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Q1. If a child is about to run into the street, what should you do immediately?

- A) Begin to prepare to slow down in stages.
- B) Sound a sharp blast of your horn to warn them.
- C) Flash your headlights to get attention.
- D) Drive past slowly so as not to startle the child.

Answer: B

Q2. If a vehicle is equipped with airbags, what should you still do?

- A) Rely on the airbag and skip the belt.
- B) Wear the seat belt behind your back.
- C) Always wear your seat belt.
- D) Disable the airbag to avoid injury.

Answer: C

Q3. If you are on a city street and an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is behind you, what must you do?

- A) Stay in your lane and slow down until it passes.
- B) Drive to the right edge of the road and stop.
- C) Drive to the right edge and slow down but not stop.

Answer: B

Q4. If you approach a green light but the intersection is blocked by traffic, what should you do?

- A) Enter and wait for traffic to clear while blocking the crosswalk.
- B) Partially enter the intersection to hold your right-of-way.
- C) Do not enter the intersection until you can get completely across.

Answer: C

Q5. If you've had several beers, what actually reduces the effects of alcohol?

- A) Taking a cold shower.
- B) Drinking several cups of coffee.
- C) Waiting several hours for the body to metabolize it.

Answer: C

Q6. How do stopping distances and collision severity change with vehicle speed?

- A) They decrease as speed increases.
- B) They are unaffected by speed.
- C) Both increase as vehicle speed increases.

Answer: C

Q7. If a traffic signal at an intersection turns steady yellow before you reach it, what should you do if you haven't entered the intersection?

- A) Speed up to clear the intersection before it turns red.
- B) Proceed through at the same speed.
- C) Come to a safe stop.

Answer: C

Q8. When a bicyclist is making a left turn, which lane position may they legally use?

- A) They may use the left lane when turning left.
- B) They may cut through all lanes at once.
- C) They must always wait on the side of the road.

Answer: A

Q9. If your vehicle develops a mechanical problem while driving, what is the best course of action?

- A) Signal and move into the slow lane.**
- B) Keep driving until you find a service station.**
- C) Put on your hazard lights and pull off the road away from traffic.**
- D) Stop in your lane and put on your hazard lights.**

Answer: C

Q10. What is a common effect of continuous hard braking on icy or snowy roads?

- A) It increases tire traction on ice.**
- B) It helps you stop faster in slippery conditions.**
- C) It often locks the front wheels**
- D) It keeps your brakes from freezing.**

Answer: C

Q11. In heavy fog, what lighting should you use?

- A) Low beam headlights.**
- B) High beam headlights.**
- C) Emergency flashers only.**

Answer: A

Q12. If your vehicle is struck from the rear, which action should you avoid?

- A) Pressing your head against the headrest.**
- B) Be ready to apply brakes and keep a firm grip on the wheel.**
- C) Letting go of the steering wheel.**

Answer: C

Q13. When driving near a large commercial vehicle, what is a safe practice?

- A)** Follow closely to reduce wind drag.
- B)** Drive on its right side when on curves and hills.
- C)** Avoid driving alongside it for long stretches because of its large blind spots.
- D)** Pass safely and promptly rather than lingering beside the truck.

Answer: C

Q14. How many alcoholic drinks are enough to impair your driving ability?

- A)** Three drinks are needed to affect you.
- B)** Two drinks are required before impairment.
- C)** One drink can affect your driving.

Answer: C

Q15. If you are continuously being passed on both sides while driving in the center lane of an expressway, what should you do?

- A)** Move to the lane on your right.
- B)** Stay in the center lane.
- C)** Move to the lane on your left.
- D)** Slow to the minimum speed limit.

Answer: A

Q16. When you see pedestrians near the roadway, how should you respond?

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

Answer: C

Q17. Accumulating how many points on your license within 12 months can result in suspension in South Dakota?

- A)** Ten points.
- B)** Eight points.
- C)** Fifteen points.

Answer: C

Q18. When backing up a vehicle, what is the correct practice?

- A)** Use your side mirrors only.
- B)** Look through the rear window while backing up.
- C)** Rely only on your rearview mirror.
- D)** Press the accelerator as needed to move quickly.

Answer: B

Q19. What do double solid yellow lane markings mean?

- A)** The lane to the right may pass.
- B)** Both directions may pass when clear.
- C)** Neither direction may pass.

Answer: C

Q20. When should you adjust your rearview and side mirrors?

- A)** After you start moving the vehicle.
- B)** Only when you need them while driving.
- C)** Before you begin driving.

Answer: C

Q21. When are you allowed to drive on the shoulder of the road?

- A)** Whenever you need to pass another vehicle.
- B)** When the car in front of you is turning.
- C)** When the car in front of you is driving too slowly.
- D)** Only when directed to do so by an official.

Answer: D

Q22. Truck blind spots are located:

- A)** On the immediate left of the cab and directly behind the truck.
- B)** On both sides of the truck and directly behind it.
- C)** Directly behind the truck only.

Answer: A

Q23. If your wheels drop off the pavement edge, what is the correct way to re-enter the roadway?

- A)** Stop and wait for help.
- B)** Turn back onto the roadway immediately.
- C)** Slow down
 - keep control
 - and gently steer back onto the pavement when it is safe.

Answer: C

Q24. When a school bus has red flashing lights, when may vehicles proceed?

- A)** As soon as all students are off the bus.
- B)** When the stop arm is retracted but the bus remains stopped.
- C)** Only after the bus's red lights stop flashing and the stop arm is retracted.

Answer: C

Q25. What is the purpose of broken yellow lines on streets and highways?

- A)** Indicate no passing zones.
- B)** Separate lanes moving in the same direction.
- C)** Separate lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions and allow passing.

Answer: C

Q26. Who may legally use designated handicap parking spaces?

- A)** Anyone if all other spaces are full.
- B)** People who feel unwell even without a placard.
- C)** Delivery drivers unloading packages temporarily.
- D)** Only drivers with the appropriate license plate or hang tag.

Answer: D

Q27. Why is using a cell phone while driving a distraction?

- A)** It occupies the driver's hands
 - eyes
 - and mind.
- B)** It causes the driver to worry about call costs.
- C)** It draws other drivers' attention away from the road.

Answer: A

Q28. Why is driving at night generally more hazardous than daytime driving?

- A)** The road is always more slippery at night.
- B)** Your reaction time is always slower at night.
- C)** You cannot see as far ahead at night.

Answer: C

Q29. How dangerous is backing your vehicle?

- A)** Dangerous only if you have a helper guiding you.
- B)** Only dangerous in large vehicles.
- C)** Always dangerous.

Answer: C

Q30. Which statement about alcohol and driving is true?

- A)** If you can walk in a straight line
- B)** Alcohol impairs judgment
- C)** Being under the legal BAC limit means you are not impaired.
- D)** Alcohol only affects coordination

Answer: B

Q31. When should you yield your legal right-of-way?

- A)** Never; always use your legal right-of-way.
- B)** Only when a police officer tells you to.
- C)** Often
- D)** Whenever it helps prevent a collision.

Answer: D

Q32. What important action should you take before making a turn?

- A)** Increase your speed to complete the turn faster.
- B)** Always move to the left lane before turning.
- C)** Check traffic in all directions.

Answer: C

Q33. Before changing lanes or passing, what steps should you take?

- A)** Check mirrors
 - look over your shoulder for blind spots
 - and signal before changing lanes or passing.
- B)** Honk to warn drivers instead of signaling.
- C)** Rely solely on your mirrors and omit a head check.
- D)** Signal only after you start to move into the other lane.

Answer: A

Q34. When must you yield to a pedestrian using a white cane or guide dog?

- A)** Only when the guide dog is actively leading them across the street.
- B)** Only if a crossing guard is present.
- C)** At all times.

Answer: C

Q35. Where should a driver direct their attention while driving?

- A)** Stare straight ahead at all times.
- B)** Focus only on the middle of the road.
- C)** Look only at the instrument panel.
- D)** Scan ahead
 - to the sides
 - and use your mirrors regularly.

Answer: D

Q36. When a car with bright headlights approaches you at night, how should you respond?

- A)** Stop until the other driver passes.
- B)** Flash your high beams at them.
- C)** Glance toward the right edge of your lane to avoid being blinded.
- D)** Look directly at their headlights to judge distance.

Answer: C

Q37. Which of the following is true about crosswalks?

- A)** They are always unmarked.
- B)** They are always indicated by pavement markings.
- C)** They may be either marked with paint or unmarked and both are legal crosswalks.

Answer: C

Q38. Where are high beam headlights appropriate to use?

- A)** Both of the above.
- B)** Whenever there may be pedestrians anywhere around.
- C)** On unfamiliar roads or where there are no oncoming vehicles

Answer: C

Q39. If the intersection ahead is blocked by traffic but your light is green, what should you do?

- A)** Stay out of the intersection until traffic clears.
- B)** Follow other vehicles into the intersection so you don't delay.
- C)** Turn left to find an alternate route immediately.

Answer: A

Q40. When driving in fog, which lights should you use?

- A) Low beam headlights.**
- B) High beam headlights.**
- C) Four-way flashers only.**

Answer: A

Q41. When should you allow extra following distance behind another vehicle?

- A) When following a small passenger car.**
- B) When following a station wagon only.**
- C) When following a vehicle that cannot see behind it**

Answer: C

Q42. At a yield sign, what must drivers be prepared to do?

- A) Yield only to vehicles on the right.**
- B) Slow but never stop.**
- C) Yield the right-of-way to cross traffic close enough to cause conflict.**

Answer: C

Q43. If someone is tailgating you on a two-lane road and there's no lane to move into, what should you do?

- A) Slow down gradually to encourage the tailgater to pass.**
- B) Speed up to increase distance from them.**
- C) Apply your brakes sharply to warn them.**

Answer: A

Q44. If the roadway ahead is flooded, what is the correct action?

- A) Drive only in the center of the roadway.
- B) Slam on the brakes and cross quickly.
- C) Turn around and find another route; do not drive through flooded areas.

Answer: C

Q45. Give the right-of-way to any pedestrian who is:

- A) Only in any crosswalk or intersection.
- B) Wearing bright clothing.
- C) Crossing any street (in marked or unmarked crosswalks).
- D) Only in a marked crosswalk.

Answer: C

Q46. When another driver is tailgating you, what should you do regarding the space in front of your vehicle?

- A) Brake sharply to teach them a lesson.
- B) Speed up to put distance between you and the tailgater.
- C) Flash your brakes to warn the tailgater.
- D) Create extra space ahead of your vehicle to reduce sudden braking risk.

Answer: D

Q47. What is a good way to avoid skidding on slick surfaces?

- A) Slow down before entering curves and intersections.
- B) Speed up before entering a curve and slow down exiting it.
- C) Shift into a lower gear after starting down a steep hill.

Answer: A

Q48. At a railroad crossing you must:

- A)** Proceed without stopping if you don't see a train immediately.
- B)** Only look for a single train approaching.
- C)** Drive faster to clear the tracks quickly.
- D)** Watch for vehicles required to stop at all railroad crossings and for multiple trains.

Answer: D

Q49. Which statement is true about driving too slowly?

- A)** Driving too slowly on certain highways can be dangerous.
- B)** The speed you drive has no effect on safety.
- C)** Driving too slowly is never unsafe.

Answer: A

Q50. What can happen if you take a prescription drug and drink alcohol?

- A)** It will improve alertness.
- B)** It will likely have no effect.
- C)** It can make you unfit to drive.
- D)** It can increase impairment and make driving dangerous.

Answer: C