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**Q1. Defensive driving is best described as:**

- A) Following the vehicle ahead very closely.
- B) Driving only during daylight hours.
- C) Racing to get ahead of aggressive drivers.
- D) Identifying dangerous situations early and taking action to avoid collisions.

**Answer: D**

**Q2. Which feature is sometimes used on highways to channel drivers into the correct turning lanes?**

- A) Lane-use arrows and words painted on the pavement
- B) Flashing yellow lights
- C) Flashing red lights

**Answer: A**

**Q3. What do downward-facing triangular traffic signs usually indicate?**

- A) School zones
- B) Yield signs
- C) Construction zones

**Answer: B**

**Q4. What's the key rule about managing speed when negotiating curves?**

- A) Brake hard in the middle of the curve
- B) Slow down before entering the curve
  - not while at the sharpest point.
- C) Maintain posted speed through the entire curve regardless
- D) Accelerate before you enter a curve to maintain momentum

**Answer: B**

**Q5. Before passing on a multilane highway, you must:**

- A) Signal and ensure the passing lane is clear.
- B) Pass only on the right under all circumstances.
- C) Assume oncoming traffic will stop.
- D) Sound your horn before changing lanes.

**Answer: A**

**Q6. If an intersection is blocked ahead by traffic, what should you do?**

- A) Do not enter the intersection; wait until you can pass completely through.
- B) Edge forward until you can see better
- C) Enter the intersection and stop in the middle
- D) Honk to signal other drivers to move

**Answer: A**

**Q7. If the driver behind you wants to pass, you should:**

- A) Slow down to create space in front of your vehicle for the other driver to pass.
- B) Speed up to prevent the pass.
- C) Move off the road immediately.
- D) Flash your headlights and maintain speed.

**Answer: A**

**Q8. At night, what is the hardest to see compared to signs and other objects?**

- A) Road signs.
- B) Other motorists.
- C) Pedestrians.

**Answer: C**

**Q9. You are required to stop your vehicle:**

- A) At an intersection with a stop sign.
- B) When a traffic officer orders you to stop.
- C) Where there is a red light.
- D) In all of the above situations

**Answer: D**

**Q10. How can you reduce the chance of hydroplaning?**

- A) Drive faster to get through wet areas quickly.
- B) Drive more slowly in wet conditions.
- C) Follow closely behind the vehicle ahead.
- D) Shift to neutral when water is deep.

**Answer: B**

**Q11. Faced with an oncoming car on your left and a bicyclist on your right, you should:**

- A) Pull onto the shoulder.
- B) Split the difference.
- C) Let the car pass and then pass the bicyclist.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. If two vehicles reach a four-way stop simultaneously, who has the right-of-way?**

- A) The vehicle on the left goes first
- B) Both must wait for a signal
- C) The larger vehicle proceeds first
- D) The vehicle on the right has the right-of-way; the vehicle on the left yields.

**Answer: D**

**Q13. The effect alcohol has on reflexes and judgment is:**

- A) Most pronounced when consuming hard ciders and mixed drinks.
- B) Less pronounced when consuming beer instead of wine.
- C) Less pronounced when consuming wine instead of beer.
- D) Dependent on how much alcohol is in the bloodstream
  - not the type of beverage.

**Answer: D**

**Q14. If another driver is trying to pass you, you should:**

- A) Brake sharply to discourage them.
- B) Pull completely off the road.
- C) Speed up to block the pass.
- D) Maintain a steady speed or slightly reduce speed so the passing driver can complete the pass safely.

**Answer: D**

**Q15. What color are regulatory signs usually, and must they be obeyed?**

- A) Blue and optional to follow
- B) Green and advisory only
- C) Yellow and warn about hazards
- D) White background with black markings; they must always be obeyed.

**Answer: D**

**Q16. A double solid yellow line down the center of a two-lane road means:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Q17. What should your first response be to reduced visibility while driving?**

- A) Turn on hazard lights and stop in the lane
- B) Turn on your windshield wipers only.
- C) Turn on your interior light.
- D) Reduce your speed.

**Answer: D**

**Q18. Your brake lights inform other drivers that you are:**

- A) Making a turn.
- B) Changing lanes.
- C) Slowing down or stopping.

**Answer: C**

**Q19. When weather changes suddenly, what should you do?**

- A) Be particularly aware of vehicles coming up behind you in inclement weather.
- B) A sudden change in weather calls for a change in driving.
- C) You should slow down when driving in rain and fog.

**Answer: B**

**Q20. The best way to avoid alcohol-related crashes is to:**

- A) Simply say
  - No thanks
  - I'm driving
  - if someone offers you a drink.
- B) Call a taxi.
- C) Decide before you start drinking that you will not drive.

**Answer: C**

**Q21. When rain begins while you are driving, you should:**

- A) Drive at the maximum posted speed limit.
- B) Drive faster than surrounding traffic.
- C) Slow down.

**Answer: C**

**Q22. An orange-colored road sign indicates:**

- A) The start of a no passing zone.
- B) A school zone is ahead.
- C) Construction
  - maintenance
  - or emergency operations ahead.

**Answer: C**

**Q23. At a light rail crossing, you should always:**

- A) Look both ways before crossing tracks and obey signals.
- B) Drive around lowered gates if you can.
- C) Assume trains will stop for vehicles.
- D) Cross without stopping if no train is visible.

**Answer: A**

**Q24. When entering a busy freeway, how should you merge into traffic?**

- A) Use your mirrors and check blind spots
  - and adjust speed in the acceleration lane to match freeway traffic.
- B) Yield to traffic only after stopping on the ramp.
- C) Always stop at the end of the ramp before merging.

**Answer: A**



**Q25. Where is it illegal to park your vehicle?**

- A) In a private driveway with owner permission
- B) On a hill with the parking brake engaged
- C) In a parking lot designated for vehicles
- D) On a crosswalk or in a marked bicycle lane.

**Answer: D**

**Q26. Before switching on the ignition, what safety routine should you follow?**

- A) Be sure all passengers
  - including children
  - have buckled their seat belts.
- B) Be sure only adult passengers have buckled their seat belts.
- C) Be sure only backseat passengers have buckled their seat belts

**Answer: A**

**Q27. When are you permitted to cross solid yellow centerlines?**

- A) To make a turn into a driveway or side road.
- B) At any time.
- C) Only during daylight hours

**Answer: A**

**Q28. What does an arrow painted in a traffic lane indicate?**

- A) Drivers in the proper lane must always come to a complete stop before making the movement only if required by a sign or signal.
- B) Drivers in the proper lane may make the movement indicated by the arrow only when it is permitted by signs and signals.
- C) Drivers must still obey traffic lights and signs that control the intersection
  - even when arrows are painted in the lane.
- D) Drivers in the proper lane must make the movement indicated by the arrow.

**Answer: D**

**Q29. Which factor greatly increases stopping distances and crash severity?**

- A) High speeds.
- B) Night driving.
- C) Driving slowly.
- D) Wearing a seat belt.

**Answer: A**

**Q30. When turning left from a two-way street onto a one-way street, where should your vehicle end up?**

- A) In the left lane of the one-way street
- B) In the center of the roadway
- C) In the right lane of the one-way street
- D) Across two lanes

**Answer: A**

**Q31. Passing another vehicle is prohibited in which locations?**

- A) On hills
  - curves
  - intersections
  - and railroad crossings.
- B) Only on one-way streets.
- C) Anywhere there is a broken white line.
- D) When the vehicle ahead is signaling a turn.

**Answer: A**

**Q32. Who must yield when a driver is turning and a pedestrian is crossing without a traffic light?**

- A) Whoever started moving last
- B) The driver
- C) Whoever is slower

**Answer: B**

**Q33. Emergency vehicles using sirens, horns, and/or flashing lights:**

- A) May use a loudspeaker to give instructions.
- B) Have the right-of-way and drivers must yield to them.
- C) May follow each other and you should proceed only when sure the way is clear.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. A red arrow displayed on a traffic signal means:**

- A) A driver must stop for the movement indicated by the arrow and remain stopped until a green light or green arrow appears
  - unless a turn on red is permitted and not prohibited by signs.
- B) A driver must proceed slowly through the intersection.
- C) A driver must stop and then proceed straight when the way is clear.

**Answer: A**

**Q35. An “End school zone” sign means:**

- A) Children are present all day.
- B) You must reduce speed to 20 mph.
- C) The reduced school-zone speed limit has ended.
- D) The school zone speed begins here.

**Answer: C**

**Q36. If you feel upset or angry after an incident at work, before driving you should:**

- A) Play the radio loudly so you won't think about it.
- B) Drive fast on the interstate to let off steam.
- C) Take a few minutes to cool off before you begin your drive home.

**Answer: C**

**Q37. When you hear a fire engine siren behind you, what should you do?**

- A) Slow down until it passes you.
- B) Drive with your flashers on and slow down.
- C) Pull over to the side of the road and stop.

**Answer: C**

**Q38. Which types of drugs can impair your ability to drive?**

- A) Cold remedies and some over-the-counter medications
- B) Marijuana
- C) All of the above

**Answer: C**

**Q39. What does the term 'No zone' refer to?**

- A) A one-way traffic area
- B) The blind spot of a large vehicle
- C) A designated no passing zone

**Answer: B**

**Q40. When is it appropriate to sound your horn?**

- A) If you lose control of your vehicle and need to warn others.
- B) When you want to pass another car for speed
- C) To express frustration at another driver
- D) When approaching a green light

**Answer: A**

**Q41. Lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions are divided by which color lines?**

- A) White
- B) Black
- C) Yellow
- D) Red

**Answer: C**

**Q42. A posted speed limit sign shows:**

- A) Only a recommended driving speed.
- B) The exact speed at which you must travel to avoid a ticket.
- C) The maximum safe driving speed under ideal road and weather conditions.

**Answer: C**

**Q43. Why is keeping a space cushion around your vehicle important?**

- A) It provides time to react to unexpected actions by others.
- B) It reduces distractions from nearby vehicles.
- C) It ensures traffic flows faster
- D) It allows you to drive less cautiously

**Answer: A**

**Q44. When you approach a steady yellow traffic signal, what is the correct action?**

- A) Accelerate to get through before it turns red.
- B) Stop unless you are already in the intersection.
- C) Maintain speed because you have the right-of-way.
- D) Turn on your hazard lights.

**Answer: B**

**Q45. What is the primary reason alcohol makes driving dangerous?**

- A) It improves coordination temporarily
- B) It only affects peripheral vision.
- C) It prevents drowsiness
- D) It impairs judgment and driving skill.

**Answer: D**

**Q46. Turning your head to check a blind spot before changing lanes is:**

- A) Unnecessary if you have mirrors.
- B) A good driving habit.
- C) A bad driving habit.

**Answer: B**

**Q47. Which factors affect braking distance?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Q48. Large vehicles such as trucks and buses tend to have:**

- A) No blind spots.
- B) Smaller blind spots.
- C) Larger blind spots.

**Answer: C**

**Q49. When driving in fog, you should use your:**

- A) Parking lights.
- B) High beam headlights.
- C) Low beam headlights.

**Answer: C**

**Q50. If stopped at a railroad crossing that has multiple tracks, you should:**

- A) Proceed as soon as one train passes.
- B) Start across immediately once the nearest train clears.
- C) Wait until you have a clear view of all tracks before crossing.
- D) Drive onto the tracks and wait for the next train.

**Answer: C**