming traffic.
- D)** You must yield to all turning vehicles.

**Answer: A**

**Q44. When an officer is directing traffic at an intersection with working signals, which should drivers obey?**

- A)** The traffic signal lights only.
- B)** The directions given by the officer.
- C)** Honking to alert the officer.
- D)** Traffic signs posted nearby rather than the officer's directions.

**Answer: B**

**Q45. An 'End school zone' sign indicates:**

- A)** The end of the reduced speed school zone.
- B)** The start of a 20 mph zone.
- C)** That pedestrians are more likely to be present.

**Answer: A**

**Q46. When stopped in line of traffic crossing a railroad track with no signals or gates, what should you ensure?**

- A)** You have the right-of-way and can proceed without checking.
- B)** You may pass slower drivers while on the tracks.
- C)** There is enough space ahead so your vehicle can clear the tracks without stopping.

**Answer: C**

**Q47. Drowsy drivers may:**

- A)** Safely continue by drinking coffee.
- B)** Drive so poorly they resemble intoxicated drivers.
- C)** Stay alert by opening a window and turning up the radio.

**Answer: B**

**Q48. Which of the following is a common source of distracted driving?**

- A)** Checking tire pressure while driving.
- B)** Eating
  - drinking
  - or smoking.
- C)** Changing the oil before driving.

**Answer: B**

**Q49. A solid red arrow displayed by a traffic signal means:**

- A)** A driver may proceed slowly in the arrow's direction.
- B)** It only applies to pedestrians.
- C)** The same as a yellow arrow.
- D)** Traffic in the indicated lane must stop and may not turn in the arrow's direction.

**Answer: D**

**Q50. When stopped by police for a traffic violation or equipment check, what must the driver produce?**

- A)** Proof of insurance only.
- B)** Your driver's license
  - proof of registration
  - and proof of insurance.
- C)** Proof of vehicle registration only.

**Answer: B**