

Michigan Secretary of State 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. At higher speeds or in bad conditions, how much may you need to increase your following distance?

- A. To 4 seconds
- B. To 6 seconds or more
- C. No change needed
- D. To 10 seconds always

2. How far ahead does the Michigan manual say you should look down the road?

- A. 5 seconds
- B. 10 seconds
- C. 20-30 seconds
- D. 1 minute

3. When must headlights be on in Michigan?

- A. From one half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise, and when visibility is reduced
- B. Only on unlit roads
- C. From sunset to sunrise
- D. Only in rain

4. Headlights must be on whenever you can't clearly see people and vehicles at what distance?

- A. 200 feet
- B. 300 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 1,000 feet

5. Within what distance of an oncoming vehicle is it illegal to use or flash high beams in Michigan?

- A. 200 feet
- B. 300 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 1,000 feet

6. An oncoming driver doesn't dim their high beams. Where should you look?

- A. At the center line
- B. Close your eyes briefly
- C. At the right edge of the road ahead
- D. Directly at the headlights

7. Is it legal to drive with only your parking lights on when headlights are required?

- A. Only at dusk
- B. No, it is illegal
- C. Yes, at low speed
- D. Yes, in cities

8. Generally, what is the safest thing to do in a roadside emergency?

- A. Flag down passing vehicles
- B. Walk to the nearest exit
- C. Stand behind your car
- D. Stay in your car with your seat belt buckled until help arrives

9. After a Michigan crash with no serious injury or death, what should you do with the drivable vehicles?

- A. Push them into a ditch
- B. Leave them where they stopped until police arrive
- C. Move them off the main roadway to a safe place if it is safe
- D. Leave them and walk away

10. In Michigan, you must notify police after a crash with injuries or property damage over what amount?

- A. \$500
- B. \$1,000
- C. \$1,500
- D. \$2,500

11. What information should you exchange with other drivers after a crash?

- A. Nothing; police handle it
- B. Only phone numbers
- C. Only insurance company names
- D. Names, addresses, driver's license numbers, registration and insurance information

12. About how many vehicle-deer crashes happen in Michigan each year?

- A. About 200,000
- B. About 6,000
- C. About 60,000
- D. About 20,000

13. You see one deer cross the road ahead. What should you expect?

- A. More deer nearby, because they travel in groups
- B. The deer to stop and wait
- C. The deer to run away from your lights
- D. No more deer

14. When are deer most active and drivers should be especially alert?

- A. Midday
- B. Only in winter
- C. At dawn and dusk
- D. Only at midnight

15. Do deer whistles, flashing high beams or honking reliably deter deer?

- A. Yes, all of them work
- B. Only honking works
- C. No, don't rely on these gimmicks
- D. Only deer whistles work

16. A crash with a deer is unavoidable. What should you do?

- A. Swerve left into oncoming traffic
- B. Speed up
- C. Swerve hard to avoid it
- D. Stay in your lane, brake firmly, hold the wheel with both hands and come to a controlled stop

17. How should you adjust the outside mirrors to minimize blind spots?

- A. So you see mostly your own car
- B. To see the edges of your vehicle from a normal seated position, or use the lean method to barely show the rear edge
- C. Pointed at the sky
- D. Pointed at the ground

18. Why should you never turn the ignition to 'lock' while the vehicle is moving?

- A. The airbags deploy
- B. It damages the radio
- C. The steering will lock and you will lose control
- D. It drains the battery

19. A carjacker demands your vehicle. What does the Michigan manual advise?

- A. Drive away with them
- B. Fight back
- C. Refuse and lock the doors
- D. Give it up without a fight and get a good description

20. Your car becomes disabled on the road. What should you do?

- A. Walk along the freeway for help
- B. Pull as far off the road as possible, turn on four-way flashers and stay inside with your seat belt fastened
- C. Leave the hazard lights off
- D. Stand next to it

21. An officer pulls you over at night. What should you do?

- A. Stay in the car with your seat belt on, turn on the interior light, open the window and keep your hands on the wheel
- B. Turn off all lights
- C. Search for your documents right away
- D. Get out and approach the officer

22. If you believe a ticket is inappropriate, where should you dispute it?

- A. On social media
- B. With the officer at the roadside
- C. By calling 911
- D. In court

23. A police officer's directions conflict with a traffic signal. Which takes priority?

- A. Whichever you prefer
- B. The traffic signal
- C. The posted sign
- D. The officer's directions

24. Is leaving the scene of a crash you were involved in legal in Michigan if no one seems hurt?

- A. Only if damage is minor
- B. No, it is against the law and punishable by fines, jail or both
- C. Yes
- D. Only at night

25. You get a flat tire while driving in an area that doesn't feel safe. What does the Michigan manual advise?

- A. Get out and change it right away
- B. Flag down a stranger
- C. Leave the car
- D. Drive slowly to a well-lit service station or store and call for service

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1. B: To 6 seconds or more

Increase your following distance up to 6 seconds or more when speeds rise or conditions are poor. (Stopping distances, page 64)

2. C: 20-30 seconds

Look 20-30 seconds down the road to spot hazards early and avoid last-second reactions. (Stopping distances, page 64)

3. A: From one half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise, and when visibility is reduced

Headlights must be on from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise and at other times when visibility is reduced. (Driving at night, page 64)

4. C: 500 feet

Headlights must be on any time there isn't enough daylight to see people and vehicles clearly at 500 feet. (Driving at night, page 64)

5. C: 500 feet

It is illegal to use or flash high beams within 500 feet of an oncoming vehicle. Also dim them for pedestrians and cyclists. (Driving at night, page 64)

6. C: At the right edge of the road ahead

Keep your eyes on the right edge of the road ahead; looking into the glare can blind you for several seconds. (Driving at night, page 64)

7. B: No, it is illegal

It is illegal to use only parking lights when headlights are required. (Driving at night, page 64)

8. D: Stay in your car with your seat belt buckled until help arrives

Generally, the safest thing is to stay in your car with your seat belt buckled until help arrives. (Emergency situations, page 64)

9. C: Move them off the main roadway to a safe place if it is safe

Vehicles in crashes without serious injury or death should be moved off the main roadway, to the shoulder, median or a nearby lot, if drivable and safe. (Crashes, page 65)

10. B: \$1,000

Notify the police if there are injuries or property damage exceeding \$1,000. (Crashes, page 65)

11. D: Names, addresses, driver's license numbers, registration and insurance information

Exchange names, addresses, driver's license numbers, registration and insurance information. (Crashes, page 65)

12. C: About 60,000

About 60,000 vehicle-deer crashes happen in Michigan each year, and as many as half may go unreported. (Vehicle – deer crashes, page 65)

13. A: More deer nearby, because they travel in groups

Slow down if you see one deer; deer often travel in groups, so others are probably nearby. (Your best defense against deer, page 65)

14. C: At dawn and dusk

Be especially alert for deer at dawn and dusk, and in fall and spring. (Your best defense against deer, page 65)

15. C: No, don't rely on these gimmicks

Deer whistles, flashing high beams or honking will not deter deer. Don't rely on gimmicks. (Your best defense against deer, page 65)

16. D: Stay in your lane, brake firmly, hold the wheel with both hands and come to a controlled stop

Don't veer for deer. Stay in your lane, brake firmly, hold the wheel with both hands, stop under control and steer well off the road. (If a vehicle – deer crash is unavoidable, page 65)

17. B: To see the edges of your vehicle from a normal seated position, or use the lean method to barely show the rear edge

Adjust the outside mirrors to just see the edges of your vehicle. The alternative lean method shows the car's rear edge barely, which further reduces blind spots. (Before starting the engine, page 66)

18. C: The steering will lock and you will lose control

Turning the ignition to lock while moving locks the steering, causing loss of control. (Do not take risks, page 66)

19. D: Give it up without a fight and get a good description

If a carjacker wants the vehicle, give it up without a fight. A car can be replaced; stay calm and get a good description. (If you are approached or threatened while in your car, page 67)

20. B: Pull as far off the road as possible, turn on four-way flashers and stay inside with your seat belt fastened

Pull as far off the roadway as possible, turn on four-way flashers, and stay inside with your seat belt fastened. Walking on the freeway is dangerous and illegal. (If your car becomes disabled, page 67)

21. A: Stay in the car with your seat belt on, turn on the interior light, open the window and keep your hands on the wheel

Stay in the car belted, turn on interior lights at dusk or dark, open the window, keep hands empty and visible on the wheel, and get documents only when asked. (If you are pulled over, page 67)

22. D: In court

Don't argue with the officer. If you feel the stop or ticket is inappropriate, discuss it with the court. (If you are pulled over, page 67)

23. D: The officer's directions

Always obey a law enforcement officer's orders; an officer's directions take priority over other traffic control devices. (In conclusion, page 67)

24. B: No, it is against the law and punishable by fines, jail or both

If you are involved in a crash, don't drive away. Leaving the scene is illegal, and penalties increase with alcohol, injuries or deaths. (Crashes, page 65)

25. D: Drive slowly to a well-lit service station or store and call for service

Don't get out to fix a flat; drive slowly to a well-lit service station or store and call for help. (Do not take risks, page 66)