

California DMV permit practice test 9

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

1. Your vehicle starts to hydroplane. You should:

- A. Turn sharply toward the shoulder
- B. Brake hard
- C. Speed up to get through the water
- D. Slow down gradually and do not use the brakes

2. You are stuck in snow or mud. Which step is correct?

- A. Turn the wheels sharply left and right
- B. Shift into a low gear, keep the front wheels straight, and gently press the accelerator
- C. Spin the wheels fast to dig out
- D. Put boards under the tires while the engine is in gear and moving

3. After driving through a flooded road, you should:

- A. Test your brakes
- B. Pull over and wait an hour
- C. Turn off your headlights
- D. Speed up to dry the car

4. When driving in high winds, you should NOT:

- A. Reduce your speed
- B. Use cruise control
- C. Keep a firm grip on the wheel
- D. Watch for debris

5. A law enforcement officer is conducting a traffic break, weaving across lanes with emergency lights on. You should:

- A. Exit the freeway right away
- B. Pass the patrol vehicle carefully
- C. Turn on your emergency flashers and slowly match the officer's speed without passing
- D. Stop in your lane immediately

6. How far from the nearest railroad track should you stop when a train is coming?

- A. At least 5 feet
- B. At least 15 feet
- C. At least 50 feet
- D. At least 100 feet

7. The railroad crossing gate goes up, but the red lights are still flashing. What should you do?

- A. Cross now because the gate is up
- B. Back up and find another route
- C. Cross slowly with your flashers on
- D. Wait until the red lights stop flashing

8. The gates at a railroad crossing are down, but you see no train. What should you do?

- A. Wait one minute and then go around
- B. Drive around the gates carefully
- C. Call the posted railroad emergency number or 911
- D. Honk to signal the operator

9. It is illegal for a driver 21 or older to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of:

- A. 0.05% or higher
- B. 0.12% or higher
- C. 0.10% or higher
- D. 0.08% or higher

10. It is illegal for a driver under 21 to drive with a BAC of:

- A. 0.08% or higher
- B. 0.05% or higher
- C. 0.01% or higher
- D. 0.04% or higher

11. What BAC limit applies to a person of any age who is on DUI probation?

- A. 0.01%
- B. 0.08%
- C. 0.04%
- D. 0.05%

12. It is illegal to drive a vehicle that requires a commercial driver's license with a BAC of:

- A. 0.08% or higher
- B. 0.06% or higher
- C. 0.04% or higher
- D. 0.01% or higher

13. What is the BAC limit when you are driving passengers for hire?

- A. 0.08%
- B. 0.01%
- C. 0.04%
- D. There is no special limit

14. Can you be convicted of DUI with a BAC below the legal limit?

- A. Yes, depending on how impaired you are
- B. Only if you refuse a test
- C. Only if you are over 65
- D. No, never

15. California's DUI laws apply to:

- A. Illegal drugs only
- B. Alcohol and any drug, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, that affects your driving
- C. Alcohol and marijuana only
- D. Alcohol only

16. If you refuse to take a chemical test when an officer suspects you of DUI, DMV will suspend or revoke your driving privilege for:

- A. Three years
- B. Six months
- C. One year
- D. 30 days

17. Where may an opened container of alcohol be kept in a passenger car?

- A. In the center console
- B. Under the driver's seat
- C. In the glove box
- D. In the trunk or a place where passengers do not sit

18. The open container law does not apply to passengers in which vehicle?

- A. A rental car
- B. A pickup truck
- C. A convertible
- D. A taxi, bus, camper, or motorhome

19. If you are arrested for DUI, the officer may take your license and give you a temporary license valid for:

- A. 60 days
- B. 10 days
- C. 30 days
- D. 90 days

20. After a DUI arrest, you may request a DMV administrative hearing within how many days of the arrest?

- A. 10 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 60 days
- D. 5 days

21. How long does a DUI conviction remain on your driver's record?

- A. 3 years
- B. 5 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 7 years

22. Which of these is a possible penalty for a DUI conviction?

- A. Up to six months in jail, a DUI program, and SR 22 proof of insurance
- B. Two points with no suspension
- C. Community service only
- D. A written warning only

23. A driver under 21 has a preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) result of 0.05% or higher. The officer:

- A. Must call the driver's parents
- B. Can only issue a warning
- C. Must let the driver go
- D. May require a breath or blood test

24. A driver under 21 is caught with alcohol in the vehicle. Law enforcement can impound the vehicle for up to:

- A. 7 days
- B. 14 days
- C. 30 days
- D. 90 days

25. A person under 21 may carry alcohol in a vehicle when:

- A. The alcohol is in the glove box
- B. Someone 21 or older is with them and the container is full, sealed, and unopened
- C. They are driving home from a party
- D. They are a passenger

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1. D: Slow down gradually and do not use the brakes

If you start to hydroplane, slow down gradually and do not use the brakes; sudden braking may cause you to lose control. (Hydroplaning, page 62)

2. B: Shift into a low gear, keep the front wheels straight, and gently press the accelerator

Shift into low gear, keep the front wheels straight, gently step on the accelerator, and avoid spinning the wheels. Rock forward and backward until the vehicle rolls free. (Stuck in Snow or Mud, page 62)

3. A: Test your brakes

After you make it through water, test your brakes to make sure they work correctly. It is best to avoid flooded roads altogether. (Flooded Roads, page 63)

4. B: Use cruise control

Do not use cruise control in high winds, so you keep maximum control of the accelerator if a gust hits. (High Winds, page 63)

5. C: Turn on your emergency flashers and slowly match the officer's speed without passing

During a traffic break, turn on your emergency flashers, slowly decrease to the officer's speed, keep a safe distance, and do not drive past the patrol vehicle. (Law Enforcement Traffic Breaks, page 64)

6. B: At least 15 feet

When crossing devices or a person warns that a train is coming, stop at least 15 feet from the nearest track. (Near Railroad or Light Rail Tracks, page 51)

7. D: Wait until the red lights stop flashing

Do not cross the tracks until the red lights stop flashing, even if the gate rises. (Near Railroad or Light Rail Tracks, page 51)

8. C: Call the posted railroad emergency number or 911

Never go under or around lowered gates. If gates are down and you see no train, call the posted railroad emergency number or 911. (Near Railroad or Light Rail Tracks, page 51)

9. D: 0.08% or higher

It is illegal to drive with a BAC of 0.08% or higher if you are over 21. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

10. C: 0.01% or higher

Drivers under 21 may not drive with a BAC of 0.01% or higher. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

11. A: 0.01%

It is illegal to drive with a BAC of 0.01% or higher at any age if you are on DUI probation. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

12. C: 0.04% or higher

The limit is 0.04% for drivers of vehicles requiring a commercial driver's license. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

13. C: 0.04%

It is illegal to drive with a BAC of 0.04% or higher if you are driving a passenger for hire. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

14. A: Yes, depending on how impaired you are

Depending on how impaired you are, you may be arrested and convicted of DUI even without a BAC measurement or below the limit. (Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits, page 73)

15. B: Alcohol and any drug, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, that affects your driving

DUI laws apply to alcohol and any drug that affects your ability to drive safely. The law makes no distinction between illegal drugs and medications. (SECTION 9. Alcohol and Drugs, page 72)

16. C: One year

If you refuse to take a blood or urine test, DMV will suspend or revoke your driving privilege for one year. (SECTION 9. Alcohol and Drugs, page 72)

17. D: In the trunk or a place where passengers do not sit

An open container must be kept in the trunk or a place where passengers do not sit. Keeping an open container in the glove box is illegal. (Use or Possession of Alcohol or Cannabis Products in a Vehicle, page 72)

18. D: A taxi, bus, camper, or motorhome

The open container law does not apply to passengers in a bus, taxi, camper, or motorhome. (Use or Possession of Alcohol or Cannabis Products in a Vehicle, page 72)

19. C: 30 days

The officer may take your driver's license and give you a temporary license for 30 days. (DUI Arrests, page 74)

20. A: 10 days

You may request a DMV administrative hearing within 10 days from the date of your arrest. (DUI Arrests, page 74)

21. C: 10 years

All DUI convictions remain on your driver's record for 10 years. (DUI Convictions, page 74)

22. A: Up to six months in jail, a DUI program, and SR 22 proof of insurance

A DUI conviction brings a one-year suspension or revocation, a DUI program, an SR 22/SR 1P filing, possible ignition interlock, possible jail up to six months, fines, and impound. (DUI Convictions, page 74)

23. D: May require a breath or blood test

If your PAS shows a BAC of 0.05% or higher, the officer may require you to take a breath or blood test, and a later result of 0.05% or more may lead to a DUI arrest. (Drivers Under 21, page 75)

24. C: 30 days

Law enforcement can impound the vehicle for up to 30 days. The court may also fine you and suspend your license for one year. (Drivers Under 21, page 75)

25. B: Someone 21 or older is with them and the container is full, sealed, and unopened

Under 21, you may not carry alcohol in a vehicle unless a person 21 or older is with you and the container is full, sealed, and unopened (exception: working for someone with an off-site liquor sales license). (Drivers Under 21, page 75)