

Mississippi DPS Driver Service Bureau permit practice test

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

1. From how far behind must a vehicle's red taillight be visible in Mississippi?

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

2. Which color may auxiliary lights or a spotlight on a private vehicle NOT be?

- A. Yellow
- B. Red or blue
- C. Amber
- D. White

3. Does Mississippi law require a rearview mirror on a car?

- A. Yes, always
- B. Only on new cars
- C. No, but it is recommended (trucks with blocked rear views need a side mirror)
- D. Only for teens

4. Under Mississippi's squatted vehicle law, it is illegal to raise the front fender how much higher than the rear?

- A. 2 or more inches
- B. 4 or more inches
- C. 6 or more inches
- D. 8 or more inches

5. How often should you check your tires for wear using the penny test?

- A. Every day
- B. Once a year
- C. Once a month or before a long trip
- D. Only at inspection

6. How many hours of sleep do most people need for proper alertness?

- A. 4 to 5
- B. 5 to 6
- C. 7 to 9
- D. 10 to 12

7. On long trips, how often should you plan to stop?

- A. Every 300 miles
- B. Every 50 miles or 1 hour
- C. About every 100 miles or 2 hours
- D. Only when out of gas

8. Where does the Mississippi manual say to place your hands on the steering wheel?

- A. 3 and 9 o'clock
- B. 6 o'clock
- C. 10 and 2 o'clock
- D. 12 o'clock only

9. When driving long distances, why shouldn't you follow the same vehicle for long periods?

- A. It is illegal
- B. You may become too relaxed and lose concentration
- C. It damages your tires
- D. It uses more fuel

10. Under Mississippi law, which is not allowed while driving?

- A. Writing, sending or reading text messages
- B. Using a hands-free device for a call
- C. Listening to the radio
- D. Using GPS voice directions

11. Is reading or posting to social media on a hand-held phone while driving allowed in Mississippi?

- A. Only for adults
- B. Only at stop signs
- C. Yes
- D. No

12. Under Mississippi's definition, which is NOT considered a 'text message'?

- A. An email
- B. An instant message
- C. A social media message
- D. An emergency, traffic or weather alert

13. You just had an argument and are very upset. What does the manual suggest?

- A. Let someone else drive
- B. Drive with one hand
- C. Turn up the music
- D. Drive faster to get home

14. Why should you never wear stereo headphones while driving?

- A. They drain the battery
- B. They block your view
- C. They are expensive
- D. You may not hear warning signals like whistles and sirens

15. What does Mississippi say about stickers on your windshield?

- A. Any sticker is fine
- B. Only parking stickers are banned
- C. Only in the center
- D. Your windshield must be free of signs or unofficial stickers

16. A broken yellow line separates lanes moving in opposite directions. When may you cross into the oncoming lane?

- A. To make U-turns
- B. Never
- C. Anytime it is clear
- D. Only for passing, and only when safe

17. A broken yellow line next to a solid yellow line. The solid line is closest to your lane. May you pass?

- A. Only motorcycles
- B. No, passing is forbidden
- C. Only at night
- D. Yes

18. What does a double solid white line mean?

- A. Lane changes allowed
- B. Same-direction traffic on both sides, and crossing it is prohibited
- C. Two-way traffic
- D. A bike lane

19. What does a single solid white line between lanes mean?

- A. Opposite-direction travel
- B. A turn lane
- C. Same-direction travel; crossing is discouraged
- D. Crossing is prohibited

20. Passing across a double solid yellow line is:

- A. Allowed if clear
- B. Allowed during the day
- C. Prohibited from either side
- D. Allowed for trucks

21. You're in a lane marked with a left-turn arrow but meant to go straight. What should you do?

- A. Go straight anyway
- B. Turn left as the lane requires, then get back on the correct street when safe
- C. Stop and back up
- D. Change lanes in the intersection

22. A lane has a two-headed arrow pointing straight and to the right. What may you do?

- A. Only turn right
- B. Only go straight
- C. Turn left
- D. Continue straight or turn right

23. May a center lane marked TURN LANE ONLY be used for passing?

- A. Yes, briefly
- B. Never
- C. Only on highways
- D. Only at night

24. Must drivers yield to pedestrians in an unmarked crosswalk in Mississippi?

- A. No
- B. Yes, always
- C. Only at night
- D. Only near schools

25. Where should you never stop your car at an intersection?

- A. At the curb
- B. Behind the stop line
- C. In your lane
- D. On any part of a crosswalk

Answer key: Mississippi practice test 2

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1. D: 500 feet

The taillight must be red and visible five hundred feet behind you. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 19)

2. B: Red or blue

It is against the law for spotlights or auxiliary lights to be red or blue. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 19)

3. C: No, but it is recommended (trucks with blocked rear views need a side mirror)

Mississippi law does not require a rearview mirror but recommends one; trucks with a blocked rear view must have a side mirror. (Vehicle Equipment: Rearview Mirror, page 19)

4. B: 4 or more inches

It is unlawful to drive a passenger vehicle if the front fender is raised four or more inches higher than the rear fender. (Squatted Vehicle Law, page 20)

5. C: Once a month or before a long trip

Once a month, or before any long road trip, check your tires for wear and damage. (Safe Driving Basics, page 21)

6. C: 7 to 9

Most people need 7 to 9 hours of sleep to maintain proper alertness. (Safe Driving Basics: Fatigue, page 21)

7. C: About every 100 miles or 2 hours

Plan to stop about every 100 miles or 2 hours during long trips. (Safe Driving Basics: Fatigue, page 21)

8. A: 3 and 9 o'clock

Place hands at 3 and 9 o'clock; 2 and 10 is no longer recommended because it can be dangerous with airbags. (Before You Drive: Two Hands on the Wheel, page 22)

9. B: You may become too relaxed and lose concentration

Following the same vehicles for long periods can make you too relaxed so you lose concentration. (Before You Drive: While Driving Long Distances, page 22)

10. A: Writing, sending or reading text messages

Writing, sending or reading text messages while driving is not allowed; a hands-free device is recommended for calls. (Avoiding Distractions: Cellphone Use, page 23)

11. D: No

Reading or posting to a social networking site using a hand-held phone while driving is not allowed. (Avoiding Distractions: Cellphone Use, page 23)

12. D: An emergency, traffic or weather alert

Text messages exclude emergency, traffic or weather alerts and messages about operating or navigating the vehicle. (Avoiding Distractions: Cellphone Use, page 23)

13. A: Let someone else drive

If you are worried, ill, angry, frightened or grief-stricken, let someone else drive. (Avoiding Distractions: Emotional Distractions, page 24)

14. D: You may not hear warning signals like whistles and sirens

Headphones and loud music may keep you from hearing warning signals such as whistles and sirens. (Avoiding Distractions: Emotional Distractions, page 24)

15. D: Your windshield must be free of signs or unofficial stickers

Your windshield must be free of any signs or unofficial stickers. (Avoiding Distractions: Visual Obstructions, page 24)

16. D: Only for passing, and only when safe

Crossing into the oncoming lane is permissible only for passing and only when it is safe. (Pavement Markings, page 25)

17. B: No, passing is forbidden

If the solid line is closest to your lane, passing is forbidden; if the broken line is closest, you may pass with caution. (Pavement Markings, page 25)

18. B: Same-direction traffic on both sides, and crossing it is prohibited

A double solid white line separates same-direction lanes; crossing it is prohibited. (Pavement Markings, page 25)

19. C: Same-direction travel; crossing is discouraged

A single solid white line separates same-direction lanes; crossing it is discouraged. (Pavement Markings, page 25)

20. C: Prohibited from either side

Passing from either side of a double yellow line is prohibited. (Pavement Markings, page 25)

21. B: Turn left as the lane requires, then get back on the correct street when safe

An arrow pointing left means you must turn left; if you're in the wrong lane, keep going and correct your route when safe. (Pavement Markings: Directional Arrows, page 26)

22. D: Continue straight or turn right

A two-headed straight-and-right arrow means you may continue straight or turn right from that lane. (Pavement Markings: Directional Arrows, page 26)

23. B: Never

The turn lane may be used only in preparation to turn left or right across opposite lanes; it is never used for passing. (Pavement Markings: Directional Arrows, page 26)

24. B: Yes, always

Drivers must always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, even if the crosswalk is not marked. (Crosswalks, page 26)

25. D: On any part of a crosswalk

Approach crosswalks with care and never stop your car on any part of a crosswalk. (Crosswalks, page 26)