

Illinois Secretary of State 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. If you must jump clear of a vehicle touching downed power lines because of fire, how far should you shuffle or hop away?

- A. 10 feet
- B. 25 feet
- C. 50 feet
- D. 100 feet

2. You hear a thumping sound and suspect a tire blowout. What should you do?

- A. Brake hard immediately
- B. Accelerate to keep control
- C. Ease off the gas, grip the wheel firmly and pull safely off the road
- D. Turn sharply onto the shoulder

3. Your brake pedal suddenly sinks to the floor. What should you do first?

- A. Pump the brake pedal to build pressure
- B. Shift into park
- C. Steer onto the grass
- D. Turn off the engine

4. Your gas pedal sticks and you can't free it with your toe. What should you do?

- A. Shift into neutral and brake gently
- B. Shift into reverse
- C. Pump the gas
- D. Turn off the ignition while moving

5. You lose steering control in a car with power steering. Why shouldn't you turn off the ignition?

- A. The radio will reset
- B. You will lose power steering or the ability to steer
- C. The doors will lock
- D. The airbags will deploy

6. What should you do if smoke comes from your vehicle?

- A. Open the hood and fight the fire
- B. Pour water on the engine
- C. Keep driving to a service station
- D. Pull off, turn off the engine, move away and call 911

7. Which of these is an act of aggressive driving?

- A. Repeatedly flashing headlights and honking at other drivers
- B. Keeping a three-second following distance
- C. Signaling before a lane change
- D. Driving in the right lane

8. An angry driver is trying to provoke you. What should you do?

- A. Don't engage, avoid eye contact, keep doors locked and windows up
- B. Follow them to get their plate number
- C. Make eye contact and gesture back
- D. Brake suddenly in front of them

9. Your car breaks down on the Illinois Tollway. What should you do?

- A. Walk to the nearest toll plaza
- B. Pull to the right shoulder, stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on, use hazard lights and call *999 or 911
- C. Stand behind your car to wave traffic
- D. Push the car to the next exit

10. On a high-capacity road such as a highway, what should you do after pulling to the shoulder with a breakdown?

- A. Get out and stand next to the car
- B. Try to fix the car in the lane
- C. Walk along the road for help
- D. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on, turn on hazards and call 911

11. What can help you stay alert on a long trip?

- A. Turning up the heater
- B. Driving in the left lane
- C. Stopping frequently and shifting your eyes to different parts of the road
- D. Driving without stopping to arrive sooner

12. The foot brake on your vehicle must be able to stop it from 20 mph within what distance?

- A. 20 feet
- B. 30 feet
- C. 55 feet
- D. 100 feet

13. From how far away must your vehicle's horn be audible?

- A. 50 feet
- B. 100 feet
- C. 200 feet
- D. 500 feet

14. How far from behind must a vehicle's two red taillights be visible?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 300 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 1,000 feet

15. What window tinting is allowed on the front windshield in Illinois?

- A. Any tint
- B. A 12-inch strip along the top
- C. Tint on the lower half
- D. None, except a 6-inch strip along the top

16. How far behind your car must your rearview mirror let you see?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 200 feet
- C. 300 feet
- D. 500 feet

17. A load extends 4 feet or more past the rear of your vehicle during the day. What must you do?

- A. Turn on hazard lights
- B. Mark it with a red flag
- C. Nothing
- D. Mark it with a white flag

18. Can a TV or video screen be visible from the driver's seat while the vehicle is moving?

- A. Yes
- B. Only for navigation videos
- C. No, it is prohibited
- D. Only on expressways

19. Which lights visible from the front of a private passenger car are prohibited in Illinois?

- A. Amber turn signals
- B. White headlights
- C. Parking lights
- D. Red lights

20. What are Illinois' minimum liability insurance limits for injury or death of one person?

- A. \$10,000
- B. \$20,000
- C. \$25,000
- D. \$50,000

21. What is Illinois' minimum liability insurance for damage to another person's property?

- A. \$10,000
- B. \$15,000
- C. \$20,000
- D. \$25,000

22. When you sell your car in Illinois, what happens to the license plates?

- A. They are destroyed by the buyer
- B. They stay with the car
- C. The seller removes and keeps them
- D. They must be mailed to the state

23. How many license plates must an Illinois passenger car display?

- A. None if a temporary permit is displayed inside
- B. One on the rear
- C. Two: front and rear
- D. One on the front

24. How long is an Illinois Temporary Registration Permit valid?

- A. 30 days
- B. One year
- C. 90 days
- D. 60 days

25. What safety precaution does the Illinois Rules of the Road give about running a vehicle in a garage?

- A. It's fine with the garage door half open
- B. Only run it for 10 minutes
- C. Run it only in winter
- D. Never run a vehicle inside a garage attached to a house

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1. C: 50 feet

Land on both feet and hop or shuffle with your arms close to your body for 50 feet away from the vehicle. (Electricity, page 88)

2. C: Ease off the gas, grip the wheel firmly and pull safely off the road

With a blowout, ease off the gas, keep a firm grip on the wheel, pull safely off the road, and don't brake suddenly. (Equipment Failure, page 88)

3. A: Pump the brake pedal to build pressure

Pump the brake pedal to build pressure. If that fails, use the parking brake and shift to a lower gear. (Equipment Failure, page 89)

4. A: Shift into neutral and brake gently

If the stuck pedal won't come free, shift into neutral and brake gently to slow down. (Equipment Failure, page 89)

5. B: You will lose power steering or the ability to steer

Turning off the ignition will cost you the power steering or the ability to steer. Ease off the gas, use flashers and brake very gently. (Equipment Failure, page 89)

6. D: Pull off, turn off the engine, move away and call 911

Pull off the road, turn off the engine, move away from the vehicle, and call 911. Don't fight a vehicle fire yourself. (Fire, page 88)

7. A: Repeatedly flashing headlights and honking at other drivers

Aggressive driving includes speeding, tailgating, cutting others off, passing on the shoulder, repeated honking and repeated headlight flashing. (Aggressive Driving, page 89)

8. A: Don't engage, avoid eye contact, keep doors locked and windows up

Don't retaliate or engage, avoid eye contact, keep doors locked and windows up, and leave room to pull out from behind the car ahead. (Aggressive Driving, page 89)

9. B: Pull to the right shoulder, stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on, use hazard lights and call *999 or 911

On the Tollway, pull far to the right, stay inside with your seat belt on, turn on hazards, call *999 or 911, and wait for help. (Stranded Motorists' Safety Protocols, page 90)

10. D: Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on, turn on hazards and call 911

On high-capacity roads, remain in the vehicle with your seat belt on, turn on hazards, call 911 and wait for responders. (Stranded Motorists' Safety Protocols, page 90)

11. C: Stopping frequently and shifting your eyes to different parts of the road

Be well rested, stop frequently on long trips, and exercise your eyes by reading signs and shifting focus around the road. (Drowsy Driving, page 84)

12. B: 30 feet

The foot brake must stop a vehicle traveling 20 mph within 30 feet; the parking brake must do it within 55 feet. (Required Equipment, page 92)

13. C: 200 feet

Vehicles must have a horn that can be heard from 200 feet. (Required Equipment, page 92)

14. C: 500 feet

Vehicles must have two red taillights visible for 500 feet from behind. (Required Equipment, page 92)

15. D: None, except a 6-inch strip along the top

Tinted windows are not allowed on the front windshield, except a 6-inch strip along the entire top. (Required Equipment, page 92)

16. B: 200 feet

One rearview mirror is required that lets you see at least 200 feet behind your car. (Required Equipment, page 92)

17. B: Mark it with a red flag

Loads extending 4 feet or more to the rear need a red flag during the day and a red light visible for 500 feet at night or in poor visibility. (Restricted Equipment, page 93)

18. C: No, it is prohibited

Televisions or video monitors that can be seen from the driver's seat are prohibited while the vehicle is in motion. (Restricted Equipment, page 93)

19. D: Red lights

Red lights visible from the front are prohibited except on police or designated emergency vehicles. (Restricted Equipment, page 93)

20. C: \$25,000

Illinois minimum liability limits are \$25,000 for one person, \$50,000 for more than one person, and \$20,000 for property damage. (Mandatory Insurance, page 98)

21. C: \$20,000

The minimum property damage liability coverage in Illinois is \$20,000. (Mandatory Insurance, page 98)

22. C: The seller removes and keeps them

In Illinois, plates stay with the owner, not the vehicle. The seller removes and keeps them. (License Plate Requirements, page 96)

23. C: Two: front and rear

Passenger vehicles, trucks and vans must display two plates, one front and one rear; plate covers are not allowed. (License Plate Requirements, page 96)

24. C: 90 days

A Temporary Registration Permit is valid for 90 days from issuance and is displayed like a rear plate. (Temporary Registration Permit, page 96)

25. D: Never run a vehicle inside a garage attached to a house

Carbon monoxide is deadly; never run a vehicle inside a garage attached to a house, and have the exhaust system checked every year. (Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, page 88)