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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