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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