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**Q1. How should you respond when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights on the roadside?**

- A) Maintain your speed and lane as long as you don't cross the shoulder.
- B) Drive to the right and stop immediately regardless of traffic.
- C) Slow down and
  - if possible
  - change lanes away from the stopped vehicle; if a lane change is not safe
  - slow down and pass with extra space.

**Answer: C**

**Q2. What is the most common cause of traffic fatalities in work zones?**

- A) Hydroplaning from sprayed water on the roadway.
- B) Tire blowouts from construction materials.
- C) Driver carelessness and speeding.

**Answer: C**

**Q3. At night, which is the hardest to see?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Q4. If you are under 21 and convicted of carrying a false ID, what happens even if you were not driving?**

- A)** Only if you were driving at the time of arrest.
- B)** Only if your blood alcohol content (BAC) is 0.02 percent or higher.
- C)** Even if you were not driving.

**Answer: C**

**Q5. What is the effect of eating or drinking while driving?**

- A)** It causes no measurable driving errors.
- B)** It distracts you and makes it difficult to stay in your lane and control the vehicle.
- C)** It makes you a more alert driver by preventing hunger.

**Answer: B**

**Q6. On wet roads, what following distance should you maintain?**

- A)** Increase your following distance to five or six seconds.
- B)** Not be concerned about your following distance.
- C)** Decrease your following distance to two seconds.

**Answer: A**

**Q7. When approaching a steady yellow light, what should you do?**

- A)** Accelerate to avoid a red light.
- B)** Continue driving
- C)** Slow to a stop

**Answer: C**

**Q8. How does smoking or preparing to smoke while driving affect you?**

- A) Do not affect driving abilities.**
- B) Are distracting activities.**
- C) Help maintain driver alertness.**

**Answer: B**

**Q9. If another car appears likely to hit you, what should you do to warn them?**

- A) Wave your arms.**
- B) Use your emergency lights.**
- C) Sound your horn.**

**Answer: C**

**Q10. A steady green traffic light at an intersection means you may:**

- A) Must slow down and prepare to stop.**
- B) Drive through or turn if allowed**
  - after yielding.
- C) Must stop and check for oncoming traffic before proceeding.**

**Answer: B**

**Q11. What is a 'No zone' in relation to large vehicles?**

- A) A designated no-passing zone on a highway.**
- B) The large blind spot around a truck where the driver cannot see you.**
- C) A one-way traffic area near heavy trucks.**

**Answer: B**

**Q12. If you hear a siren but cannot immediately locate the emergency vehicle, what should you do?**

- A) Keep driving until you see the vehicle.**
- B) Pull to the curb and look to see if it is on your street.**
- C) Slow down. Don't stop until you see it.**

**Answer: B**

**Q13. If a police officer is directing traffic at an intersection where signals are working, whose directions should you follow?**

- A) Wait for a signal from another driver.**
- B) Obey the traffic signal and ignore the officer.**
- C) Follow the officer's directions rather than the traffic lights.**

**Answer: C**

**Q14. When is it illegal to drive below the posted speed limit?**

- A) When driving slowly disrupts the normal flow of traffic.**
- B) When in heavy traffic in a construction zone.**
- C) Only when driving in rural areas.**

**Answer: A**

**Q15. If there are two railroad tracks side by side and one train has passed, what must you do?**

- A) Cross immediately to beat any other approaching trains.**
- B) Look for a second train on the other track before crossing.**
- C) Assume it is safe to cross once the first train is gone.**

**Answer: B**

**Q16. On two-lane, two-way streets, where should you begin a left turn?**

- A)** As close to the centerline as possible.
- B)** From the far right side of your lane.
- C)** From the curb side of the lane.

**Answer: A**

**Q17. What is 'highway hypnosis' caused by?**

- A)** Frequent rest stops that interrupt driving rhythm.
- B)** Staring at the roadway for long periods without actively scanning.
- C)** Getting too much sleep before the trip.

**Answer: B**

**Q18. If a green arrow changes into a solid green light, what must you do before turning?**

- A)** May still turn
  - but you must yield to oncoming traffic.
- B)** May no longer turn and must proceed straight.
- C)** Still have the right-of-way to turn.

**Answer: A**

**Q19. When a stopped school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, what must drivers do?**

- A)** Only stop if you are behind the bus.
- B)** Pass cautiously if no children are visible.
- C)** Stop and remain stopped until the lights stop flashing and children are in a safe place.

**Answer: C**

**Q20. Compared to daytime driving, how does driving at night differ?**

- A)** No more or less dangerous.
- B)** More dangerous.
- C)** Less dangerous.

**Answer: B**

**Q21. If you begin to feel drowsy while driving, what should you do?**

- A)** Open a window and drive on
- B)** Stop driving and rest or find a safe place to sleep.
- C)** Drink coffee and continue driving without stopping.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. Before passing on a multilane highway, what must you ensure?**

- A)** The passing lane is clear and you signal before changing lanes.
- B)** You may only pass on the right regardless of conditions.
- C)** That oncoming traffic yields to you.

**Answer: A**

**Q23. Teen drivers have a higher crash risk when they are driving with which passengers?**

- A)** Other teenage passengers.
- B)** Adult passengers.
- C)** Pets as passengers.

**Answer: A**

**Q24. Compared to smaller vehicles, what is true about larger vehicles' blind spots?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Q25. What must drivers entering a roundabout or traffic circle do?**

- A) Must always stop before entering.
- B) Have the right-of-way if there is one lane.
- C) Must yield to drivers already in the roundabout or traffic circle.

**Answer: C**

**Q26. Anything that causes you to do which of the following could lead to a crash?**

- A) Turn the steering wheel slightly to avoid an obstacle.
- B) Adjust the radio briefly while driving.
- C) Take your attention away from the task of driving.

**Answer: C**

**Q27. What is the maximum posted speed limit in this state?**

- A) 55
- B) 60
- C) 70
- D) 50

**Answer: C**

**Q28. If arrested and a police officer requires you to take a blood, breath, or urine test, what is the legal consequence of refusing?**

- A)** Your driving privilege will be automatically suspended for one year.
- B)** You may choose which test to take.
- C)** You will not face administrative suspension if later found not guilty.

**Answer: A**

**Q29. When entering a street from a driveway, what must you do?**

- A)** Must honk your horn so approaching vehicles and pedestrians know to give you room.
- B)** Must drive slowly to allow approaching vehicles and pedestrians time to get out of your way.
- C)** Must stop and proceed only when there are no pedestrians or vehicles approaching.

**Answer: C**

**Q30. If you miss your turn or exit on a freeway, what should you do?**

- A)** Make a quick lane change and turn from your lane of travel.
- B)** Back up on the shoulder to return to the exit.
- C)** Continue to the next exit or other safe location to turn around.

**Answer: C**

**Q31. If a truck wants to pass you, how should you respond?**

- A)** Your speed should remain steady or decrease.
- B)** You should change lanes.
- C)** You should stop.

**Answer: A**

**Q32. How can stress influence your driving performance?**

- A)** It helps you react faster in emergencies.
- B)** It can reduce your ability to concentrate and increase driving errors.
- C)** It makes you less likely to be in an accident.

**Answer: B**

**Q33. While backing, what is the safest technique?**

- A)** Open your door to see if it is safe to proceed.
- B)** Rely only on your mirrors.
- C)** Turn your head and look through the rear window while backing.

**Answer: C**

**Q34. As you prepare to make a right turn, where should your vehicle be positioned?**

- A)** Near the center of the street.
- B)** Close to the left side of the street.
- C)** Close to the right side of the street.

**Answer: C**

**Q35. When you are in a line of traffic approaching a railroad crossing with no signals, what must you ensure?**

- A)** You have the right-of-way and do not need to check for trains.
- B)** You may pass slower drivers while crossing the track.
- C)** You have space to get all the way across the tracks without stopping.

**Answer: C**

**Q36. Under what condition may you turn right on a red light in Pennsylvania?**

- A)** After coming to a complete stop and yielding to pedestrians and oncoming traffic unless a sign prohibits it.
- B)** If you are facing a red arrow pointing right.
- C)** From the left lane of a one-way street.

**Answer: A**

**Q37. What should you do before passing another vehicle?**

- A)** Flash your headlights immediately before passing.
- B)** Signal in advance to indicate your intention to change lanes and pass.
- C)** Turn on your four-way flashers while passing.

**Answer: B**

**Q38. If an aggressive driver is behind you, how should you respond?**

- A)** Pull alongside and argue to defend your position.
- B)** Speed up to prevent them from passing.
- C)** Move out of their way and avoid engaging or making eye contact.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. If an oncoming vehicle is using high beams and not dimming them, where should you look?**

- A)** Either side
- B)** The center
- C)** Toward the right side of the road.

**Answer: C**

**Q40. When near a blind pedestrian using a cane or guide dog, what must you do?**

- A) Proceed normally; pedestrian yields.
- B) Slow down and be prepared to stop.
- C) Take the right-of-way since vehicles are faster.

**Answer: B**

**Q41. What color background and lettering do highway and expressway guide signs typically have?**

- A) Yellow background with black letters.
- B) Orange background with black letters.
- C) Green background with white letters.

**Answer: C**

**Q42. For drivers 21 and older in Pennsylvania, what BAC is illegal to operate a vehicle?**

- A) 0.08 percent or higher.
- B) 0.05 percent or higher.
- C) 0.02 percent or higher.

**Answer: A**

**Q43. If you miss your freeway exit, what should you do?**

- A) Make a U-turn through the median.
- B) Pull onto the shoulder and back your car to the exit.
- C) Go to the next exit.

**Answer: C**

**Q44. What should you do to help prevent crashes with other road users?**

- A)** Communicate with other road users.
- B)** Ignore other drivers on the road.
- C)** Drive only on side streets and back roads.

**Answer: A**

**Q45. Why must you use extra caution near a pedestrian carrying a white cane?**

- A)** They are required to step aside for vehicles.
- B)** They are likely blind and may need you to yield fully and be prepared to stop.
- C)** They are directing traffic.

**Answer: B**

**Q46. If a truck appears to swing left before making a right turn, why is it dangerous to try to pass between the truck and the curb?**

- A)** It is always safe because trucks give way to smaller vehicles.
- B)** Truck drivers may need the extra room and cannot see vehicles trying to squeeze by.
- C)** Large trucks always complete turns quickly without encroaching on the curb.

**Answer: B**

**Q47. If you encounter an animal on the roadway, how should you react?**

- A)** No special action is required.
- B)** The driver should honk their horn.
- C)** Pass the animal slowly to avoid startling it.

**Answer: C**

**Q48. If a crossing guard is directing traffic in a school zone, what must motorists do?**

- A)** Assume the guard is not supposed to be directing traffic.
- B)** Copy what surrounding traffic is doing despite the crossing guard's instructions.
- C)** Follow the directions given by the crossing guard.

**Answer: C**

**Q49. If the light is green but oncoming traffic is heavy and you want to turn left, you should:**

- A)** Wait behind the crosswalk until traffic clears.
- B)** Use the next intersection.
- C)** Wait in the center of the intersection for traffic to clear.

**Answer: A**

**Q50. When a school bus is stopped with red lights flashing and its stop arm extended, what must you do?**

- A)** Slow down and pass cautiously if no children are visible.
- B)** Pass the bus if you are on the opposite side of any road.
- C)** Stop at least 10 feet away and remain stopped until lights are off and the stop arm is withdrawn.

**Answer: C**