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## Q1. How do smoked and ingested marijuana differ in risks?

- A) They have identical risks.
- B) They have different risks.
- C) They have minimal risks with alcohol.

**Answer: B**

## Q2. What does a solid yellow line on your side of the centerline mean?

- A) Pass with caution.
- B) Do not pass.
- C) Slow down.

**Answer: B**

## Q3. What is the minimum license suspension for a first DUI conviction if a breath test is refused?

- A) 90 days.
- B) 30 days.
- C) One year.

**Answer: C**

## Q4. What does a 'Reduced speed 35 mph' sign mean?

- A) New speed limit begins where the next speed limit sign is posted.
- B) Maintain your current speed until traffic slows.
- C) Begin slowing so you are at 35 mph by the time you enter the reduced speed zone.

**Answer: C**

**Q5. What could cause a crash while driving?**

- A)** Taking your attention away from driving.
- B)** Taking your hands off the wheel.
- C)** Taking your eyes off the road.
- D)** Any of the above.

**Answer: A**

**Q6. What should you do when you hear or see an approaching emergency vehicle?**

- A)** Slow down until it passes.
- B)** Drive to the right and stop.
- C)** Motion for it to pass.

**Answer: B**

**Q7. What does not affect blood alcohol content (BAC)?**

- A)** How much time passes between drinks.
- B)** Your body weight.
- C)** The type of alcoholic beverage.

**Answer: C**

**Q8. How soon must you report an accident causing injury, death, or \$1,000+ in damage?**

- A)** Within five days.
- B)** Within four days.
- C)** Within two days.

**Answer: A**

**Q9. How do trucks compare to smaller vehicles in stopping distance?**

- A)** Trucks need longer distances to stop.
- B)** Trucks need less time to pass on downgrades.
- C)** Trucks have a smaller turning radius.

**Answer: A**

**Q10. Is driving under the influence of legally used marijuana legal?**

- A)** Legal but not advised.
- B)** Illegal.
- C)** Legal.

**Answer: B**

**Q11. What should you do when approaching a railroad crossing warning sign?**

- A)** Drive faster than the train.
- B)** Be prepared to stop if a train is nearby.
- C)** Go around lowered gates.

**Answer: B**

**Q12. What shape is a stop sign?**

- A)** Circle.
- B)** Square.
- C)** Octagon.

**Answer: C**

**Q13. What should a small vehicle driver be prepared for when passing a large vehicle?**

- A)** Loud noises.
- B)** Excess air pollution.
- C)** Wind gusts from the large vehicle.

**Answer: C**

**Q14. If another driver is passing your car, you should:**

- A)** Signal when it's safe for them to pass.
- B)** Pull off the road.
- C)** Maintain a steady speed and stay in your lane while they pass.

**Answer: C**

**Q15. What should you expect when driving through an area where children are playing?**

- A)** Children know when to cross.
- B)** Children stop at the curb.
- C)** Children may run out without looking.

**Answer: C**

**Q16. Where should your car be positioned to make a right turn?**

- A)** Near the center of the street.
- B)** Close to the left side.
- C)** Close to the right side.

**Answer: C**

**Q17. How does alcohol affect your ability to drive?**

- A)** Even a tiny amount of alcohol can impair concentration
  - perception
  - judgment
  - and memory.
- B)** Only a blood alcohol level above the legal limit impacts driving ability.
- C)** Alcohol has no effect on driving skills.

**Answer: A**

**Q18. How should you treat a flashing red traffic light?**

- A)** Drive through if no traffic.
- B)** Proceed with right-of-way.
- C)** Treat it like a stop sign.

**Answer: C**

**Q19. What should you do if someone is injured in an accident you're involved in?**

- A)** Move the injured immediately.
- B)** Always leave them where they are.
- C)** Avoid moving them unnecessarily.

**Answer: C**

**Q20. How many alcoholic drinks does the body typically eliminate per hour?**

- A)** Two drinks.
- B)** One drink.
- C)** Half a drink.

**Answer: B**

**Q21. What is the minimum THC level a driver over 21 may not have per milliliter of blood?**

- A) One nanogram.
- B) Five nanograms.
- C) Three nanograms.

**Answer: B**

**Q22. What are the most effective safety restraints in a traffic crash?**

- A) Only a lap and shoulder belt.
- B) Only an airbag.
- C) Both a lap/shoulder belt and an airbag.

**Answer: C**

**Q23. When turning left, it's important to:**

- A) Swing to the right side of your lane.
- B) Sound your horn.
- C) Yield to oncoming vehicles.

**Answer: C**

**Q24. What does a flashing yellow arrow at a traffic signal mean?**

- A) Merge in the arrow's direction.
- B) Stop completely.
- C) Turn left after yielding to traffic and pedestrians.

**Answer: C**

**Q25. How should you handle an aggressive driver?**

- A)** Avoid eye contact and let them pass.
- B)** Cut them off to slow them down.
- C)** Tailgate them.

**Answer: A**

**Q26. What do pentagonal signs signify?**

- A)** Speed limits.
- B)** No passing zones.
- C)** School zones.

**Answer: C**

**Q27. What should you do if a traffic light changes to solid yellow at an intersection?**

- A)** Treat as a caution sign.
- B)** Stop immediately.
- C)** Stop unless too close to stop safely.

**Answer: C**

**Q28. When must you stop for a school bus with flashing red lights?**

- A)** Only if children are crossing.
- B)** If traveling in the opposite direction on a multi-lane undivided road.
- C)** If traveling in either direction on an undivided road; on a divided road
  - only traffic going the same direction as the bus must stop.

**Answer: C**

**Q29. How soon must a vehicle buyer transfer ownership and registration?**

- A)** By the deadline required by your state DMV.
- B)** Within 15 days of purchase.
- C)** Before the license plate expires.

**Answer: B**

**Q30. On roads with more than two lanes traveling in the same direction. You should:**

- A)** Speed up and not allow anyone to pass you when traveling in the right lane.
- B)** Use the middle lane for normal through traffic when available.
- C)** Use the left lane for passing only.

**Answer: C**

**Q31. A red flashing traffic light is equivalent to:**

- A)** A yield sign.
- B)** A stop sign.
- C)** A solid red light.

**Answer: B**

**Q32. What is required if a flagger is directing traffic in a construction zone?**

- A)** Follow the flagger's directions.
- B)** Assume the flagger isn't authorized to direct traffic.
- C)** Follow surrounding traffic despite the flagger's instructions.

**Answer: A**

**Q33. What does a steady red traffic light mean?**

- A)** Slow down and yield to other traffic.
- B)** Stop and look for danger before crossing.
- C)** Stop and don't proceed until the light turns green.

**Answer: C**

**Q34. When should you honk your horn?**

- A)** Traveling through an intersection.
- B)** Passing a bicyclist.
- C)** To warn a child running into the street.

**Answer: C**

**Q35. What is the legal BAC limit for drivers over 21 in Washington State?**

- A)** 0.04 percent or higher.
- B)** 0.08 percent or higher.
- C)** 0.01 percent or higher.

**Answer: B**

**Q36. What should you do if an emergency vehicle with flashing lights is nearby?**

- A)** Stop immediately to block their path.
- B)** Speed up to avoid them.
- C)** Clear a path for the emergency vehicle.

**Answer: C**

**Q37. At an intersection with a yield sign, you should:**

- A)** Yield only to traffic on the left.
- B)** Always stop before entering.
- C)** Slow down and yield to traffic in the intersection.

**Answer: C**

**Q38. What should a driver do if driving much slower than the speed limit?**

- A)** Always claim the right-of-way.
- B)** Prevent following cars from passing.
- C)** Pull off the road to let others pass.

**Answer: C**

**Q39. What should you do if your brakes fail?**

- A)** Flash your lights.
- B)** Shift to neutral.
- C)** Pump the brake pedal to build pressure.

**Answer: C**

**Q40. What does it mean when a driver's left arm and hand are extended upward?**

- A)** Turn left.
- B)** Turn right.
- C)** Stop.

**Answer: B**

**Q41. What should you do when driving in bad weather?**

- A)** Increase speed to reach your destination.
- B)** Decrease following distance.
- C)** Increase following distance.

**Answer: C**

**Q42. Is it legal to drink alcohol or possess open alcohol containers in a vehicle on a highway?**

- A)** Illegal to drink or possess open containers in the passenger area on a public road in most states.
- B)** Legal if not driving.
- C)** Legal if not drunk.

**Answer: A**

**Q43. What is a slow-moving vehicle emblem?**

- A)** A circular green sign.
- B)** A diamond-shaped yellow sign.
- C)** An orange triangular sign.

**Answer: C**

**Q44. What happens if you mix alcohol with prescription or over-the-counter medicine?**

- A)** Medicine reduces alcohol's effect.
- B)** Alcohol helps the medicine cure a cold.
- C)** The combination multiplies impairment.

**Answer: C**

**Q45. What happens if a green arrow changes to a solid green light?**

- A)** You may still turn but must yield to oncoming traffic.
- B)** You must proceed straight and cannot turn.
- C)** You retain the right-of-way to turn.

**Answer: A**

**Q46. Who has the right-of-way at a four-way stop if two drivers arrive simultaneously?**

- A)** The driver on the left.
- B)** The driver on the right.
- C)** Neither driver needs to stop.

**Answer: B**

**Q47. What do double solid yellow lines in the middle of a road mean?**

- A)** Pedestrian crossing ahead.
- B)** Passing is not permitted from either direction except for left turns into or out of a driveway or side road.
- C)** Railroad crossing ahead.

**Answer: B**

**Q48. When merging with other traffic, you should:**

- A)** Merge regardless of a gap.
- B)** Wait until your lane ends and merge into a small gap.
- C)** Allow a gap of about four seconds.

**Answer: C**

**Q49. What does a broken yellow line next to a solid yellow line signify?**

- A)** Passing is allowed from the lane adjacent to the broken line.
- B)** Passing is permitted from either direction.
- C)** Passing is allowed from the lane next to the solid line.

**Answer: A**

**Q50. What should you do after a collision?**

- A)** Stand in traffic lanes to wait for help.
- B)** Stop at or near the collision site and move the vehicle off the road if possible.
- C)** Try to remove downed power lines.

**Answer: B**