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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