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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