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## **Q1. When you hear or see an emergency vehicle approaching, what should you do?**

- A)** Proceed slowly and ignore it if possible.
- B)** Stop immediately in your current lane.
- C)** Drive as far right as is safe and stop.

**Answer: C**

## **Q2. What do double solid yellow lines down the middle of the road mean?**

- A)** Indication of a railroad crossing ahead.
- B)** Passing is not allowed from either direction.
- C)** Only pedestrians may cross here.

**Answer: B**

## **Q3. Which recommendation does NOT help safe night driving?**

- A)** Being aware that dark-tinted windows reduce nighttime visibility.
- B)** Carrying a flashlight in your vehicle.
- C)** Keeping your windshield dirty so glare is reduced.

**Answer: C**

## **Q4. Before backing out of a driveway where children are playing, what should you do?**

- A)** Start the car and back out slowly while watching your mirrors.
- B)** Sound the horn to warn the children.
- C)** Get out and walk to the back of the car to be sure the way is clear.

**Answer: C**

**Q5. When preparing to make a left turn, what should drivers do?**

- A)** Watch for oncoming vehicles and pedestrians and yield when necessary.
- B)** Move into the left lane and signal.
- C)** Slow down gradually while checking their rearview mirror only.

**Answer: A**

**Q6. If you start to feel tired while driving, what is the best action?**

- A)** Open a window to stay awake.
- B)** Drink coffee and keep going.
- C)** Stop driving and rest.

**Answer: C**

**Q7. Which practice helps prevent drowsiness on long trips?**

- A)** Reducing your speed significantly.
- B)** Keeping the radio on loud.
- C)** Stopping regularly to rest and stretch.

**Answer: C**

**Q8. Which commonly causes traffic accidents?**

- A)** Inattentive driving and excessive speed for conditions as well as following too closely.
- B)** Only bad weather.
- C)** Mechanical failures exclusively.

**Answer: A**

**Q9. When approaching a railroad crossing, what precautions should you take?**

- A)** Assume the tracks are clear if no train is visible.
- B)** Speed up to clear the crossing quickly.
- C)** Slow down
  - look and listen for trains
  - and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching or warning devices are active.

**Answer: C**

**Q10. When crossing railroad tracks, what should you do to be safe?**

- A)** Listen
- B)** Look and listen for trains in both directions and only cross when it is clearly safe.
- C)** Cross especially quickly when a train is approaching.

**Answer: B**

**Q11. If stopped by a police officer, what is the recommended behavior?**

- A)** Get your paperwork ready before the officer reaches your car.
- B)** Unbuckle your seat belt and lower your window.
- C)** Stay in your vehicle with your hands visible on the steering wheel and wait for the officer to approach.

**Answer: C**

**Q12. At an uncontrolled intersection where you and another vehicle arrive at the same time, and that vehicle is on your right, what should you do?**

- A)** Slow down and yield to the vehicle on your right.
- B)** Drive into the intersection and make the other vehicle stop.
- C)** Speed up and get through the intersection.

**Answer: A**

**Q13. How should you drive when passing through a work zone?**

- A)** Keep a two-second following distance behind any vehicle ahead of you.
- B)** Slow down and pay attention.
- C)** Closely follow the vehicle ahead to clear the zone quickly.

**Answer: B**

**Q14. If you leave your vehicle unattended, what actions are required?**

- A)** Turn off the engine only.
- B)** Lock the ignition and remove the key
  - stop the engine
  - and set the parking brake.
- C)** Set the parking brake only.

**Answer: B**

**Q15. If convicted of passing a stopped school bus with its red warning lights activated, you will:**

- A)** Receive only a written warning.
- B)** Be required to pay a substantial fine and have five points added to your driving record.
- C)** Receive two points on your license.

**Answer: B**

**Q16. If you borrow an unfamiliar vehicle, what should you do before driving it?**

- A)** Assume all vehicles are identical and start driving.
- B)** Take a few minutes to locate and learn how to operate the controls and correct any obvious defects before driving.
- C)** Disregard any defects to avoid embarrassing the owner.

**Answer: B**

**Q17. When entering a busy freeway, what should you do to merge safely?**

- A)** Use the acceleration lane to adjust your speed to match freeway traffic.
- B)** Yield to freeway traffic without attempting to match speed.
- C)** Enter the freeway slowly and then accelerate after merging.

**Answer: A**

**Q18. Motorcycles are entitled to what lane space?**

- A)** The same full lane width as other motor vehicles.
- B)** Half the width of a lane.
- C)** The bicycle lane.

**Answer: A**

**Q19. What does a posted speed limit indicate?**

- A)** The maximum legal speed under ideal road and weather conditions.
- B)** The exact safe speed you must always drive to avoid a ticket.
- C)** Only a suggested speed.

**Answer: A**

**Q20. If you must slow down on a slippery road, what is the first action you should take?**

- A)** Take your foot off the gas pedal to reduce speed.
- B)** Firmly apply your brakes immediately.
- C)** Apply your parking brake.

**Answer: A**

**Q21. How should a seat belt fit when adjusted properly?**

- A)** Is buckled snugly across your hip bones and lower abdomen.
- B)** Is hidden beneath the seat.
- C)** Is loose.

**Answer: A**

**Q22. What does a round traffic sign usually warn you about?**

- A)** A no-passing zone.
- B)** A school zone.
- C)** An upcoming railroad crossing.

**Answer: C**

**Q23. Why must you be cautious when passing a bicyclist?**

- A)** Because bicycles are always traveling faster than cars.
- B)** Oncoming traffic may not see you pull out to pass
  - and bicyclists may suddenly swerve to avoid hazards.
- C)** Bicyclists always have the right-of-way and you must stop.

**Answer: B**

**Q24. How must you respond when you approach a railroad crossing with flashing warning signals?**

- A)** Stop and look for a train
  - obeying the crossing warnings.
- B)** Slow down and look for a train but continue if the way looks clear.
- C)** Look for a train
  - then speed up to cross quickly.

**Answer: A**

**Q25. What factors determine how much space you need to cross traffic safely?**

- A)** The use of your turn signal.
- B)** Whether a stop sign is present.
- C)** Road and weather conditions
  - and the speed and distance of oncoming vehicles.

**Answer: C**

**Q26. To relieve fatigue on a long trip, what is a good practice?**

- A)** Drive with one eye open at a time.
- B)** Do arm exercises every hour.
- C)** Stop and rest every two hours.

**Answer: C**

**Q27. Which statement best describes a drowsy driver?**

- A)** Opening a window and turning up the radio will keep them alert.
- B)** Drinking strong coffee is an effective long-term solution.
- C)** Drowsy drivers can perform so poorly that their driving may resemble that of a drunk driver.

**Answer: C**

**Q28. When stopped in traffic that is crossing railroad tracks with no signals or gates, what must you ensure?**

- A)** You may pass slower vehicles while crossing.
- B)** You have space to fully clear the tracks without stopping.
- C)** You have the right-of-way so you do not need to check for trains.

**Answer: B**

**Q29. How can you reduce your risk of hydroplaning?**

- A)** Drive more slowly in wet conditions.
- B)** Drive faster to get through water quickly.
- C)** Drive through deep water to clear tires.

**Answer: A**

**Q30. Which of the following is true about using headlights?**

- A)** Driving while using low beam headlights during the daytime can reduce the risk of head-on collisions.
- B)** Headlights are required only during daytime.
- C)** Headlights should be used only when you cannot see the road at all.

**Answer: A**

**Q31. How can you ensure your physical condition won't impair your driving?**

- A)** Ignore minor health warnings when driving.
- B)** Only drive when you feel strong.
- C)** Know how any medicine affects your driving and drive within your limitations.

**Answer: C**

**Q32. If two vehicles arrive at an intersection at the same time without signs or signals, which vehicle has the right-of-way?**

- A)** The vehicle whose driver sounds a horn first.
- B)** The vehicle approaching from the left.
- C)** The vehicle approaching from the right.

**Answer: C**

**Q33. When is it appropriate to use your horn?**

- A) Only when passing another car.
- B) To alert others if you lose control or to avoid a collision.
- C) To express frustration at other drivers.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. Which action best ensures safety when backing a vehicle?**

- A) Walk to the rear of the vehicle and check behind it before you get into the driver's seat.
- B) Check your rearview mirror from the driver's seat
  - then back up.
- C) Honk your horn right before shifting into reverse.

**Answer: A**

**Q35. Which of the following is NOT a factor in determining stopping distance?**

- A) Reaction distance
- B) Braking distance
- C) Steering ability

**Answer: C**

**Q36. When should you use your turn signal?**

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

**Answer: D**

**Q37. When parked uphill next to a curb, how should you turn your steering wheel?**

- A) Keep the front tires straight ahead and release the parking brake.
- B) Turn the rear tires against the curb.
- C) Turn your front wheels away from the curb and set the parking brake.

**Answer: C**

**Q38. How should you respond to an aggressive driver?**

- A) Cut them off to slow them down.
- B) Retaliate by tailgating them.
- C) Avoid eye contact.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. What can happen if you drink alcohol while taking prescription or over-the-counter medicine?**

- A) The medicine will cancel the alcohol's effects.
- B) The combination can multiply the impairing effects of both the alcohol and the medicine.
- C) Alcohol helps the medicine work faster.

**Answer: B**

**Q40. When an emergency vehicle is displaying flashing red or blue lights and approaching, what must you do?**

- A) See if you can reach your destination before it catches up to you.
- B) Pull over to the side of the road and come to a complete stop.
- C) Continue driving but try to stay out of its way.

**Answer: B**

**Q41. A steady red traffic signal requires you to:**

- A)** Stop before entering the intersection.
- B)** Stop at the stop line.
- C)** Stop before entering any crosswalk.

**Answer: C**

**Q42. Is it ever acceptable to drive around or under a lowering or raising railroad crossing gate?**

- A)** Only if your vehicle can do so without damaging the gate.
- B)** Only when there are no visible trains.
- C)** No — you must not drive around or under a gate that is moving.

**Answer: C**

**Q43. How should you check blind spots before changing lanes?**

- A)** Use only the outside mirror on the side you intend to move toward.
- B)** Rely only on the inside rearview mirror.
- C)** Turn your head and look over your shoulder to verify the blind spot.

**Answer: C**

**Q44. How should you use a freeway exit ramp properly?**

- A)** Keep the same speed while on the ramp.
- B)** Do not slow down until you have moved onto the exit ramp.
- C)** Slow down before entering the exit ramp.

**Answer: B**

**Q45. On a vertically arranged traffic signal, what is the top-to-bottom order of lights?**

- A)** Green on top
  - yellow in the middle
  - red on the bottom.
- B)** Red on top
  - yellow in the middle
  - green on the bottom.
- C)** Red on top
  - green in the middle
  - yellow on the bottom.

**Answer: B**

**Q46. Which is true about passing a motorcycle?**

- A)** It is acceptable to pass a motorcycle without changing lanes if space is tight.
- B)** Motorcycles are entitled to less lane width than other vehicles.
- C)** The driver of a passenger vehicle must change lanes completely when passing a motorcycle.

**Answer: C**

**Q47. If you become stranded in a snowstorm, what is the best course of action?**

- A)** Stay in your car and wait for help.
- B)** Get out and walk for help immediately.
- C)** Lie down and sleep in the car.

**Answer: A**

**Q48. If an emergency vehicle is directly behind you in heavy traffic, what should you do?**

- A)** Stop where you are.
- B)** Keep moving slowly until you can safely pull over to the right and stop.
- C)** Speed up to get out of the way.

**Answer: B**

**Q49. Which of the following can impair your ability to drive?**

- A)** All of the following: alcohol
  - medications
  - and lack of sleep.
- B)** Only alcohol.
- C)** Only lack of sleep.

**Answer: A**

**Q50. What is the purpose of regulatory signs?**

- A)** To mark scenic routes.
- B)** To indicate actions drivers must or must not take in a designated area.
- C)** To mark areas of public recreation.

**Answer: B**