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Q1. If traffic is approaching while you plan a three-point turnabout, what should you do?

- A) Begin the turnabout quickly to beat the traffic
- B) Flash your headlights and start immediately
- C) Yield to all approaching traffic before starting the turnabout
- D) Signal and proceed without checking for traffic

Answer: C

Q2. At an uncontrolled intersection, what is the appropriate driver response?

- A) Maintain your speed and proceed.
- B) Always come to a complete stop regardless of other vehicles.
- C) Yield to any vehicle approaching from the right and be prepared to stop to avoid a crash.

Answer: C

Q3. Which statement about railroad crossings is true?

- A) You have the right-of-way at all railroad crossings
- B) You need not stop for a crossing without gates
- C) You may pass another vehicle on the tracks if it is safe
- D) You must stop when directed to do so by a flagger or stop sign at a crossing

Answer: D

Q4. Any amount of alcohol in your bloodstream can affect your:

- A) Knowledge only.
- B) Judgment and physical coordination.
- C) Vehicle registration status.
- D) Right-of-way privileges.

Answer: B

Q5. What are "No zones" around large trucks?

- A)** Areas where you can squeeze around while it turns.
- B)** Areas where smaller cars disappear into the truck's blind spots.
- C)** Safe spaces to travel close behind the truck.
- D)** Designated passenger loading zones.

Answer: B

Q6. What do your brake lights communicate to other drivers?

- A)** You are making a turn
- B)** You are changing lanes
- C)** You are slowing down or stopping
- D)** Your emergency brake is on

Answer: C

Q7. If your accelerator becomes stuck while driving, which is the best immediate action among these?

- A)** Slam on the brakes hard.
- B)** Turn on your hazard lights as you take steps to safely stop the engine and slow down.
- C)** Blow your horn to warn others.

Answer: B

Q8. Which action disrupts smooth traffic flow?

- A)** Slowing down to look at a crash or unusual scene.
- B)** Avoiding needless lane changes.
- C)** Using public transit instead of driving.
- D)** Maintaining a steady speed with traffic.

Answer: A

Q9. Sudden gusts of wind on highways can:

- A)** Cause problems for all vehicles.
- B)** Only affect large vehicles.
- C)** Only reduce visibility.
- D)** Only affect motorcycles.

Answer: A

Q10. True or false: While driving at night you may use only your parking lights instead of headlights.

- A)** Only on well-lit streets.
- B)** False.
- C)** Only during dawn or dusk.
- D)** True.

Answer: B

Q11. When you are approaching a yield sign, what must you do?

- A)** Yield the right-of-way to cross traffic that is close enough to cause a conflict.
- B)** Always come to a complete stop even if the way is clear.
- C)** Yield only to vehicles on your right.

Answer: A

Q12. How can you avoid being in a truck or bus driver's blind spot?

- A)** Never pass them under any circumstances.
- B)** Avoid driving alongside large vehicles and do not tailgate.
- C)** Flash your lights to make them aware of you.
- D)** Drive as close as possible to their rear bumper.

Answer: B

Q13. When stopped for a traffic violation or during an equipment check, what must a driver produce if requested?

- A)** Proof of registration.
- B)** Proof of insurance.
- C)** Their driver license.

Answer: A

Q14. If you are on a one-way street and an emergency vehicle with flashing lights approaches, what should you do?

- A)** Drive toward the nearest edge or curb and stop.
- B)** Speed up and take the nearest exit.
- C)** Turn on your flashers and continue driving.

Answer: A

Q15. When may you proceed through an intersection with a stop sign but no stop line or crosswalk?

- A)** After stopping at least 20 feet back from the intersection.
- B)** After coming to a complete stop before entering and verifying it is safe.
- C)** Only if no other vehicles are visible.
- D)** After slowing down but not stopping.

Answer: B

Q16. How should you behave when another vehicle is passing you?

- A)** Brake hard to prevent them from passing.
- B)** Honk continuously to warn them off.
- C)** Speed up to keep your position.
- D)** Maintain a steady speed and allow them to pass.

Answer: D

Q17. Which of the following is unlawful regarding passing?

- A) Passing on multi-lane highways when lanes permit.
- B) Passing only when it is safe.
- C) Passing another vehicle in any marked no-passing zone or over a railroad crossing.

Answer: C

Q18. What might be a possible effect of taking prescription medication while drinking alcohol?

- A) It will make you more alert.
- B) There will likely be no effect.
- C) It can make you unfit to drive due to increased impairment.

Answer: C

Q19. You are approaching an intersection with a steady yellow light and have not yet entered. What should you do?

- A) Speed up to beat the red light
- B) Come to a safe stop if you can do so
- C) Sound your horn and proceed
- D) Continue through without slowing

Answer: B

Q20. Another driver is attempting to pass your vehicle. What should you do?

- A) Pull off the road
- B) Check for oncoming traffic and adjust your speed to allow safe passing
- C) Signal to the other driver when it is safe for them to pass
- D) Speed up to prevent them from passing

Answer: B

Q21. You must not drive at a speed greater than which of the following?

- A)** The posted maximum speed only.
- B)** A speed that is safe for the conditions only.
- C)** A speed that is faster than is reasonable and prudent for existing conditions.

Answer: C

Q22. Before changing lanes, besides checking mirrors, what should you do?

- A)** Always slow down in your current lane.
- B)** Never look over your right shoulder.
- C)** Glance over your shoulder to check your blind spot.

Answer: C

Q23. From which lane should you begin a left turn from multilane, one-way streets?

- A)** The middle of the intersection.
- B)** The right lane.
- C)** The left lane.

Answer: C

Q24. When entering a crowded freeway, what steps should you take to merge?

- A)** Use the acceleration lane to match freeway speed
 - use mirrors
 - check blind spots
 - and yield to traffic.
- B)** Stop on the ramp and wait for a large gap.
- C)** Merge at a much slower speed than traffic.
- D)** Assume freeway traffic will yield to you.

Answer: A

Q25. Hydroplaning occurs when tires ride on water; how can you reduce the chance of hydroplaning?

- A) Move to the shoulder as soon as it starts to rain.
- B) Put on cruise control to keep a constant speed.
- C) Slow down.
- D) Drive faster to get through the water quickly.

Answer: C

Q26. Which statement about blind spots is true?

- A) Large trucks have bigger blind spots than most passenger vehicles.
- B) You can check blind spots using only your rearview mirrors.
- C) Having one outside mirror on each side eliminates blind spots.

Answer: A

Q27. What should you do on slippery roads?

- A) Always drive at the posted limit even if conditions are poor.
- B) Brake sharply to test traction.
- C) Slow down.
- D) Drive faster to get through the area quickly.

Answer: C

Q28. When driving near a motorcycle, what must you allow the motorcyclist to use?

- A) Only half of a lane.
- B) A complete lane (full lane width).
- C) The shoulder beside the lane.

Answer: B

Q29. What is the best way to prevent a dangerous situation while driving?

- A)** Turn off the radio.
- B)** Constantly be aware of what is happening around your vehicle.
- C)** Keep your eyes focused only on the road ahead.

Answer: B

Q30. If another vehicle suddenly cuts directly in front of you creating a hazard, what should you do first?

- A)** Take your foot off the gas pedal to increase your following distance.
- B)** Swerve immediately into the adjacent lane without checking.
- C)** Honk and slam on the brakes as your first reaction.
- D)** Speed up to pass the vehicle that cut in front of you.

Answer: A

Q31. Which driving skills are impaired by alcohol or drugs?

- A)** Both alertness and coordination.
- B)** Coordination.
- C)** None of the above.
- D)** Alertness.

Answer: A

Q32. On a road with two or more lanes going the same direction, where should slower traffic generally travel?

- A)** In the left lane except to pass.
- B)** In any lane.
- C)** In the right lane except to pass.

Answer: C

Q33. To avoid glare from oncoming headlights at night, what should you do?

- A) Flash your high beams at them
- B) Glance briefly toward the right edge of the road
- C) Stare at the bright lights to adjust faster
- D) Keep focus on the centerline

Answer: B

Q34. What is true about signaling before turns, lane changes, or pulling from a curb?

- A) You only need to signal during the maneuver.
- B) It is a good driving habit and is required by law.
- C) It is only necessary if other vehicles are present.

Answer: B

Q35. When passing a vehicle that has just parked at the curb, what assumption should you make?

- A) Expect the parked vehicle to re-enter traffic immediately.
- B) Speed up to pass quickly.
- C) Assume the driver may open a door into traffic and exercise caution.

Answer: C

Q36. Which action will sober someone who has been drinking?

- A) Getting fresh air
- B) Drinking hot coffee
- C) Drinking tomato juice
- D) Allowing time for the body to eliminate the alcohol

Answer: D

Q37. How should you regard railroad crossings?

- A)** Safe places to park.
- B)** Safe to cross most of the time.
- C)** Dangerous; always check carefully.
- D)** Only dangerous at night.

Answer: C

Q38. If several vehicles arrive simultaneously at an uncontrolled intersection, who has the right-of-way?

- A)** Yield to the vehicle on your right.
- B)** Wait until there are no vehicles before proceeding.
- C)** Yield to the vehicle on your left.

Answer: A

Q39. What should you never do when preparing to change lanes?

- A)** Check for other drivers moving into the same lane.
- B)** Move into another lane while inside an intersection.
- C)** Check your blind spot by looking over your shoulder.

Answer: B

Q40. Which road marking or device is commonly used on some highways to indicate which lanes are for turning?

- A)** White lines on the side of the road.
- B)** Arrows painted on the roadway and lane-use markings.
- C)** Flashing red lights on the shoulder.

Answer: B

Q41. When traveling in a travel lane, you should:

- A)** Park briefly to drop off passengers.
- B)** Stop in the lane to check an address.
- C)** Keep moving until you can safely pull off the roadway.
- D)** Make a U-turn if you miss an exit.

Answer: C

Q42. At a railroad crossing that has only a crossbuck and no gates or lights, how should you proceed?

- A)** Only proceed if another driver waves you on
- B)** Turn up your radio to better hear approaching trains
- C)** Cross quickly without stopping
- D)** Approach with extreme caution and cross only when you are sure no train is coming

Answer: D

Q43. When are you driving too slowly?

- A)** When you are driving slower than 40 mph on any highway.
- B)** When you block or interfere with vehicles moving at a normal
• safe speed for conditions.
- C)** When you do not pass other cars often.

Answer: B

Q44. When sharing the road with bicyclists, you should do which of the following?

- A)** Treat bicycles as vehicles on the road and be extra careful when near them.
- B)** Pass as closely as possible because they're small.
- C)** Expect them to always yield to you.

Answer: A

Q45. What are the colors of signs that indicate the distance to the next highway exit?

- A) Yellow with black letters
- B) Red with white letters
- C) Black with white letters
- D) Green with white letters.

Answer: D

Q46. When driving near heavy trucks, what should other drivers remember?

- A) Trucks require increased stopping distances and larger turning space
- B) Trucks require less stopping distance than smaller vehicles
- C) Trucks are quieter at night
- D) Trucks always have the right-of-way

Answer: A

Q47. If heavy smoke covers the roadway ahead, you should:

- A) Reduce speed
 - move as far right as possible
 - and stop off the roadway.
- B) Turn on high beam headlights and continue slowly.
- C) Stop in the travel lane until smoke clears.
- D) Increase speed to clear the area quickly.

Answer: A

Q48. At a yield sign, what must you do?

- A) Always come to a complete stop even if the way is clear.
- B) Slow down and be prepared to stop; yield the right-of-way to cross traffic and pedestrians close enough to be a hazard.
- C) Yield only to vehicles on your right.

Answer: B

Q49. Which action typically leads to hydroplaning?

- A)** Frequent sudden turns on dry roads.
- B)** Sudden stops on dry pavement.
- C)** Excessive speed on wet pavement.

Answer: C

Q50. True or false: Talking or texting on a cell phone while driving will not significantly increase your crash risk.

- A)** False.
- B)** True.
- C)** Only true for hands-free phones.
- D)** Only true when driving slowly.

Answer: "A"