

ROAD & TRANSPORT AUTHORITY THEORY TEST GUIDE



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Traffic Signs and Signals

1. What does a blinking yellow traffic light signify?
 - a) Speed up to clear the junction
 - b) Stop immediately
 - c) Proceed with caution, paying attention to other road users**
 - d) Traffic lights not in operation

2. A pedestrian crossing is indicated by:
 - a) A solid white line with pedestrian images
 - b) Yellow flashing lights
 - c) Blue square sign with a white pedestrian image
 - d) Two parallel white lines across the road**

Safe Driving Practices

3. The safe distance to maintain from the vehicle in front is known as:
 - a) Two-second rule**
 - b) One-car-length rule
 - c) Five-second rule
 - d) Immediate distance rule

4. When driving in fog, you should:
 - a) Use your full beam headlights
 - b) Use your fog lights**
 - c) Drive at the speed limit
 - d) Follow the tail lights of the car in front

Rules of the Road

5. When merging onto a motorway, you should:
 - a) Stop before merging
 - b) Give way to traffic already on the motorway**
 - c) Accelerate quickly to motorway speed
 - d) Flash your lights to signal your entry

6. If you intend to turn left, when should you begin signalling?

- a) Immediately before turning
- b) At least 30 metres before the junction**
- c) After you have started to turn
- d) Signalling is not necessary if turning left

Mechanical Knowledge

7. Tyre tread depth must be at least:

- a) 0.6 mm
- b) 1.6 mm**
- c) 2.5 mm
- d) 3.0 mm

8. To ensure your vehicle's brakes are working effectively, you should:

- a) Check for any unusual noises when braking
- b) Ensure the brake fluid is at the correct level
- c) Have them checked regularly by a professional
- d) All of the above**

Emergency Situations

9. If your vehicle's engine overheats, you should:

- a) Keep driving to get to a service station
- b) Stop and switch off the engine immediately**
- c) Turn on the heater to cool the engine
- d) Add cold water to the radiator immediately

10. In case of a tyre blowout, you should:

- a) Brake hard to reduce speed
- b) Maintain a firm grip on the steering and gradually slow down**
- c) Immediately pull over to the side of the road
- d) Accelerate to keep the vehicle straight

Road Positioning

11. When driving on a multi-lane road, the right lane is used for:

- a) Overtaking slower traffic**
- b) Driving at a consistent speed

- c) Vehicles making a left turn
- d) Heavy trucks and buses only

12. If a bus is at a bus stop, you should:

- a) Overtake from the left
- b) Honk to alert the bus driver
- c) Pass carefully from the right**
- d) Wait behind the bus until it moves

Environmental Considerations

13. When are you allowed to idle your vehicle's engine for long periods?

- a) When waiting at a railway crossing
- b) When stuck in traffic
- c) It is not advisable to idle for long periods for environmental reasons**
- d) When parked and using the air conditioning

14. Disposing of garbage by throwing it out of your vehicle is:

- a) Allowed for biodegradable items
- b) Acceptable if there are no bins available
- c) Illegal and harmful to the environment**
- d) Only acceptable when driving at low speeds

Driver Conduct

15. Road rage can be best managed by:

- a) Taking deep breaths and staying calm**
- b) Responding to aggression with aggression
- c) Speeding away from the situation
- d) Honking the horn continuously

16. If a driver is following you too closely (tailgating), you should:

- a) Brake sharply to warn them
- b) Increase your speed to create distance
- c) Slow down and encourage them to overtake**
- d) Ignore them and maintain your speed

Traffic Laws

17. If you see a traffic sign with a red ring around it, this means:

- a) The action is recommended
- b) The action is compulsory

- c) The action is prohibited**
- d) The action should be done with caution

18. Parking is not allowed:

- a) In front of a public driveway
- b) On a bridge or inside a tunnel
- c) Near a traffic signal
- d) All of the above**

Accident Handling**19. If you are involved in a minor accident without injuries, you should:**

- a) Leave the vehicles and move to a safe place
- b) Try to move the vehicles out of the traffic if possible**
- c) Wait for the police without changing the vehicles' position
- d) Both a and b

20. After an accident, exchanging which of the following is important?

- a) Only phone numbers
- b) Insurance details, contact information, and vehicle registration**
- c) Just names
- d) No exchange is needed if there is no visible damage

Vehicle Maintenance**21. Checking your vehicle's tyre pressure is important because:**

- a) It ensures even tyre wear
- b) It can affect fuel efficiency
- c) It can affect the vehicle's handling
- d) All of the above**

22. The purpose of coolant in a vehicle's engine is to:

- a) Lubricate the engine parts
- b) Aid in fuel combustion
- c) Prevent the engine from overheating**
- d) Clean the engine components

Traffic Violations**23. If you accumulate too many black points on your driving record, you may:**

- a) Be required to take a driving course
- b) Have your licence suspended**

- c) Receive a fine
- d) All of the above

24. Using a mobile phone while driving is:

- a) Permitted when using hands-free technology
- b) Permitted in slow traffic
- c) Illegal and can result in fines and black points**
- d) Only allowed for quick calls

Pedestrian Safety

25. When approaching a zebra crossing and pedestrians are waiting, you should:

- a) Signal them to wait until you pass
- b) Slow down and prepare to stop**
- c) Honk to alert them of your presence
- d) Continue at the same speed

Driver Responsibility

26. When are you required to wear a seatbelt?

- a) Only on highways
- b) Only the driver and front-seat passenger
- c) All passengers and the driver at all times**
- d) Only at night

27. Children under the age of ___ must be in an appropriate child seat when in a vehicle.

- a) 4 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 6 years**
- d) 12 years

Understanding Road Users

28. When driving near a school, you should:

- a) Maintain your normal speed
- b) Expect children to behave unpredictably**
- c) Honk to alert pedestrians of your presence
- d) Increase your speed to clear the area quickly

29. Motorcyclists are:

- a) Easier to see than cars
- b) Allowed to weave through traffic

- c) **More vulnerable in crashes**
- d) Permitted to ignore traffic signs

Speed Management

30. The speed limit in a residential area is typically:

- a) 20 km/h
- b) **40 km/h**
- c) 60 km/h
- d) 80 km/h

31. Driving significantly below the speed limit:

- a) Is always safer
- b) **Can disrupt traffic flow and be a hazard**
- c) Is recommended in all weather conditions
- d) Is only allowed for heavy vehicles

Motorway Driving

32. On the motorway, the lane designated for the slowest traffic is:

- a) **The far right lane**
- b) The middle lane
- c) The far left lane
- d) Any lane as long as you maintain the speed limit

33. If you miss your exit on a motorway, you should:

- a) Make a U-turn immediately
- b) **Continue to the next exit**
- c) Stop and reverse to the exit
- d) Use the emergency lane to turn around

Night Driving

34. When driving at night, you should:

- a) Use your high beams at all times to increase visibility
- b) **Dim your lights when approaching another vehicle**
- c) Only use parking lights
- d) Use your fog lights

35. Glare from oncoming vehicles at night can be reduced by:

- a) Looking directly at the headlights
- b) Wearing sunglasses
- c) Focusing on the right side of your lane**
- d) Turning on your high beams

Vehicle Control

38. When reversing your vehicle, you should:

- a) Depend solely on the mirrors
- b) Check all mirrors and look over your shoulder for a clear view**
- c) Reverse quickly to minimise time spent backing up
- d) Honk to warn others

Understanding Signs and Markings

39. A solid white line at the side of the road indicates:

- a) The edge of the carriageway**
- b) A parking zone
- c) An area for pedestrians
- d) The beginning of a merging lane

40. Yellow zigzag lines outside schools mean:

- a) Parking is allowed for a short time
- b) No parking at any time**
- c) Caution, children crossing
- d) School buses can park

Driver Fitness

41. Which of the following could impair your ability to drive safely?

- a) A lack of sleep
- b) Certain medications
- c) Alcohol consumption
- d) All of the above**

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