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Q1. If you reach an intersection where you wish to turn but are not in the correct lane, what should you do?

- A) Turn from your current lane without signaling.
- B) Proceed to the next intersection and make the turn from the proper lane.
- C) Back up to position yourself for the turn.
- D) Quickly cut across traffic to make the turn.

Answer: B

Q2. What can happen to a bicyclist who fails to obey traffic laws?

- A) They will always receive just a warning from law enforcement.
- B) They cannot be stopped by police.
- C) They are always correct because they are more vulnerable.
- D) They can be ticketed.

Answer: D

Q3. When changing lanes to the left, how should you check your blind spot?

- A) Use only the rearview mirror.
- B) Glance over your left shoulder.
- C) Look in your side mirror only.
- D) Glance over your right shoulder.

Answer: B

Q4. When passing a large vehicle, what must drivers of small vehicles be prepared for?

- A)** Wind gusts that can affect vehicle stability.
- B)** Additional traffic signals.
- C)** Loud noises only.
- D)** Improved visibility.

Answer: A

Q5. Unless otherwise posted, what is the usual speed limit on open county highways in West Virginia?

- A)** 65 mph.
- B)** 55 mph.
- C)** 70 mph.
- D)** 60 mph.

Answer: B

Q6. Emergency vehicles generally:

- A)** Are not required to use sirens when responding to emergencies.
- B)** Must always be followed closely by other cars.
- C)** Cannot give instructions over loudspeakers.
- D)** Have the right-of-way when using sirens and/or flashing lights and you must yield to them.

Answer: D

Q7. When approaching an accident scene, what should you do if you are not involved?

- A)** Keep your attention on your driving and pass without stopping unless emergency help hasn't arrived and you can safely assist.
- B)** Stop and get out to watch the scene.
- C)** Pile into the area to take photographs.
- D)** Slow down to look and impede traffic.

Answer: A

Q8. What does an orange-colored traffic sign typically indicate?

- A) The start of a no-passing zone.
- B) Construction or maintenance ahead.
- C) A hospital nearby.
- D) A school zone ahead.

Answer: B

Q9. A solid red arrow in a traffic signal means:

- A) The arrow is decorative and may be ignored.
- B) Drivers may turn immediately without yielding.
- C) Traffic in that lane must stop and may not turn in the arrow's direction.
- D) You can proceed if no other cars are present.

Answer: C

Q10. Which document must the driver present when stopped for a violation or equipment check?

- A) Proof of vehicle registration.
- B) Driver's license.
- C) Proof of insurance.

Answer: B

Q11. You may pass another vehicle when the line dividing lanes is a ____ line.

- A) Solid yellow.
- B) Solid white.
- C) Broken white.
- D) Double solid yellow.

Answer: C

Q12. What should a driver who is traveling much slower than the normal flow of traffic do?

- A)** Refuse to allow cars to pass behind them.
- B)** Accelerate to the speed limit regardless of conditions.
- C)** Pull off the road at the earliest safe point to let traffic pass if it is causing a backup.
- D)** Always stay in the left lane.

Answer: C

Q13. When should you look over your shoulder to check your vehicle's blind spot?

- A)** Every five minutes while driving.
- B)** Only on highways when passing another vehicle.
- C)** Only when parking.
- D)** Whenever you are changing lanes

Answer: D

Q14. An advisory speed sign for a curve should be treated how in bad weather?

- A)** Reduce speed below the advisory limit when roads are wet
 - snowy
 - or icy.
- B)** Be ignored if you are comfortable driving faster.
- C)** Follow only when traffic is heavy.
- D)** Increase speed to maintain momentum.

Answer: A

Q15. What should be your first response to reduced visibility while driving?

- A)** Turn on high-beam headlights.
- B)** Turn on windshield wipers.
- C)** Stop immediately in the travel lane.
- D)** Reduce your speed.

Answer: D

Q16. What should you never do while stopped in a travel lane?

- A)** Stop to drop off passengers.
- B)** Stop to look up an address.
- C)** Make a U-turn or back up if you missed an exit.
- D)** All of the above.

Answer: D

Q17. A regulatory sign with a red circle and slash through a symbol indicates:

- A)** An action is forbidden.
- B)** Drivers should come to a complete stop.
- C)** Some drivers must yield to others.
- D)** That the road is closed.

Answer: A

Q18. To avoid collisions with vehicles in blind spots, you should:

- A)** Honk continuously before changing lanes.
- B)** Adjust rearview mirrors every minute
- C)** Rely only on automatic sensors.
- D)** Turn your head and glance over your shoulder in the direction you plan to move before changing lanes.

Answer: D

Q19. What do two solid yellow lines down the center of the road indicate?

- A)** Passing is allowed for both directions.
- B)** Passing is allowed when safe.
- C)** One-way traffic only.
- D)** Passing is not allowed from either direction.

Answer: D

Q20. Which statement about sudden weather changes is correct?

- A)** You should slow down in rain and fog.
- B)** You can drive the same as in clear weather.
- C)** You should increase your speed in rain to pass quickly.
- D)** You should ignore vehicles behind you in bad weather.

Answer: A

Q21. If an aggressive driver cuts you off, how should you react?

- A)** Call the police immediately while driving erratically.
- B)** Try to block them from passing.
- C)** Flash your lights to reprimand them.
- D)** Stay calm and move out of their way.

Answer: D

Q22. When is it allowed to cross double solid yellow lines?

- A)** To pass a slow-moving passenger car when safe.
- B)** To pass another car going the same direction.
- C)** To make a left turn into or from a driveway
- D)** To overtake bicyclists at any time.

Answer: C

Q23. At a railroad crossing without flashing warnings or gates, how should you proceed?

- A)** Approach with caution and be prepared to yield to any train
 - ensuring room to clear the tracks.
- B)** Cross immediately to save time.
- C)** Always stop no matter what.
- D)** Shift gears while crossing to avoid stalling.

Answer: A

Q24. Which statement about speed is true?

- A)** Speeding can kill.
- B)** Speeding is safe if you are a skilled driver.
- C)** Driving too slowly on certain highways can be dangerous.

Answer: C

Q25. When entering a highway from a driveway or private road, you should:

- A)** Yield to vehicles on your left only.
- B)** Drive quickly onto the road to merge.
- C)** Yield to traffic on the highway.
- D)** Assume you have the right-of-way.

Answer: C

Q26. Where is it unsafe and illegal to pass another vehicle?

- A)** On the shoulder of the road.
- B)** When the passing lane is clear and marked with a broken yellow line.
- C)** On a hill or in a curve where you cannot see oncoming traffic.
- D)** On a multilane expressway with three lanes.

Answer: C

Q27. Which practice can help reduce road rage and aggressive driving?

- A)** Refuse to use turn signals so others adapt.
- B)** Tailgate slower drivers to keep traffic moving.
- C)** Speed up to pass slower drivers quickly.
- D)** Allow extra travel time so you are not rushed.

Answer: D

Q28. Drowsy drivers are at risk because they can:

- A)** Drive so poorly they resemble a drunk driver and seriously increase crash risk.
- B)** Fully compensate by opening windows and turning up the radio.
- C)** Stay alert indefinitely by drinking coffee.
- D)** Reduce reaction times the same as sober drivers.

Answer: A

Q29. What kinds of drugs can impair your driving ability?

- A)** Only illegal drugs.
- B)** No drugs affect driving if taken as directed.
- C)** Only prescription medicines.
- D)** Illegal
 - prescription
 - and over-the-counter drugs can all impair driving.

Answer: D

Q30. What does a green traffic arrow indicate when displayed for a turn lane?

- A)** The arrow only applies if accompanied by a circular green light.
- B)** The lane may go straight or turn.
- C)** Traffic in the lane must turn in the direction of the arrow and may proceed.
- D)** The arrow is used only on one-way streets.

Answer: C

Q31. Compared with smaller cars, larger vehicles typically have:

- A)** No blind spots due to mirrors.
- B)** Smaller blind spots than compact cars.
- C)** Automatic sensors that eliminate blind spots.
- D)** Much larger blind spots.

Answer: D

Q32. When it starts to sleet or snow while you are driving, you should:

- A)** Maintain normal following distance but increase speed to get home faster.
- B)** Keep windshield and mirrors clear and increase your following distance.
- C)** Turn on your high beams to better see the road ahead.
- D)** Ignore other vehicles and drive normally.

Answer: B

Q33. How should you check your blind spots before changing lanes?

- A)** Use only the inside rearview mirror.
- B)** Turn your head and look over your shoulder toward the lane you intend to enter.
- C)** Use both inside and outside mirrors without turning your head.
- D)** Use only the outside rearview mirror.

Answer: B

Q34. Before backing out of a driveway with children nearby, you should:

- A)** Sound your horn loudly to warn children.
- B)** Exit the vehicle and walk to the rear to ensure the way is clear.
- C)** Rev the engine so they notice you are moving.
- D)** Back up slowly while watching through mirrors only.

Answer: B

Q35. What causes 'highway hypnosis'?

- A)** Staring at the roadway for long periods and failing to actively scan.
- B)** Frequent rest stops during a long trip.
- C)** Getting too much sleep the night before driving.

Answer: A

Q36. If you are upset, nervous, or crying, what should you do before driving?

- A) Take a stimulant to stay alert.
- B) Drive faster to get to your destination sooner.
- C) Calm and focus yourself before starting to drive.
- D) Drive immediately.

Answer: C

Q37. What is the illegal minimum blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for drivers age 21 or older in West Virginia?

- A) 0.08 percent.
- B) 0.05 percent.
- C) 0.10 percent.
- D) 0.02 percent.

Answer: A

Q38. Traffic signals sometimes display arrows to control turns from specific lanes. What does a solid yellow arrow mean?

- A) It indicates a pedestrian-only phase is starting.
- B) It is never used in traffic signals.
- C) It has the same meaning as a circular yellow light and you should prepare to stop.
- D) It means you may immediately turn in the arrow's direction without yielding.

Answer: C

Q39. How does alcohol affect driving skills and judgment?

- A) It has no effect on either.
- B) It harms both driving skills and judgment.
- C) It helps driving skills but harms judgment.

Answer: B

Q40. Is smoking or preparing to smoke while driving distracting?

- A) Yes — these are distracting activities.**
- B) No — they do not affect driving.**
- C) They help maintain alertness.**
- D) Only lighting a cigarette is distracting.**

Answer: A

Q41. What colors are used on highway signs that tell you distances or destinations (such as the next exit)?

- A) Red background with white letters.**
- B) Black background with white letters.**
- C) Yellow background with black letters.**
- D) Green background with white letters.**

Answer: D

Q42. What should you do when driving in foggy conditions?

- A) Turn on your high beam headlights.**
- B) Drive at the maximum speed limit.**
- C) Turn on your low beam headlights.**
- D) Turn on your hazard lights.**

Answer: C

Q43. Lack of sleep affects driving ability similarly to which of the following?

- A) The effect that amphetamines have.**
- B) The effect that anger has.**
- C) The effect that alcohol has.**
- D) The effect that caffeine has.**

Answer: C

Q44. Drivers who have consumed alcohol before driving:

- A)** Are better drivers because they are more careful.
- B)** Have faster reaction times than sober drivers.
- C)** Do not have sufficient control over their bodies
- D)** Are always aware of the risks they are taking.

Answer: C

Q45. What does a solid yellow line beside your lane signify?

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

Answer: B

Q46. When is it acceptable to go through an intersection with a stop sign but no stop line or crosswalk?

- A)** After slowing to verify no cross traffic.
- B)** After stopping at least 20 feet from the intersection.
- C)** After coming to a complete stop and confirming it's safe.
- D)** After yielding to pedestrians only.

Answer: C

Q47. Where are stop lines painted and what do they indicate?

- A)** In curves and on hills.
- B)** Next to churches and schools.
- C)** At intersections and pedestrian crosswalks.

Answer: C

Q48. Which traffic control device requires you to come to a complete stop, yield to traffic and pedestrians, then go when safe?

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

Answer: D

Q49. How can you help prevent hydroplaning?

- A) Reduce speed in the rain.**
- B) Keep tires properly inflated.**
- C) All of the above.**
- D) Ensure tires have good tread depth.**

Answer: A

Q50. When turning or changing lanes, you must:

- A) Signal only when other vehicles are present.**
- B) Signal briefly as you begin the turn only.**
- C) Always signal your intentions in advance**
- D) Signal only at night.**

Answer: C