

California DMV permit practice test 12

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25 questions. Circle one answer for each. Answer key on the last page. Name: _____ Score: _____ / 25

1. You must stop on a freeway because of an emergency. What should you do?

- A. Stop in the right lane
- B. Leave the car and walk for help
- C. Park completely off the pavement and stay in your vehicle with the doors locked until help arrives
- D. Stand next to the car on the traffic side

2. You pump the brakes and they still don't work. What should you do next?

- A. Open the door and jump
- B. Steer into oncoming traffic
- C. Turn off the ignition
- D. Downshift into a lower or neutral gear, then try the emergency brake

3. If your vehicle does not have emergency flashers and you must stop because of trouble, you should:

- A. Turn on the dome light
- B. Use your high beams
- C. Open the trunk
- D. Use your turn signals

4. When stopping for vehicle trouble, what should you do after pulling off the road?

- A. Stand behind the vehicle
- B. Leave the doors open
- C. Call for roadside assistance and stay in your vehicle until help arrives
- D. Walk to find help

5. How far ahead of your vehicle should you scan the road?

- A. At least 10 seconds
- B. At least 5 seconds
- C. At least 3 seconds
- D. At least 30 seconds

6. How should you check your blind spots?

- A. Use only your mirrors
- B. Look over your shoulder out of the side window, turning only your head
- C. Use only your backup camera
- D. Turn your whole body and the steering wheel

7. For hand-to-hand (push/pull) steering, where should your hands be on the wheel?

- A. One hand at 6 o'clock
- B. 10 and 2 o'clock, crossing hands on turns
- C. Both hands at 12 o'clock
- D. 9 and 3 o'clock or 8 and 4 o'clock, without crossing over the middle

8. When is hand-over-hand steering recommended?

- A. Never
- B. At high speeds on the freeway
- C. Only when backing straight
- D. When turning at low speeds, parking, or recovering from a skid

9. When turning while backing up, where should you place your hand on the steering wheel?

- A. At 9 o'clock
- B. At 3 o'clock
- C. At 12 o'clock
- D. At 6 o'clock

10. Is it legal to wear a headset or earplugs in both ears while driving?

- A. Only on freeways
- B. Yes
- C. Only if listening to navigation
- D. No

11. When should you use your horn on a narrow mountain road?

- A. Every time you pass a car
- B. When you cannot see at least 200 feet ahead
- C. Never
- D. Only at night

12. An adult driver's phone rings while driving. What does the handbook recommend?

- A. Text back at the next red light
- B. Hold the phone low so police can't see
- C. Answer quickly on speaker
- D. Let the call go to voicemail; if you must call, pull safely off the road

13. Where may you mount a cell phone in your car?

- A. On the windshield, dashboard, or center console, as long as it doesn't block your view
- B. Only in your lap
- C. Hanging from the rearview mirror
- D. Anywhere you can reach it

14. What is the main source of distracted driving?

- A. Passengers
- B. Eating
- C. Cell phones
- D. Radios

15. You can get a ticket if a passenger under what age is not wearing a seat belt?

- A. 18
- B. 12
- C. 21
- D. 16

16. How should a shoulder belt be worn?

- A. Behind your back
- B. Across your shoulder and chest with little or no slack
- C. Under your arm
- D. Loosely around your neck

17. A child under 2 years old, under 40 pounds, and under 3 feet 4 inches tall must ride in:

- A. A forward-facing seat in the front
- B. A booster seat in the front
- C. A regular seat belt
- D. A rear-facing child passenger restraint system

18. Children under 8 years old, or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches, generally must ride:

- A. On a passenger's lap
- B. With an adult seat belt in the front seat
- C. In a child passenger restraint system in a rear seat
- D. In any seat with a lap belt

19. A child may use a regular seat belt instead of a child seat once they are:

- A. 8 years old or at least 4 feet 9 inches tall
- B. 6 years old
- C. 40 pounds
- D. 10 years old and 5 feet tall

20. May a child in a rear-facing car seat ride in the front seat of a vehicle with an active airbag?

- A. Only for short trips
- B. No
- C. Yes, if the seat is properly installed
- D. Yes, if the child is over 1

21. How far should you sit from the steering wheel airbag cover?

- A. As close as possible
- B. At least 4 inches
- C. At least 18 inches
- D. At least 10 inches, measured from the center of the wheel to your breastbone

22. It is illegal to leave a child of what age or younger unattended in a vehicle?

- A. 4
- B. 12
- C. 8
- D. 6

23. A young child can be left in a car only if supervised by someone at least how old?

- A. 14
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 16

24. Which is a symptom of carbon monoxide poisoning?

- A. Itchy skin
- B. Sneezing
- C. Increased appetite
- D. Tiredness, yawning, dizziness, headache, or ringing in the ears

25. Is it legal to smoke in a vehicle when a minor is present?

- A. Yes
- B. No, you can be fined
- C. Only with the windows open
- D. Only if the minor is over 16

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1. C: Park completely off the pavement and stay in your vehicle with the doors locked until help arrives

If you must stop on a freeway, park completely off the pavement and stay in your vehicle with the doors locked until help arrives. (Illegal Parking, page 29)

2. D: Downshift into a lower or neutral gear, then try the emergency brake

If pumping the brakes doesn't work, downshift to a lower or neutral gear to slow down, then try using your emergency brake to stop. (Locked Wheel Skids, page 61)

3. D: Use your turn signals

Turn on your emergency flashers; if your vehicle doesn't have them, use your turn signals. (Using Your Emergency Flashers, page 12)

4. C: Call for roadside assistance and stay in your vehicle until help arrives

Call for emergency roadside assistance and stay in your vehicle until help arrives. (Using Your Emergency Flashers, page 12)

5. A: At least 10 seconds

Keep your eyes moving and scan the road at least 10 seconds ahead of your vehicle. (Scan Your Surroundings, page 57)

6. B: Look over your shoulder out of the side window, turning only your head

Look over your right and left shoulders out of the side windows. Turn only your head, not your whole body or steering wheel. (Blind Spots, page 58)

7. D: 9 and 3 o'clock or 8 and 4 o'clock, without crossing over the middle

Start with your hands at 9 and 3 or 8 and 4 o'clock and do not cross your hands over the middle of the wheel. (Hand-to-Hand Steering (Push/Pull), page 9)

8. D: When turning at low speeds, parking, or recovering from a skid

Use hand-over-hand steering when you turn at low speeds, park, or need to recover from a skid. (Hand-Over-Hand Steering, page 10)

9. C: At 12 o'clock

When turning while backing up, steer with one hand at the 12 o'clock position so you can see behind you. (One-Hand Steering, page 10)

10. D: No

It is illegal to wear a headset or earplugs in both ears while driving. (SECTION 5. An Introduction to Driving, page 9)

11. B: When you cannot see at least 200 feet ahead

Use your horn to alert oncoming traffic on narrow mountain roads where you cannot see at least 200 feet ahead. (Using Your Horn, page 11)

12. D: Let the call go to voicemail; if you must call, pull safely off the road

Do not answer; let it go to voicemail. If you must make or return a call, pull safely off the road. Adults should use hands-free only when necessary. (Cell Phones and Texting, page 70)

13. A: On the windshield, dashboard, or center console, as long as it doesn't block your view

Mount your phone on the windshield, dashboard, or center console where it does not block your view, and use only a single swipe or touch. (Cell Phones and Texting, page 71)

14. C: Cell phones

The handbook states cell phones are the main source of distracted driving. (Cell Phones and Texting, page 70)

15. D: 16

You can get a ticket if your passenger is under 16 years old and not wearing a seat belt. (Seat Belts, page 65)

16. B: Across your shoulder and chest with little or no slack

Wear the shoulder harness across your shoulder and chest with little or no slack. Never wear it under your arm or behind your back. (Seat Belts, page 65)

17. D: A rear-facing child passenger restraint system

Children under 2, under 40 pounds, and under 3 feet 4 inches tall must be secured in a rear-facing child restraint system. (Child Restraint System and Safety Seats, page 66)

18. C: In a child passenger restraint system in a rear seat

Children under 8 or less than 4 feet 9 inches tall must be secured in a child passenger restraint system in a rear seat, with limited exceptions. (Child Restraint System and Safety Seats, page 66)

19. A: 8 years old or at least 4 feet 9 inches tall

Children 8 or older, or at least 4 feet 9 inches tall, may use a properly secured seat belt that meets federal standards. (Child Restraint System and Safety Seats, page 66)

20. B: No

A child in a rear-facing child restraint may not ride in the front seat of an airbag-equipped vehicle. (Child Restraint System and Safety Seats, page 66)

21. D: At least 10 inches, measured from the center of the wheel to your breastbone

Ride at least 10 inches from the airbag cover, measured from the center of the steering wheel to your breastbone. (Air Bags, page 67)

22. D: 6

It is illegal to leave a child six or younger unattended in a vehicle. The child may be left with a person at least 12 years old. (Unattended Children and Pets, page 67)

23. C: 12

A child may be left under the supervision of a person who is at least 12 years old. (Unattended Children and Pets, page 67)

24. D: Tiredness, yawning, dizziness, headache, or ringing in the ears

Symptoms include tiredness, yawning, dizziness, nausea, headache, and ringing in the ears. Have your exhaust system checked. (Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide, page 71)

25. B: No, you can be fined

You must not smoke when a minor is in the vehicle. You can be fined. (Other Important Roadway Information, page 52)