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**Q1. If an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is approaching, what must you do?**

- A) Speed up to get out of the way
- B) Stop immediately in your lane to block traffic
- C) Make every effort to give the emergency vehicle a clear path of travel

**Answer: C**

**Q2. A red traffic signal light means you must:**

- A) Stop at the stop line or before entering any crosswalk
- B) Stop only before entering the intersection
- C) Stop only if there is no crosswalk

**Answer: A**

**Q3. Before driving an unfamiliar vehicle you borrow, what should you do?**

- A) Familiarize yourself with the location and operation of controls and check for defects.
- B) Start driving immediately because all vehicles are the same.
- C) Ignore any odd noises to avoid embarrassing the owner.
- D) Drive only at night to avoid others noticing.

**Answer: A**

**Q4. If your wheels drop onto the shoulder, what should you do?**

- A) Slow down and carefully steer back onto the pavement.
- B) Stop your car on the edge of the road.
- C) Brake hard and turn sharply back onto the pavement.

**Answer: A**

**Q5. A person carrying a white cane or using a guide dog is most likely:**

- A) A blind person.
- B) A deaf person.
- C) Part of a traffic study.

**Answer: A**

**Q6. If a traffic signal displays both a red light and a green arrow, is turning in the arrow's direction prohibited until the red light changes?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: B**

**Q7. Is it legal to pass on a two-lane road when your side has a single solid yellow centerline?**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Answer: B**

**Q8. How can you help prevent rear-end collisions?**

- A) Turn off brake lights when stopping
- B) Brake abruptly to warn others
- C) Avoid sudden stops and slow down gradually
- D) Speed up to clear intersections

**Answer: C**

**Q9. When two vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at the same time, who must yield?**

- A) The vehicle on the left must yield to the vehicle on the right
- B) Either one may proceed first
- C) The vehicle on the right must yield to the vehicle on the left

**Answer: A**

**Q10. Which traffic signal situation requires you to come to a complete stop, yield, then proceed when clear?**

- A) A flashing yellow light.
- B) A steady yellow light
- C) A flashing red light.
- D) A solid green light.

**Answer: C**

**Q11. What should you do when approaching a steady yellow traffic light?**

- A) Accelerate to beat the red light.
- B) Assume you have right-of-way and continue.
- C) Slow to a stop unless you are already in the intersection.
- D) Stop abruptly in the lane

**Answer: C**

**Q12. At a four-way stop, who goes first?**

- A) The driver to arrive first has the right-of-way.
- B) The driver to arrive last has the right-of-way.
- C) One driver should continue driving without stopping.

**Answer: A**

**Q13. What do round traffic signs indicate?**

- A) No passing zones.
- B) Railroad crossings ahead.
- C) School zones.
- D) None of the above.

**Answer: B**

**Q14. Is the posted maximum speed limit the fastest you are allowed to drive in all conditions?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: B**

**Q15. What does a flashing yellow traffic light instruct drivers to do?**

- A) Proceed with caution.
- B) Stop completely.
- C) Merge only to the right.
- D) Yield to all traffic

**Answer: A**

**Q16. What does a 'No standing' sign allow you to do?**

- A) Never stop there under any conditions.
- B) Park if you remain in the vehicle.
- C) Stand outside the vehicle while it is parked
- D) Stop temporarily only to pick up or discharge passengers.

**Answer: D**

**Q17. When is it legal to pass on the right of another vehicle?**

- A) On a narrow bridge
- B) If the vehicle ahead is waiting to turn left and there is a safe available lane to pass
- C) Only when signposted
- D) Even if it requires driving off the pavement

**Answer: B**

**Q18. What is the correct sequence before changing lanes?**

- A) Signal
  - check mirrors
  - check blind spot
  - then change lanes when safe.
- B) Check mirrors only.
- C) Signal only.

**Answer: C**

**Q19. When the center of the road has a solid yellow line next to a broken yellow line and the broken line is on your side, when may you pass?**

- A) Only on expressways.
- B) When traffic is clear.
- C) Only in an emergency.
- D) Never

**Answer: B**

**Q20. What is the maximum speed limit on Virginia interstates in designated rural areas?**

- A) 50 mph.
- B) 70 mph.
- C) 60 mph.

**Answer: B**

**Q21. When driving on wet pavement, what should you remember?**

- A) Give extra stopping distance
- B) Pavement is especially slippery just after it starts raining
- C) Wet roads can cause hydroplaning
- D) All of the above

**Answer: D**

**Q22. If your vehicle begins to skid, how should you steer?**

- A) Overcorrect the steering to regain control
- B) Turn your wheel into traffic
- C) Turn your steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go

**Answer: C**

**Q23. When driving in traffic, it is safest to:**

- A) Drive with the flow of traffic at a reasonable speed.
- B) Drive much faster than other vehicles to pass quickly.
- C) Drive much slower than the flow to be cautious.
- D) Constantly change lanes to find gaps.

**Answer: A**

**Q24. When stopping on an uphill slope, when should you increase your space cushion?**

- A) On an uphill slope.
- B) At an intersection.
- C) At a stop sign.

**Answer: A**



**Q25. When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights or siren active, what must a driver do immediately?**

- A) Slow down and stay in lane.
- B) Pull to the right and stop.
- C) Pull to the right and turn on four-way flashers.
- D) Drive to the left shoulder and stop

**Answer: B**

**Q26. What is the shape of a stop sign?**

- A) Octagon
- B) Circle
- C) Diamond
- D) Rectangle

**Answer: A**

**Q27. What is the default speed limit in business, residential, and school districts unless otherwise posted?**

- A) 15 mph
- B) 25 mph
- C) 30 mph

**Answer: B**

**Q28. When you see a railroad crossing warning sign, you should:**

- A) Drive faster than the train to beat it across the tracks.
- B) Look for a way around lowered gates.
- C) Be prepared to stop if a train is nearby.

**Answer: C**

**Q29. As a pedestrian, what should you avoid doing?**

- A) Waiting for vehicles to stop before stepping out.
- B) Wearing reflective clothing at night.
- C) Using designated crosswalks.
- D) Entering a street or crosswalk when vehicles are approaching.

**Answer: D**

**Q30. How do you check your blind spot before changing lanes?**

- A) Turn your head and look over your shoulder in the direction you plan to move.
- B) Look only at the rearview mirror.
- C) Use your turn signal and assume it's clear
- D) Rely solely on the left side mirror.

**Answer: A**

**Q31. When may you proceed through an intersection with a stop sign but no stop line or crosswalk?**

- A) After stopping at least 20 feet before the intersection.
- B) After slowing to check for traffic only if cars are present.
- C) Without stopping if no pedestrians are visible
- D) After coming to a complete stop before entering and verifying it is safe to proceed.

**Answer: D**

**Q32. Which statement about passing motorcycles is true?**

- A) The driver of a passenger vehicle must change lanes completely when passing a motorcycle
- B) It is okay to pass a motorcycle by mildly overlapping lanes
- C) You may pass a motorcycle in a bike lane
- D) Motorcycles do not require the full lane width

**Answer: A**

**Q33. What do work zone signs generally indicate?**

- A) That summer maintenance is underway.
- B) Less-than-ideal driving conditions and that extra caution is needed.
- C) That construction will only occur during the day.
- D) That you must immediately stop and back up.

**Answer: B**

**Q34. When passing on a multilane highway, what must you ensure before passing?**

- A) You exceed the speed limit while passing
- B) You honk before passing.
- C) That the passing lane is clear.
- D) You pass only on the right.

**Answer: C**

**Q35. If you reach an intersection where you want to turn but are not in the correct lane, you should:**

- A) Turn from your current lane after signaling.
- B) Drive to the next intersection and make the turn from the proper lane.
- C) Quickly cut across traffic to make the turn.

**Answer: B**

**Q36. When should you drive below the posted speed limit?**

- A) When anything makes conditions less than perfect
- B) Only when you see a police officer
- C) When entering a highway where there are other cars

**Answer: A**

**Q37. Signs that warn drivers about hazardous conditions are called what?**

- A) Regulatory signs
- B) Information signs
- C) Warning signs

**Answer: C**

**Q38. If a green arrow changes to a steady green circular light, what must drivers do when turning?**

- A) You may no longer turn under any circumstances.
- B) Stop and wait for a green arrow to reappear.
- C) You have absolute right-of-way to turn.
- D) You may still turn but must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

**Answer: D**

**Q39. If your vehicle is blocking traffic after an accident, what should you do if possible?**

- A) Back up into traffic to clear the lane.
- B) Always leave it where it stopped until police arrive.
- C) Move it off the traveled portion of the roadway.
- D) Hide the vehicle and leave the scene.

**Answer: C**

**Q40. What general rule should you follow regarding passing other vehicles?**

- A) Try to get to the front of slow-moving traffic at all costs
- B) Pass on the right whenever possible
- C) Drive with the flow of traffic and pass only as needed

**Answer: C**

**Q41. As alcohol accumulates in your blood it tends to:**

- A) Improve your coordination.
- B) Slow your reactions and increase errors while driving.
- C) Speed up your thinking processes.
- D) Make you less confident about driving.

**Answer: B**

**Q42. What does a posted speed limit represent?**

- A) Only a recommended speed
- B) The exact speed you must travel to avoid a ticket
- C) The maximum safe driving speed under ideal road and weather conditions

**Answer: C**

**Q43. If you have a tire blowout while driving, which is the correct sequence of actions?**

- A) Take your foot off the gas
  - avoid heavy braking
  - slow gradually
  - then pull off.
- B) Brake hard immediately and steer to the shoulder.
- C) Speed up to reach a safe area quickly.
- D) Turn the steering wheel sharply and stop in the travel lane.

**Answer: A**

**Q44. Compared to smaller cars, truck and bus blind spots are:**

- A) Much larger
- B) About the same size
- C) Much smaller

**Answer: A**

**Q45. How should you respond when approaching road construction or maintenance areas?**

- A) Speed up to get through quickly
- B) Be alert for flashing arrow panels and obey all work-zone signs
  - signals
  - and flaggers
- C) Drive in the middle of the lane and ignore speeds.
- D) Pass other vehicles in the work zone.

**Answer: B**

**Q46. Does paying the \$500 uninsured motor vehicle fee provide liability insurance coverage?**

- A) Yes
- B) No

**Answer: B**

**Q47. When approaching a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended, what should drivers do?**

- A) Slow down and pass on the right
- B) Come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the red lights stop flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn
  - then proceed only when it is clearly safe.
- C) Honk before passing on the left.
- D) Pass cautiously if you think children are done.

**Answer: B**

**Q48. What must you do when entering a street from a driveway?**

- A) Honk to warn pedestrians.
- B) Drive slowly and expect them to yield.
- C) Enter as quickly as possible to avoid delaying traffic
- D) Stop before entering and proceed only when no pedestrians or vehicles are approaching.

**Answer: D**

**Q49. What are the consequences of driving in Virginia without liability insurance?**

- A) A small warning with no financial penalty.
- B) Only higher premiums later.
- C) Suspension of your driving and vehicle registration privileges and a \$500 fee until you provide proof of insurance.
- D) No consequences if you pay later

**Answer: C**

**Q50. Is it legal to exceed the speed limit when passing another vehicle?**

- A) True
- B) False

**Answer: B**