

Basic Driver Knowledge Test

1) Compared To A Passenger Car, a Trucks Following Distance should:

- a. be greater, but only in adverse weather
- b. be the same
- c. never be more than 3 seconds
- d. be greater in both ideal and adverse conditions

2) Properly adjusted mirrors will:

- a. eliminate all blind spots
- b. eliminate all side collisions
- c. reduce your blind spots
- d. make you more visible to other drivers

3) During your pre trip inspection, you should check:

- a. lights and mirrors
- b. tire pressure and tread depth
- c. windshield wipers and washer fluid
- d. all of the above

4) While on the road you should check your mirrors:

- a. every 3-5 seconds
- b. every 12-15 seconds
- c. every 1/4 mile
- d. every 3-5 blocks

5) Trucks differ from cars in all of the following ways except that trucks:

- a. usually have a higher center of gravity
- b. are usually more affected by cross winds
- c. usually have larger blind spots
- d. usually have shorter stopping distances

6) Average reaction time is:

- a. 3-5 seconds
- b. 3/4 of a second
- c. 3 seconds
- d. 4 seconds

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7) When you must back your van or truck, it is best to:

- a. avoid using a spotter
- b. place the spotter in the path of the van
- c. back to the driver's side whenever possible
- d. back to the passenger's side whenever possible

8) Hydroplaning:

- a. is rarely a problem because trucks are heavy.
- b. will not occur if your tires are properly inflated and have proper tread depth
- c. can occur any time the roadway is wet and at speeds as low as 30 mph
- d. occurs only in heavy rains and at high speeds

9) In adverse weather:

- a. stopping distances are greater
- b. stopping distances are the same
- c. following distances shouldn't change
- d. following distances should be less

10) When driving on the highway, you should scan:

- a. every 3-5 seconds, side to side
- b. 7-10 seconds down the road
- c. only to the next vehicle
- d. both a and b above

11) When driving in the city, you should scan:

- a. every 3-5 seconds, side to side
- b. 1 to 1 ½ blocks ahead
- c. only to the vehicle ahead
- d. scanning in the city is not recommended

12) When stopped at an intersection, you should do all of the following except:

- a. stop behind the stop line
- b. stop before the crosswalk
- c. back up immediately if you stop in the cross walk
- d. leave one vehicle length of space between you and the vehicle ahead

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13) If a jaywalker is waiting to cross the street at mid block, you should:

- a. cover the brake in case the pedestrian crosses in front of you
- b. stop and let the pedestrian cross in front of you
- c. stop and wave the pedestrian across
- d. put on your hazard lights to warn everyone else

14) When using a helper to back, which of the following statements is not correct:

- a. make sure the helper is out of the backing path and visible in your mirror
- b. agree on hand signals before backing
- c. roll down your window and turn off all radios, so you can hear any warnings
- d. it is the helpers responsibility to make sure you back safely

15) While driving you should:

- a. lean in your seat to reduce the size of your blind spots
- b. adjust your seat forward or back to reduce the size of your blind spots
- c. place clip boards, important papers or radios on the dash board, so there within easy reach.
- d. none of the above

16) Safety belts:

- a. aren't necessary to wear if not required by your organization
- b. are required for the driver and all passengers
- c. are optional when transporting cargo
- d. are effective in reducing injuries only in high speed crashes

17) When driving in the rain or other adverse weather conditions:

- a. you should increase your following distances
- b. it is safe to travel at the posted speed limits
- c. you should brake harder to compensate for the increase in stopping distances
- d. you should drive as you would in ideal conditions

18) When driving at night, it is recommended that you do all of the following except:

- a. look to the right edge of the road to avoid being blinded by headlights from an oncoming car.
- b. reduce your speed
- c. use your high beams when safe and legal to do so
- d. immediately pass erratic drivers who may be impaired

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19) In ideal conditions, it is recommended that you follow no closer than _____ behind the vehicle ahead.

- a. 2 seconds
- b. 3 seconds
- c. 4 seconds
- d. two vehicle lengths

20) While waiting to make a left turn at an intersection:

- a. wait with your wheels straight for a break in traffic before turning
- b. wait with your wheels turned in the direction you want to go
- c. wait with your foot over the accelerator to reduce your reaction time, so you can shoot through a small break in traffic
- d. wait til the light is red and proceed quickly flashing your lights.