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CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S EXAMINATION


(From the 2008 California Driver Handbook)

Directions: Study the handbook before you take the test.

Each question has three answer choices. Choose one answer and mark an X in the box across from the answer. **Do not talk while taking the test, use any books or notes, or leave the test area before your test has been graded. It may result in a test failure and you may be suspended or revoked.**

PASSING GRADE — 6 OR FEWER ERRORS FOR ORIGINAL APPLICANTS
3 OR FEWER ERRORS FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS

1. You must notify DMV within 5 days if you:
 - Are cited for a traffic violation ☐
 - Sell or transfer your vehicle ☒
 - Paint your vehicle a different color ☐
2. It is illegal for a person **21 years of age or older** to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that is _____ or higher.
 - 0.08%—Eight hundredths of one percent ☒
 - 0.10%—One tenth of one percent ☐
 - 0.05%—Five hundredths of one percent ☐
3. You see a car approaching from the rear. When you check your mirror again to change lanes, you no longer see the car. You should:
 - Look over your shoulder to be sure the car isn't in your blind spot... ☒
 - Turn your signal on and change lanes slowly ☐
 - Check your outside mirror to see if the car is in your blind spot ☐
4. You park your car at the curb on a level two-way street. Before getting out of your car, you should:
 - Look for cars or bicycles on the traffic side of your vehicle ☒
 - Turn your front wheels towards the curb ☐
 - Make sure you are parked at least two feet from the curb ☐
5. Whose responsibility is it to know how your medications affect your driving?
 - Your pharmacist's ☐
 - Your physician's ☐
 - Yours ☒
6. You are crossing an intersection and an emergency vehicle is approaching with a siren and flashing lights. You should:
 - Stop immediately in the intersection until it passes ☐
 - Pull to the right in the intersection and stop ☐
 - Continue through the intersection, pull to the right, and stop ☒
7. If a driver looks like he or she is going to pull out in front of you, the safest thing to do is:
 - Honk your horn and maintain your speed ☐
 - Slow or stop your car and use your horn ☒
 - Use your horn and swerve into the next lane ☐
8. If you are unable to see the road ahead while driving because of heavy fog and your wipers do not help, you should:
 - Slow down and continue driving ☐
 - Turn on your high beams and continue driving ☐
 - Pull off the road completely until visibility improves ☒
9. This red and white sign means:



- You may not enter the road from your direction ☒
 - Stop and proceed with caution ☐
 - The road ahead is closed to traffic in all directions ☐

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10. It is very foggy. You should slow down, turn on your windshield wipers, and your:

- High beam lights ☐
- Low beam lights ☒
- Emergency flashers..... ☐

11. Which of these is a legal U-turn?

- On a highway where there is a paved opening for a turn ☒
- 150 feet away from a hill or curve..... ☐
- Over two sets of double, yellow lines in the roadway ☐

12. You are driving 55 mph on a two-lane highway, one lane in each direction, and want to pass the car ahead of you. To pass safely, you need to:

- Wait until solid double, yellow lines separate the lanes..... ☐
- Increase your speed to at least 60 mph ☐
- Have a large enough gap in the oncoming traffic ☒

13. Who has the right-of-way at an intersection with no crosswalks?

- Pedestrians always have the right-of-way ☒
- Vehicles, but they should slow down and be careful ☐
- Pedestrians, but only with the green "WALK" signal..... ☐

14. Smoking inside a vehicle when a person younger than 18 years of age is present is:

- Legal, if it is your child..... ☐
- Illegal at all times..... ☒
- Not restricted by law..... ☐

15. This yellow sign means:



- Pedestrian sidewalk ahead ☐
- Pedestrians must yield the right-of-way ahead ☐
- There is a pedestrian crosswalk ahead..... ☒

16. If five or more vehicles are following you on a narrow two-lane road:

- Move to the right side of your lane and drive slowly..... ☒
- Pull off the road when it is safe and let them pass ☒
- Continue driving because you have the right-of-way..... ☐

17. When sharing the road with a light rail vehicle:

- Never turn in front of an approaching light rail vehicle ☒
- Always pass a light rail vehicle slowly on the right ☐
- Remember they are loud and move slowly like freight trains ☐

18. This yellow sign means:



- One-way road widens into two lanes ahead..... ☐
- Vehicles on this road travel in two directions..... ☒
- There is a divided highway ahead..... ☐

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19. Which of the following is true about safety belts and accidents?
They are unnecessary if your vehicle is equipped with front and side air bags ☐
They keep you from being thrown clear to safety, which lowers your chances of surviving accidents ☐
They increase your chances of survival in most types of accidents ☐
20. When approaching a crosswalk where a blind pedestrian is waiting to cross, you must stop:
More than five feet from the crosswalk so the pedestrian will not be distracted by the sound of your engine ☐
At the crosswalk and wait for the pedestrian to cross the street ... ☐
At the crosswalk and then tell the pedestrian when to cross the street ☐
21. When driving near road construction zones, you should:
Slow down to watch the construction as you pass ☐
Decrease your following distance ☐
Pass the construction zone carefully and avoid "rubbernecking" .. ☐
22. If you are towing another vehicle or trailer on a freeway with **four** lanes in your direction, you may travel in:
Any of the traffic lanes in your direction ☐
Either of the two right lanes ☐
The far right lane only ☐
23. To see vehicles in your blind spots, you must look:
Over your shoulders ☐
In your side mirrors ☐
In your inside rearview mirror ☐
24. When parked on **any** hill, always set your parking brake and:
Leave your vehicle in neutral ☐
Keep your front wheels parallel to the road ☐
Leave your vehicle in gear or the "park" position ☐
25. It is a good habit to signal continuously during the last 100 feet before you turn at an intersection:
Unless you are in a designated turn lane ☐
Unless your turn is protected by a green arrow ☐
Even if you do not see any other vehicles around ☐
26. You must notify law enforcement and make a written report (SR 1) to DMV if:
Your vehicle breaks down on the side of the freeway ☐
You are involved in an accident and there is a death ☐
You change your insurance company ☐
27. If you approach an intersection without a stop sign or signals, you:
Should always stop before driving through the intersection ☐
Must yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles ☐
Should slow down and be ready to stop, if necessary ☐
28. If you approach a curve or the top of a hill and you do not have a clear view of the road ahead, you should:
Pull over and wait for conditions to improve ☐

28. If you approach a curve or the top of a hill and you do not have a clear view of the road ahead, you should:
- Pull over and wait for conditions to improve ☐
 - Use your high beam lights to be more visible..... ☐
 - Slow down so you can stop if necessary ☐
29. Allow extra space in front of your vehicle when following a:
- Passenger car ☐
 - Station wagon ☐
 - Large tour bus ☐
30. This lane in the middle of a two-way street is used to:
- Pass other vehicles when there is no oncoming traffic..... ☐
 - Make right turns when there is no oncoming traffic..... ☐
 - Begin or end left turns, or start a permitted U-turn..... ☐
31. If your cell phone rings while you are driving and you do **not** have a hands-free device, you should:
- Answer the call because it may be an emergency ☐
 - Let the call go to voice mail..... ☐
 - Check the incoming number before answering the call..... ☐
32. You are driving at night on a dimly lit street and using high beams. You should dim your lights when you are within 500 feet of:
- A vehicle approaching you from behind ☐
 - An oncoming vehicle ☐
 - A sharp curve or hill ☐
33. You are approaching a sharp curve in the road. You should:
- Start braking before you enter the curve ☐
 - Start braking as soon as you enter the curve..... ☐
 - Accelerate into the curve..... ☐
34. Even if you know your vehicle can maneuver a sharp curve at the legal speed limit, you should still slow down because:
- You must legally drive below the speed limit on sharp curves ☐
 - The strong inward pull on your vehicle can be dangerous ☐
 - There may be a stalled car or accident ahead that you can't see. ☐
35. All children under age six riding in your vehicle must use a child passenger restraint system unless:
- They refuse to use the child passenger restraint system ☐
 - A child passenger restraint system is not available ☐
 - They weigh 60 pounds or more..... ☐
36. You are stopped at an intersection. The traffic light just turned green. Should you go immediately?
- Yes, but yield to any vehicle or person still in the intersection ☐
 - Yes, or you could be given a ticket for causing gridlock ☐
 - No, because you must first wait 5 seconds before proceeding ☐

I certify under penalty of perjury that I personally answered these questions.

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