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**Q1. What can continuous hard braking on ice or snow cause?**

- A) Locking of the front wheels and loss of steering control.
- B) Faster stopping without skidding.
- C) Prevention of brake freezing.

**Answer: A**

**Q2. Roads and streets are most slippery under which condition?**

- A) When they are clean and dry.
- B) After it has been raining hard for several hours.
- C) Just after it starts to rain.
- D) Only when snow is present.

**Answer: C**

**Q3. What does a reflective orange triangle on the rear of a vehicle indicate?**

- A) It is a slow-moving vehicle.
- B) It is a school bus.
- C) It indicates a vehicle carrying hazardous materials.
- D) It is an ambulance.

**Answer: A**

**Q4. When leaving an interstate via an exit ramp, when should you reduce speed?**

- A) About halfway through the deceleration lane.
- B) Immediately upon entering the deceleration lane.
- C) As you approach the deceleration lane.

**Answer: B**

**Q5. Is it legal to pass across double solid yellow center lines? True or False?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: B**

**Q6. At a yield sign, how should you proceed?**

- A) Always come to a complete stop regardless of traffic.
- B) Yield only to vehicles coming from your right.
- C) Slow down
  - be prepared to stop
  - and yield to traffic and pedestrians close enough to be a hazard.

**Answer: C**

**Q7. A steady yellow traffic light at an intersection indicates you should:**

- A) Yield to other cars.
- B) Slow down and prepare to stop.
- C) Go.
- D) Speed up to beat the red.

**Answer: B**

**Q8. Drivers who have consumed alcohol before driving:**

- A) Do not have sufficient control over their bodies and minds or the vehicles being driven.
- B) Are always aware of the risks they are taking.
- C) Are better drivers because they're more cautious.
- D) Should drive only in familiar areas.

**Answer: A**

**Q9. What is the effect of slowing down just to look at collisions or unusual events?**

- A) It prevents rear-end collisions.
- B) It improves traffic flow.
- C) It causes additional traffic congestion.

**Answer: C**

**Q10. A flashing yellow X above a reversible lane indicates:**

- A) Drivers may use this lane to travel normally.
- B) The lane may be used only to complete a left turn.
- C) The signal is about to change to a red X.
- D) The lane is open for merging.

**Answer: B**

**Q11. When a school bus on your side of the road has red lights flashing, you must:**

- A) Proceed if no children are visible.
- B) Change lanes and pass cautiously.
- C) Stop until the lights stop flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn.
- D) Slow to 10 mph and pass carefully.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. When parallel parking between two cars, what should you do first?**

- A) Turn your wheels to the right first.
- B) Pull up even with the car in front of the space you want to occupy.
- C) Turn your wheels sharply to the left immediately.

**Answer: B**

**Q13. When should you look over your shoulder to check blind spots?**

- A) When pulling toward or away from a curb or merging.
- B) When turning left or right at an intersection.
- C) Whenever you change lanes or merge into another lane of traffic.

**Answer: C**

**Q14. You have a green light but pedestrians are crossing against the signal. What should you do?**

- A) Speed up and pass in front of the pedestrians.
- B) Honk your horn to warn them.
- C) Stop to let the pedestrians cross safely.

**Answer: C**

**Q15. What is the correct response to a tire blowout while driving?**

- A) Slow down gradually and avoid heavy braking until the vehicle has slowed.
- B) Apply the brakes firmly and quickly.
- C) Tap or pump the brakes repeatedly.

**Answer: A**

**Q16. What does a steady green traffic light allow you to do?**

- A) Stop and check for oncoming traffic before proceeding.
- B) Proceed through the intersection if the road is clear (or turn if not prohibited)
- C) Always slow and prepare to stop.

**Answer: B**

**Q17. When driving near heavy trucks, other drivers must allow for:**

- A) The increased stopping distance required by large vehicles.
- B) The decreased stopping distance required by large vehicles.
- C) The decreased noise of larger vehicles.
- D) Larger vehicles can stop quicker in emergencies.

**Answer: A**

**Q18. What should you avoid doing when driving through a construction zone?**

- A) Following the posted detour signs.
- B) Passing with extra caution.
- C) Slowing down to stare at the scene (rubbernecking).

**Answer: C**

**Q19. If you see pedestrians near the roadway where you are driving, you should:**

- A) Sound your horn and maintain your speed.
- B) Slow down and pass with caution.
- C) Speed up to clear the area quickly.
- D) Continue at the same speed.

**Answer: B**

**Q20. If a tire suddenly blows out while driving, what is the correct first action?**

- A) Brake hard immediately and turn sharply.
- B) Hold the steering wheel firmly
- C) Pump the brakes rapidly.

**Answer: B**

**Q21. If a child is riding a bicycle nearby, what should you expect?**

- A) That beeping your horn will improve safety.
- B) The unexpected—children may swerve or make sudden moves.
- C) That the child will be in total control.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. Is it lawful to drive through, around, or under railroad crossing gates or barriers?**

- A) False — you must never drive through or under railroad gates.
- B) True — you may if no train is visible.

**Answer: A**

**Q23. What is the usual effect of driving while distracted by other activities?**

- A) It is never dangerous.
- B) It makes drivers faster to respond.
- C) Drivers react more slowly to hazards.

**Answer: C**

**Q24. What are the requirements for interstate driving?**

- A) Have the ability to safely drive at increased speeds.
- B) Be constantly alert.
- C) Both of the above.

**Answer: C**



**Q25. Which factor greatly affects your ability to stop your vehicle?**

- A) The color of your vehicle.
- B) The condition of the road and surface traction.
- C) The time of day.
- D) Signal lights ahead.

**Answer: B**

**Q26. If you see pedestrians in a crosswalk ahead, what must you do?**

- A) Pull to the right and go around the pedestrians.
- B) Wait for the pedestrians to finish crossing the street.
- C) Continue ahead—the motorist has the right-of-way.

**Answer: B**

**Q27. If the driver ahead is distracted (one-handed and talking to a passenger), you should:**

- A) Flash your lights to warn them.
- B) Give the vehicle extra space.
- C) Avoid following the driver's example.
- D) Know the driver is reducing their safety margin by being inattentive.

**Answer: B**

**Q28. If your vehicle begins to skid, what should you do?**

- A) Turn off the ignition.
- B) Ease up on the gas pedal.
- C) Brake hard immediately.
- D) Ease off the pedals and steer in the direction of the skid.

**Answer: D**

**Q29. Which foot should you use for both braking and accelerating?**

- A) Use your right foot for both acceleration and braking.
- B) Use your left foot to brake.
- C) Use whichever foot feels comfortable
  - even the left.
- D) Use both feet simultaneously for better control.

**Answer: A**

**Q30. When should you allow a larger space cushion than usual when stopped?**

- A) At a stop sign regardless of slope.
- B) When in the center lane of a multi-lane road.
- C) When stopped on an incline (uphill).

**Answer: C**

**Q31. What is the most common cause of traffic crashes?**

- A) New drivers.
- B) Human error.
- C) Bad weather.

**Answer: B**

**Q32. If pedestrians are crossing illegally in the middle of the street rather than in a crosswalk, you:**

- A) May proceed without yielding.
- B) Can speed up to pass before they reach your lane.
- C) Must stop for them.
- D) Should honk to make them move.

**Answer: C**

**Q33. When approaching a steady red traffic light, drivers should:**

- A) Only stop if a police officer is nearby.
- B) Come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the light is green unless turning on red is permitted and safe.
- C) Drive through if no crossing traffic is present.
- D) Continue because they have the right-of-way.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. At a railroad crossing, which of the following should you watch for?**

- A) Vehicles that must stop at all crossings (school buses  
• hazardous material trucks) and multiple trains.
- B) Only one train at a time.
- C) Only school buses.

**Answer: A**

**Q35. When preparing to turn left at an upcoming corner, to whom must you yield?**

- A) All approaching vehicles and pedestrians with the right-of-way.
- B) Pedestrians on the sidewalk waiting for a 'Walk' signal.
- C) Oncoming vehicles also turning left.

**Answer: A**

**Q36. If a tire suddenly goes flat while driving, you should:**

- A) Press down on the brake pedal as hard as you can.
- B) Slow down gradually and do not brake abruptly.
- C) Rapidly pump the brake pedal several times.
- D) Turn off the ignition immediately.

**Answer: B**

**Q37. If it feels like your tires have lost contact with the road, what should you do?**

- A) Slow down by shifting into a lower gear.
- B) Ease your foot off the gas pedal.
- C) Slow down by pumping the brakes quickly and firmly.

**Answer: B**

**Q38. Is it ever permissible to drive around lowered gates at a railroad crossing?**

- A) If no train is visible.
- B) When the lights have stopped flashing.
- C) When the train has passed.
- D) Under no circumstances.

**Answer: D**

**Q39. When driving in fog, should you use high beam headlights?**

- A) FALSE
- B) TRUE

**Answer: A**

**Q40. What does a flashing red traffic light at an intersection mean?**

- A) The same thing as a stop sign — stop completely and proceed when safe.
- B) The light is about to turn green.
- C) You do not have to come to a complete stop.

**Answer: A**

**Q41. When should you drive in a reversible lane that displays a red X above it?**

- A) When there is no visible oncoming traffic.
- B) Never.
- C) Only during rush hour.
- D) To pass a slow vehicle

**Answer: B**

**Q42. What does a green arrow lane-use signal above a lane mean?**

- A) You must use this lane only to make a left turn.
- B) The signal is about to change to a red X.
- C) You may drive in that lane normally (lane is open).

**Answer: C**

**Q43. When entering an interstate from a short entrance ramp with no acceleration lane, what should you do?**

- A) Enter only after you have a safe gap in traffic and accelerate quickly to match traffic speed.
- B) Immediately enter the far-right lane and then speed up.
- C) Use the shoulder to reach traffic speed.

**Answer: A**

**Q44. What happens to tire effectiveness as your speed increases on a wet roadway?**

- A) Your tires become less effective at removing water
  - increasing the risk of hydroplaning.
- B) Water has no effect on modern tires.
- C) Deep water is safer than shallow water.

**Answer: A**

**Q45. When may you drive on the right shoulder of the road?**

- A) When the car in front of you is driving too slowly.
- B) When the car in front of you is turning.
- C) Only when told to do so by an official.

**Answer: C**

**Q46. Do large vehicles have blind spots that can extend up to 200 feet behind them?**

- A) False — they have small blind spots.
- B) True — they can have blind spots that extend far behind.

**Answer: B**

**Q47. How often should you check your rearview mirrors?**

- A) Only when you are slowing down.
- B) To see if a vehicle is in your blind spot.
- C) Often to see how traffic is moving behind you.
- D) Only before passing.

**Answer: C**

**Q48. When you see a Reduced speed 35 mph sign, what does it mean?**

- A) The new 35 mph speed limit begins at the sign.
- B) The reduced speed zone begins at the next posted speed sign.
- C) You have a long distance to slow down before the reduced zone.

**Answer: A**

**Q49. Which driving skills are affected by alcohol or drugs?**

- A) Reaction time and coordination.
- B) Alertness and concentration.
- C) All of the above.

**Answer: C**

**Q50. When should you adjust your rearview and side mirrors?**

- A) Before you get into the car.
- B) Before you start driving.
- C) Whenever you need to use them while driving.

**Answer: B**