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Q1. When is it allowed to park or stop on a freeway shoulder?

- A)** Only in an emergency.
- B)** Any time if you turn on hazard flashers.
- C)** If no part of your vehicle is on the road.

Answer: A

Q2. Why should drivers give extra space to children on bicycles?

- A)** They can stop quickly if needed
- B)** They are always required to stay out of the road
- C)** They always follow traffic rules
- D)** Children lack adult reflexes and are smaller/harder to see

Answer: D

Q3. If you hit a parked vehicle and cannot find the owner, what must you do?

- A)** Leave a note with your name
 - address
 - and report to police.
- B)** Wait for the owner to return.
- C)** Call your insurance company when you get home.

Answer: A

Q4. When merging onto a freeway, what is the best practice?

- A)** Proceed very slowly and wait for a gap.
- B)** Accelerate on the ramp to match the speed of traffic and merge safely.
- C)** Turn on hazard lights while merging.
- D)** Stop at the end of the ramp and wait.

Answer: B

Q5. If you arrive at an uncontrolled intersection at the same time as vehicles to your right and left, who has the right-of-way?

- A) The largest vehicle goes first
- B) The vehicle on your left has the right-of-way
- C) The vehicle on your right has the right-of-way
- D) You should always wait until there are no vehicles

Answer: C

Q6. Which device or activity increases a driver's crash risk due to distraction?

- A) Cell phone use.
- B) Listening to the radio at normal volume.
- C) Operating the CD player briefly.

Answer: A

Q7. When must drivers yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk?

- A) Only if the pedestrian waves.
- B) Only if the pedestrian is paying attention.
- C) At all times.
- D) Only when the pedestrian has a hand signal.

Answer: C

Q8. If entering public traffic from a driveway or private road, who should yield?

- A) You should yield to drivers already on the public road.
- B) You have the right-of-way.
- C) You may force your way into traffic.

Answer: A

Q9. If two vehicles arrive at an uncontrolled intersection at the same time, who must yield?

- A) The vehicle on the right yields to the left
- B) The faster vehicle goes first
- C) The vehicle on the left must yield to the vehicle on the right
- D) The larger vehicle has the right-of-way

Answer: C

Q10. What is a common effect of continuous hard braking on ice and snow?

- A) Helps you stop faster.
- B) Locks the front wheels of a vehicle
 - causing a loss of steering.
- C) Keeps the brakes from freezing.

Answer: B

Q11. Which statement about blind spots is true?

- A) They are eliminated if you have two outside mirrors.
- B) Large trucks have bigger blind spots than most passenger vehicles.
- C) You can check blind spots with rearview mirrors alone.

Answer: B

Q12. What does an orange-colored road sign generally warn of?

- A) A railroad crossing is ahead.
- B) A school zone is ahead.
- C) Construction
 - maintenance
 - or emergency operations ahead.

Answer: C

Q13. Which statement about stopping in a travel lane is correct?

- A)** You should not stop in a travel lane for any reason.
- B)** You may stop to drop off passengers in a travel lane.
- C)** You may make a U-turn or back up if you get on the wrong freeway ramp.
- D)** All of the above are unsafe and generally illegal.

Answer: A

Q14. On slick or slippery roads, how should you take turns?

- A)** Brake hard in the middle of the turn.
- B)** Accelerate through the turn.
- C)** Change lanes quickly before turning.
- D)** Take turns more slowly than usual.

Answer: D

Q15. When is it illegal to drive below the posted speed limit?

- A)** When your slow speed disrupts normal traffic flow.
- B)** When driving in a work zone at night.
- C)** Only on rural roads.
- D)** When following large trucks.

Answer: A

Q16. When is it acceptable to cross a dashed (broken) white line?

- A)** Only during daylight.
- B)** When you need to pass and it is safe.
- C)** At any time.
- D)** Only in emergencies.

Answer: B

Q17. What is the correct procedure to change lanes?

- A) Only signal if other traffic is present
- B) Check mirrors
 - signal
 - look over your shoulder for blind spots
 - then change lanes
- C) Check mirror and change lanes without signaling
- D) Signal then immediately change lanes without checking mirrors

Answer: B

Q18. Should you avoid driving beside large vehicles for long periods?

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

Answer: A

Q19. What is the correct technique for backing a vehicle?

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

Answer: C

Q20. Which substances may lead to arrest for DUI or impair driving?

- A) Beer
 - wine
 - and other liquor
- B) Illegal drugs and some prescription medicines
- C) Inhalants like glue or paint
- D) All of the above

Answer: D

Q21. On the road, bicycles are considered:

- A)** Vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles.
- B)** Hazards that must always yield to cars.
- C)** Not subject to the rules of the road.

Answer: A

Q22. Should you use high beam headlights when driving in fog to improve visibility?

- A)** Yes — high beams always improve vision
- B)** No — use low beams or fog lights
- C)** Yes — but only on rural roads
- D)** No — turn headlights off and use parking lights

Answer: B

Q23. When can you proceed through an intersection with a stop sign but no stop line or crosswalk?

- A)** After coming to a complete stop and confirming it is safe to proceed.
- B)** After slowing down to check for cross traffic only.
- C)** After stopping at least 20 feet before the intersection.

Answer: A

Q24. At an intersection where all corners have stop signs, who should yield the right-of-way?

- A)** The driver who arrived before you
- B)** The driver on your left
- C)** The driver across from you
- D)** The largest vehicle

Answer: A

Q25. How should you check your blind spot before changing lanes?

- A)** Using the inside rearview mirror.
- B)** Turning your head and looking over your shoulder.
- C)** Using your side mirror.

Answer: B

Q26. Which lights should you use to improve visibility in rain or fog?

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

Answer: A

Q27. If dust or smoke reduces visibility, you should drive more slowly and turn on:

- A)** Parking lights.
- B)** Emergency flashers.
- C)** Headlights.
- D)** Interior dome light.

Answer: C

Q28. What can cause 'highway hypnosis'?

- A)** Staring at the roadway for long periods of time.
- B)** Frequent rest stops.
- C)** Too much sleep the night before your trip.

Answer: A

Q29. When traveling to an unfamiliar area, you should:

- A)** Only have a general idea of where you're going.
- B)** Rely only on road signs to find your way.
- C)** Depend solely on a passenger to give directions.
- D)** Plan your route in advance.

Answer: D

Q30. True or false: Your speed does not affect how far your vehicle travels after you begin braking.

- A)** True.
- B)** False.

Answer: B

Q31. When must you yield to an emergency vehicle using lights or a siren?

- A)** When you hear a siren or see flashing red or blue lights.
- B)** Only if other drivers yield first.
- C)** Under no circumstances.

Answer: A

Q32. What do double solid yellow lines down the center of the road mean?

- A)** Two-way left-turn lane ahead.
- B)** Passing permitted when no oncoming traffic.
- C)** Prepare to stop for pedestrian crossing.
- D)** Passing is not permitted from either direction.

Answer: D

Q33. What is the correct method to check blind spots when changing lanes?

- A) Signal**
 - check mirrors
 - then look over the shoulder toward the lane you plan to enter.
- B) Only turn and look over your right shoulder regardless of direction.**
- C) Trust that outside mirrors eliminate blind spots.**

Answer: A

Q34. If a vehicle suddenly cuts in front of you and creates a hazard, what is the first thing you should do?

- A) Honk and step on the brake firmly.**
- B) Take your foot off the gas pedal.**
- C) Swerve into the lane next to you.**

Answer: B

Q35. If your wheels drop off the pavement edge, what should you do?

- A) Slow down**
 - check traffic
 - and gradually steer back onto the roadway when safe.
- B) Turn back onto the roadway immediately.**
- C) Stop and wait for assistance.**

Answer: A

Q36. If you miss your exit on an interstate, what should you do?

- A) Stop and make a U-turn.**
- B) Get off at the next exit and return safely.**
- C) Back up on the shoulder.**
- D) Signal and reverse into the exit.**

Answer: B

Q37. You should always use your turn signal when:

- A)** Changing lanes.
- B)** Pulling into or out of a parking space.
- C)** Pulling into traffic from an alley or parking area.
- D)** All of the above.

Answer: A

Q38. What is the act of turning your head to check blind spots before lane changes called?

- A)** A good driving habit.
- B)** A bad driving habit.
- C)** Unnecessary.

Answer: A

Q39. If you're in an accident, what should you do first?

- A)** Only move your vehicle if no one is harmed
- B)** Ignore and continue driving
- C)** Leave the scene immediately
- D)** Stop at the scene
 - help injured
 - and call police if needed

Answer: D

Q40. Regulatory signs are typically what color and must always be obeyed?

- A)** White.
- B)** Green.
- C)** Blue.
- D)** Yellow.

Answer: A

Q41. If an oncoming vehicle has high beams on at night and it's hard to see, what should you do?

- A)** Stop until the vehicle passes.
- B)** Look straight ahead
 - keeping your lane.
- C)** Glance toward the right edge of your lane.

Answer: C

Q42. At dusk or on overcast days, what should you do with your vehicle lights?

- A)** Use parking lights.
- B)** Use four-way flashers at all times.
- C)** Turn on your headlights (low beam).

Answer: C

Q43. Which behavior helps prevent crashes by making your actions predictable to others?

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

Answer: C

Q44. Why must you use extra caution when approaching a pedestrian using a white cane?

- A)** He or she is a police officer.
- B)** He or she is deaf.
- C)** He or she is blind or visually impaired.

Answer: C

Q45. If your vehicle's wheels run off the pavement edge, what should you do first?

- A) Accelerate to regain control**
- B) Turn sharply back onto the pavement immediately**
- C) Open your door and inspect the tire**
- D) Hold the wheel firmly**
 - release the gas
 - and gently apply the brakes

Answer: D

Q46. A solid white centerline on a multi-lane road means:

- A) Lanes are moving in the same direction and lane changes are discouraged.**
- B) Lanes are moving in opposite directions and passing is allowed.**
- C) Center turn lane ahead.**
- D) Parking allowed on either side.**

Answer: A

Q47. If you see pedestrians near the road, you should:

- A) Speed up to clear the area.**
- B) Sound your horn and continue.**
- C) Slow down and pass with caution.**
- D) Drive into the opposing lane to avoid them.**

Answer: C

Q48. When you see or hear an approaching emergency vehicle, what must you do?

- A) Drive to the right side of the road and stop until it passes.**
- B) Slow down and continue driving.**
- C) Motion for it to pass you.**

Answer: A

Q49. Are roads especially slippery when it first starts to rain?

- A) True — oil and dirt on the road make it especially slippery at first
- B) False — rain always improves traction
- C) True — only on highways
- D) False — only with heavy rain

Answer: A

Q50. How can stress affect your driving?

- A) Lower your ability to concentrate on driving.
- B) Decrease chances of an accident.
- C) Cause you to fall asleep at the wheel.
- D) Improve reaction time.

Answer: A