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Q1. At an intersection of two similar roads with no signs or signals, which vehicle has the right-of-way?

- A) The car approaching from the left.
- B) The car in which the driver sounds the horn first.
- C) The car approaching from the right.
- D) The car that arrived second.

Answer: C

Q2. Is it safe to stop on railroad tracks even for a short time when moving with a line of vehicles?

- A) False
- B) True

Answer: A

Q3. When is it legal to pass another vehicle on the right?

- A) On a narrow bridge.
- B) If the vehicle is waiting to turn left and there is an available passing lane.
- C) Even if it means driving off the pavement.

Answer: B

Q4. Which of the following is an effect of alcohol on driving?

- A) It gives you a feeling of false confidence.
- B) It impairs your thinking ability.
- C) It slows your reaction time.
- D) All of the above.

Answer: C

Q5. When making a right turn, where should your vehicle be positioned?

- A) As close as possible to the right side of the road.
- B) Near the center of the street.
- C) Close to the left side of the street.

Answer: A

Q6. Must a motorist making a left turn yield to an oncoming bicyclist?

- A) True — yield to oncoming bicycles like any other vehicle.
- B) False

Answer: A

Q7. Is it legal to pass a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing?

- A) True
- B) False

Answer: B

Q8. You may not park within how many feet of a crosswalk at an intersection?

- A) 10 feet
- B) 20 feet
- C) 40 feet

Answer: B

Q9. How should drivers treat a flashing red traffic light?

- A) Stop completely
 - then proceed when safe.
- B) Drive through if no crossing traffic.
- C) Continue since you have right-of-way.

Answer: A

Q10. What does a steady green arrow shown with a red light allow you to do?

- A)** You may drive only in the direction of the green arrow.
- B)** You must wait for a solid green light to proceed in any direction.
- C)** You may only drive straight ahead.

Answer: A

Q11. Taking drugs together with alcohol typically:

- A)** Lessens the effect of alcohol on your ability to drive.
- B)** Is no more dangerous than consuming alcohol by itself.
- C)** Increases the risk of causing a crash.

Answer: C

Q12. What is the only effective way to reduce your blood alcohol concentration (BAC)?

- A)** Allow your body time to get rid of the alcohol.
- B)** Drink coffee.
- C)** Exercise.

Answer: A

Q13. When approaching a disabled pedestrian using a guide dog or white cane, what must you do?

- A)** You must always yield the right-of-way and use extra caution.
- B)** You only yield if they are in a marked crosswalk.

Answer: A

Q14. Is alcohol the single greatest common factor in fatal motor vehicle crashes?

- A) True — alcohol is the leading cause.
- B) False — it is not a major factor.
- C) True but only at night.
- D) False — speeding is the leading cause.

Answer: D

Q15. When driving on gravel or dirt roads, what should you do?

- A) Slow down because stopping distances are longer and skids more likely.
- B) Increase your speed to avoid dust.
- C) Come to a complete stop at all times.

Answer: A

Q16. At a four-way stop, who has the right-of-way?

- A) The driver to arrive last has the right-of-way.
- B) One driver should continue driving without stopping.
- C) The driver to arrive first has the right-of-way.

Answer: C

Q17. A driver entering public traffic from a driveway or private road should:

- A) Expect the right-of-way and force entry.
- B) Yield to vehicles already on the public road.
- C) Always stop and wait for a police officer.
- D) Drive quickly to merge into traffic.

Answer: B

Q18. How does being distracted affect a driver's reaction to hazards?

- A)** It usually causes slower reactions to hazards.
- B)** It never causes danger.
- C)** It causes drivers to drive faster.

Answer: A

Q19. On a two-lane road without bicycle lanes, how should you pass a bicyclist traveling in the same direction?

- A)** Wait until no oncoming traffic
 - then pass with sufficient space.
- B)** Continue driving straight and expect the bicyclist to move.
- C)** Do not pass until a signalized intersection.

Answer: A

Q20. If an intersection ahead is blocked by traffic, what should you do?

- A)** Get as close as possible to the car in front of you.
- B)** Go slowly until the traffic ahead moves.
- C)** Stay out of the intersection until you can completely pass through.

Answer: C

Q21. If you are stopped by a police officer, what should you do while waiting for the officer to approach?

- A)** Unbuckle your seat belt and lower your window
- B)** Get your paperwork ready before the officer reaches your car
- C)** Stay in your vehicle with your hands visible on the steering wheel and wait for the officer to approach
- D)** Exit your vehicle and walk to the officer

Answer: C

Q22. Which statement about alcohol's effects is correct?

- A)** Alcohol does not limit concentration
 - perception
 - judgment
 - and memory.
- B)** Only a blood alcohol level greater than the legal limit can limit concentration.
- C)** Even the smallest amount of alcohol can limit concentration
 - perception
 - judgment
 - and memory.

Answer: C

Q23. If you turn onto a two-lane road with a broken yellow centerline, what does that indicate?

- A)** Traffic flows in both directions.
- B)** You are on a one-way road.
- C)** The road is under repair.

Answer: A

Q24. If another driver cuts you off in traffic, what is the safest response?

- A)** Let it go.
- B)** Pull up alongside and yell at them.
- C)** Flash your high beams at the driver.
- D)** Follow them closely to teach them a lesson.

Answer: A

Q25. When making a turn you must do what to your speed?

- A)** Maintain your speed.
- B)** Increase your speed.
- C)** Vary (reduce) your speed to maintain control.

Answer: C

Q26. Why is a leaky exhaust system dangerous?

- A)** Carbon monoxide poisoning.
- B)** Pollution.
- C)** A loss of hearing.

Answer: A

Q27. What is the first control you should adjust, if needed, when you get into a car to drive?

- A)** Your rearview mirror.
- B)** Your seat so you can see the road clearly.
- C)** The steering wheel.
- D)** Your radio.

Answer: B

Q28. Under normal driving conditions, what following distance should drivers maintain?

- A)** Four seconds.
- B)** Three seconds.
- C)** Five seconds.

Answer: B

Q29. A solid yellow line on your side of the centerline means:

- A)** Do not pass from your lane.
- B)** Pass with caution.
- C)** Slow down.

Answer: A

Q30. Which of the following is true about passing another vehicle?

- A)** You may pass another vehicle on a hill or in a curve.
- B)** You may pass another vehicle by using the shoulder of the highway.
- C)** You may pass only where it is legal and safe to do so.

Answer: C

Q31. On slippery roads, what is the recommended action regarding speed?

- A)** Drive more quickly.
- B)** Drive the posted speed limit with caution.
- C)** Slow down.

Answer: C

Q32. You cannot pass safely on a two-way, two-lane street unless you can:

- A)** You can return to your lane before meeting oncoming traffic.
- B)** Your vehicle is capable of the speed necessary to pass.
- C)** You can clearly see the road ahead
 - your vehicle can safely complete the pass
 - and you can return to your lane before meeting oncoming traffic.

Answer: C

Q33. When stopped in a line of traffic at a railroad crossing with no signals, what must you ensure?

- A)** There is enough space to clear the tracks so you won't stop on them.
- B)** You have the right-of-way and do not need to check for trains.
- C)** You may pass slower drivers while crossing the track.

Answer: A

Q34. If a vehicle with anti-lock brakes (ABS) begins to lose traction on a slippery road, what should you do?

- A)** Press and hold the brake pedal and steer out of danger.
- B)** Pump the brakes manually.
- C)** Press and hold the accelerator.
- D)** Release the brake pedal immediately.

Answer: A

Q35. Are motorists required to yield to pedestrians who are walking against the traffic light?

- A)** True — motorists need not yield.
- B)** False — drivers must always yield to pedestrians.
- C)** Only if the pedestrian is in a marked crosswalk.
- D)** Only during daytime hours.

Answer: C

Q36. What effect does alcohol have on driving skills and judgment?

- A)** It harms both driving skills and judgement.
- B)** It helps driving skills but harms judgement.
- C)** It has no effect.

Answer: A

Q37. Why should car drivers be especially cautious around large trucks?

- A) They have large blind spots and need more room to maneuver and stop.
- B) They can stop more quickly than passenger vehicles.
- C) They never need extra room to maneuver.
- D) They are always easier to pass than cars.

Answer: A

Q38. The color orange on signs usually indicates:

- A) School zone signs.
- B) Work zone signs.
- C) Regulatory signs.

Answer: B

Q39. Before driving an unfamiliar vehicle you are borrowing, what should you do?

- A) Drive immediately without checking the controls.
- B) Hide from your friend that you are unfamiliar with the vehicle.
- C) Take a few minutes to locate and test essential controls and correct any defects.

Answer: C

Q40. How should drivers respond to a flashing yellow traffic signal?

- A) Increase their speed to clear the intersection.
- B) Come to a complete stop regardless of traffic.
- C) Slow down and proceed with caution.
- D) Turn on hazard lights and proceed.

Answer: C

Q41. What must you do before turning left at an intersection?

- A)** Yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians.
- B)** Sound your horn.
- C)** Swing to the right side of your lane.

Answer: A

Q42. Is liability insurance required for every motor vehicle in Minnesota?

- A)** True — every motor vehicle must be covered by liability insurance.
- B)** False — insurance is optional.
- C)** Only required for commercial vehicles.
- D)** Only required for vehicles older than 10 years.

Answer: A

Q43. If you are stopped in the roadway waiting to complete a left turn, how should you position your steering wheel?

- A)** Signal and keep your wheels turned to the left.
- B)** Signal and keep your wheels straight while waiting.
- C)** Flash your headlights to warn others.
- D)** Turn the wheel sharply when the opportunity arises.

Answer: B

Q44. When you see a steady yellow signal, how should you respond?

- A)** Accelerate to avoid a red light.
- B)** Continue driving
 - as you have the right-of-way.
- C)** Slow to a stop unless you are already within the intersection.

Answer: C

Q45. If a traffic signal displays a red light and a green arrow pointing your way, may you turn in the arrow's direction?

- A)** True — after yielding to traffic and pedestrians in the intersection.
- B)** False

Answer: A

Q46. What does a single broken white line down the center of a two-lane road indicate?

- A)** Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are permitted to pass when it is safe to do so.
- B)** Lanes are moving in the same direction and drivers are permitted to pass when it is safe to do so.
- C)** Lanes are moving in opposite directions and drivers are not permitted to pass.
- D)** Lanes are moving in the same direction and drivers are not permitted to pass.

Answer: B

Q47. If you miss your freeway exit, what should you do?

- A)** Go to the next exit.
- B)** Make a U-turn across the median.
- C)** Pull onto the shoulder and back up to the exit.
- D)** Stop and wait for traffic to clear then reverse.

Answer: A

Q48. Which of the following statements about work zones is correct?

- A)** They are marked with black and white signs.
- B)** They may be moving or stationary.
- C)** They never require drivers to slow down.
- D)** They always close the road.

Answer: B

Q49. Highway signs that warn drivers about hazardous conditions are called:

- A)** Regulatory signs.
- B)** Warning signs.
- C)** Information signs.

Answer: B

Q50. May you stop or park on the shoulder of a freeway?

- A)** If no part of your vehicle is on the road.
- B)** As long as you turn on your four-way emergency flashers.
- C)** Only in an emergency.

Answer: C