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Q1. If you see an emergency vehicle with flashing lights behind you while driving in a city, you should:

- A) Drive to the right edge of the road and slow down.
- B) Drive to the right edge of the road and stop.
- C) Stay in your lane
 - slow down
 - and let it pass.

Answer: B

Q2. When driving at night, what should you do to increase safety?

- A) Always use your high beams.
- B) Look directly at the headlights of an oncoming vehicle.
- C) Increase your following distance.

Answer: C

Q3. When driving in fog, which headlights should you use?

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

Answer: A

Q4. If your vehicle begins to skid, you should:

- A) Turn off the ignition.
- B) Brake as hard as possible.
- C) Ease up on the gas pedal.

Answer: C

Q5. On a multilane road, a solid yellow line beside a dashed yellow line means:

- A)** Passing is permitted only from the direction next to the dashed line.
- B)** Passing is permitted from both directions.
- C)** Passing is prohibited from both directions.

Answer: A

Q6. Which of these vehicle types is NOT required to stop before crossing any railroad grade crossing in Tennessee?

- A)** Taxis.
- B)** School or church buses.
- C)** Farm trucks hauling produce.

Answer: A

Q7. When entering an interstate highway you should:

- A)** Stop
 - check for cars
 - and enter when safe.
- B)** Check for cars and reduce your speed to 25 mph before entering the traffic lane.
- C)** Check for cars
 - increase your speed to match the flow of traffic
 - and merge when the way is clear.

Answer: C

Q8. If your vehicle becomes disabled on the highway, you should:

- A)** Stop where you are.
- B)** Park with all four wheels off the traveled highway
 - if possible.
- C)** Stop in the right lane.

Answer: B

Q9. You should signal continuously when turning because:

- A)** Is illegal to turn off your signal before completing a turn.
- B)** It lets other drivers know what your intentions are.
- C)** Is always unsafe to turn off a signal before completing a turn.

Answer: B

Q10. A flashing yellow signal at an intersection means you should:

- A)** Slow down and proceed with caution.
- B)** Wait for a green light before proceeding.
- C)** Stop before crossing the intersection.

Answer: A

Q11. How should you adjust driving on gravel or dirt surfaces?

- A)** Your tires grip better than on pavement.
- B)** You have less traction than on pavement
 - so slow down.
- C)** Visibility is better than on pavement.

Answer: B

Q12. As your blood alcohol concentration increases, you become:

- A)** More intoxicated.
- B)** More coordinated.
- C)** More sober.

Answer: A

Q13. During rainy weather, when should you be most cautious when turning or stopping?

- A)** One half hour after it stops raining.
- B)** During the first half hour of rain.
- C)** After it has been raining all day.

Answer: B

Q14. If you are the operator involved in a reportable crash, within how many days must you file a report with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security?

- A)** 48 hours.
- B)** 20 days.
- C)** 10 days.

Answer: B

Q15. If the rear of your car starts skidding to the left, what is the correct steering action?

- A)** Steer to the right.
- B)** Steer to the left.
- C)** Tap your brakes lightly and shift into neutral.

Answer: B

Q16. When is it illegal to make a U-turn near a curve or hill?

- A)** When you cannot see clearly for at least 500 feet in each direction.
- B)** When you can see at least 500 feet in each direction.
- C)** When there are no vehicles behind you.

Answer: B

Q17. What should you do when an oncoming car's headlights are blinding you at night?

- A)** Stop until the other driver passes.
- B)** Look below their headlights.
- C)** Glance toward the right edge of your lane.

Answer: C

Q18. At a red light with a green arrow, when may you go in the arrow's direction?

- A)** If you are in the proper lane and the intersection is clear.
- B)** After first coming to a complete stop.
- C)** Only after waiting for the light to change.

Answer: A

Q19. When encountering slippery surfaces such as ice or snow you should:

- A)** Maintain traction by following other vehicles closely.
- B)** Pump your brakes to keep them from freezing.
- C)** Shift to a low gear before going down steep hills.

Answer: C

Q20. When driving in fog or mist you should not use high beam headlights because:

- A)** Vehicles behind you may follow too closely.
- B)** The light will reflect back into your eyes.
- C)** Approaching vehicles might not see you.

Answer: B

Q21. At what speed should you travel?

- A)** At the speed of vehicles surrounding you.
- B)** At the posted speed limit.
- C)** At a speed appropriate for road and weather conditions.

Answer: C

Q22. Slowing down just to look at collisions or unusual events typically:

- A)** Improves traffic flow by preventing collisions.
- B)** Prevents rear-end collisions.
- C)** Causes traffic congestion.

Answer: C

Q23. When is it appropriate to drive at the posted maximum speed limit?

- A)** During the night.
- B)** During the day.
- C)** Under ideal conditions.

Answer: C

Q24. How do stopping distances and crash severity change with higher speeds?

- A)** Increase as vehicle speed increases.
- B)** Decrease as vehicle speed increases.
- C)** Are not affected by vehicle speed.

Answer: A

Q25. Excessive speed most often:

- A)** Does not increase the chance of a crash.
- B)** Increases your ability to react to a hazard.
- C)** Often leads to high-risk decision-making.

Answer: C

Q26. If you face a green light and there are pedestrians in the intersection, you must:

- A) Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.**
- B) Proceed because you have the right-of-way.**
- C) Require pedestrians to wait for you to cross.**

Answer: A

Q27. When the centerline is a broken yellow line beside a solid yellow line, what does that mean?

- A) Passing is permitted from the lane next to the solid yellow line.**
- B) Passing is not permitted from either direction.**
- C) Passing is permitted from the lane next to the broken yellow line.**

Answer: C

Q28. If you feel fatigued while driving, you should:

- A) Increase the volume of your radio.**
- B) Increase your speed to reach your destination more quickly.**
- C) Find a safe place to park and take a short nap.**

Answer: C

Q29. What effect can strong wind gusts on highways have?

- A) They generally affect only large vehicles.**
- B) They only reduce visibility.**
- C) They can create problems for all vehicles.**

Answer: C

Q30. What does a solid yellow arrow for turning indicate?

- A)** You should speed up to make the turn before it changes.
- B)** You do not need to signal to turn from that lane.
- C)** Prepare to stop and yield to oncoming traffic.

Answer: C

Q31. When double solid yellow lines separate traffic lanes:

- A)** Passing is permitted from the right.
- B)** Passing is permitted from the left.
- C)** Passing is not permitted from either direction.

Answer: C

Q32. When you approach a pedestrian using a white cane or a guide dog, you should:

- A)** Honk your horn as you proceed past them.
- B)** Carefully drive around them.
- C)** Stop until the person is well away from your path.

Answer: C

Q33. If a vehicle is equipped with airbags:

- A)** Seat belts should be worn behind the back.
- B)** Seat belts should still be worn.
- C)** Seat belts do not need to be worn.

Answer: B

Q34. If the centerline is one solid yellow and one broken yellow and the broken line is next to your lane, what does that mean?

- A)** You are not allowed to pass in this area.
- B)** You are in a passing zone and may pass if no oncoming traffic is present.
- C)** You are only allowed to make right turns in this area.

Answer: B

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

- A)** Stare directly in front of their car.
- B)** Only focus on the middle of the road.
- C)** Watch beside
 - ahead
 - and to the rear of their car.

Answer: C

Q36. Which lights should you use when driving in fog?

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

Answer: B

Q37. What should you do as you near the crest of a hill?

- A)** Speed up slightly.
- B)** Prepare to stop if necessary.
- C)** Maintain a steady speed.

Answer: B

Q38. In traffic moving 50–55 mph, you're least likely to have an accident if you:

- A) Drive a few miles per hour faster than most other vehicles.
- B) Stay within that speed range.
- C) Drive a few miles per hour slower than most other vehicles.

Answer: B

Q39. The term "No zones" around large trucks refers to areas where cars:

- A) Have several car lengths between their vehicle and the truck.
- B) Disappear into blind spots or are so close they limit the truck driver's ability to stop or maneuver safely.
- C) Have sufficient space to travel behind the truck.

Answer: B

Q40. What is the purpose of work zone barriers, drums, cones, and signs?

- A) Inconvenience drivers.
- B) Make drivers angry about slow traffic.
- C) Keep traffic out of hazardous work zones.

Answer: C

Q41. Which driving skills are affected by alcohol or drugs?

- A) Reaction time and coordination.
- B) All of the above.
- C) Alertness and concentration.

Answer: B

Q42. Which of the following is NOT a safe practice on the interstate?

- A)** If you miss your exit
 - you must go to the next exit.
- B)** Slower traffic must keep to the right.
- C)** Change lanes without signaling.

Answer: C

Q43. A steady red arrow on a traffic signal means:

- A)** Drivers may turn in the indicated direction after coming to a complete stop.
- B)** Drivers cannot turn in the indicated direction.
- C)** Drivers may turn in the indicated direction.

Answer: B

Q44. When parallel parking facing downhill, what should you do with your front wheels?

- A)** Keep your wheels straight.
- B)** Turn your wheels away from the side of the road.
- C)** Turn your wheels sharply toward the side of the road.

Answer: C

Q45. A flashing red traffic light at an intersection means:

- A)** The light is about to turn green.
- B)** The same thing as a stop sign.
- C)** The same thing as a yield sign.

Answer: B

Q46. When approaching a flashing red traffic light, what should you do?

- A)** Slow down and yield the right-of-way.
- B)** Slow down and drive carefully through the intersection.
- C)** Come to a complete stop
 - check traffic
 - and go when safe.

Answer: C

Q47. When you see an emergency vehicle using flashing lights, what must you do?

- A)** Maintain your speed and stay in your lane until the vehicle has passed.
- B)** Move into the right lane and drive slowly until the vehicle has passed.
- C)** Pull over to the curb or edge of the road and stop until the vehicle has passed.

Answer: C

Q48. How can you reduce the chance of hydroplaning on a wet road?

- A)** You may hydroplane at 45 mph.
- B)** Hydroplaning can begin at about 35 mph.
- C)** Hydroplaning occurs only above 40 mph.

Answer: B

Q49. To reduce the risk of hydroplaning in heavy rain, you should:

- A)** Put your cruise control on to maintain a constant speed.
- B)** Decrease your speed.
- C)** Move to the shoulder of the road as soon as it starts to rain.

Answer: B

Q50. If pedestrians are illegally crossing the street (jaywalking), you:

- A)** Should honk your horn at them.
- B)** Do not have to stop for them.
- C)** Must stop for them.

Answer: C