

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. A malfunctioning signal shows flashing yellow lights. What should you do?

- A. Wait for green
- B. Stop completely
- C. Slow down and use caution before crossing
- D. Turn right only

2. Overhead lane signals show green lights over two lanes and a red light over the third. Where may you drive?

- A. Only in the red lane
- B. Any lane
- C. Only in lanes marked by a green light
- D. Only on the shoulder

3. How does a traffic officer usually signal you to stop?

- A. One hand raised, palm toward you, and a long whistle blast
- B. Flashing a green light
- C. Waving both arms
- D. Two short whistle blasts

4. How does a traffic officer usually signal you to go?

- A. Raising a palm
- B. A long whistle blast
- C. Pointing at you
- D. Motioning with one hand and a series of short whistle blasts

5. A pedestrian signal begins flashing after a pedestrian has started across. What should the pedestrian do?

- A. Continue crossing
- B. Run diagonally
- C. Stop in the street
- D. Return to the curb

6. What is the maximum speed limit on Mississippi interstates?

- A. 60 mph
- B. 65 mph
- C. 70 mph
- D. 75 mph

7. What is the minimum speed on Mississippi interstates and four-lane highways?

- A. 30 mph
- B. 35 mph
- C. 40 mph
- D. 45 mph

8. What is the maximum speed on four-lane state and U.S. highways in Mississippi?

- A. 55 mph
- B. 60 mph
- C. 65 mph
- D. 70 mph

9. What is the maximum speed on two-lane state and U.S. highways in Mississippi?

- A. 45 mph
- B. 50 mph
- C. 55 mph
- D. 60 mph

10. What is the speed limit on the Natchez Trace Parkway?

- A. 40 mph
- B. 45 mph
- C. 50 mph
- D. 55 mph

11. What is the maximum speed for a school bus carrying children on regular routes in Mississippi?

- A. 35 mph
- B. 45 mph
- C. 55 mph
- D. 65 mph

12. Hitting a stone wall at 40 mph is compared to driving off a building how many stories high?

- A. Two
- B. Four
- C. Ten
- D. Six

13. The vehicle ahead signals a turn. Should you turn on your signal too?

- A. Never use signals behind others
- B. Only if you also intend to turn
- C. Always
- D. Yes, to warn drivers behind

14. May you use your left signal to tell a driver behind you that it's safe to pass?

- A. No; the driver behind is responsible for deciding if it's safe
- B. Only on two-lane roads
- C. Only at night
- D. Yes

15. When using arm signals, how far before you slow, turn or stop should you signal continuously?

- A. At least 50 feet
- B. At least 100 feet
- C. At least 200 feet
- D. At least 300 feet

16. What is the arm signal for a right turn?

- A. Arm downward, palm to the rear
- B. Waving the arm
- C. Arm straight out
- D. Arm upward, bent at the elbow

17. What is the arm signal to slow down or stop?

- A. Arm upward
- B. Hand on the roof
- C. Arm downward with palm facing the rear
- D. Arm straight out

18. When starting from a parallel parking position, which arm signal is used?

- A. No signal
- B. Left turn signal (arm straight out)
- C. Right turn signal
- D. Stop signal

19. What following distance rule does the Mississippi manual give?

- A. At least one car length for every 10 mph of speed
- B. Two seconds
- C. Three car lengths at any speed
- D. Ten feet per mph

20. Using Mississippi's rule, how many car lengths should you leave at 50 mph?

- A. Three
- B. Ten
- C. Five
- D. Two

21. According to the Mississippi manual, what is the main cause of rear-end collisions?

- A. Wet roads
- B. Following too closely
- C. Bad brakes
- D. Night driving

22. In a motorcade such as a funeral procession, how should you space your vehicle?

- A. Far behind the group
- B. Two car lengths behind the hearse
- C. Bumper to bumper
- D. Leave room so other vehicles can safely pull into the spaces

23. On the Mississippi braking chart, the total stopping distance is made of:

- A. Thinking/reaction distance plus braking distance
- B. Engine braking and tire friction
- C. Speed plus weight
- D. Only braking distance

24. On a street with more than one lane in your direction, which lane should you normally drive in?

- A. The extreme left lane
- B. The extreme right lane, except to pass or turn left
- C. The center lane
- D. Any lane

25. With no designated turn lane on a multi-lane road, which lane should you use to turn left?

- A. The lane next to the center
- B. The shoulder
- C. Any lane
- D. The right lane

Answer key: Mississippi practice test 4

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1. C: Slow down and use caution before crossing

With flashing yellow malfunction lights, slow down and use caution before crossing. (Traffic Signal Lights, page 39)

2. C: Only in lanes marked by a green light

You may travel only in a lane marked by a green light, never in a lane marked with a red light. (Lane Direction Control, page 40)

3. A: One hand raised, palm toward you, and a long whistle blast

An officer usually holds up one hand, palm toward you, and gives a long blast on the whistle. (Traffic Officers, page 40)

4. D: Motioning with one hand and a series of short whistle blasts

To start or continue, the officer motions with one hand and gives a series of short whistle blasts. (Traffic Officers, page 40)

5. A: Continue crossing

Pedestrians who began crossing before the signal flashed should continue crossing; others must not leave the curb. (Pedestrian Crossing, page 40)

6. C: 70 mph

The maximum speed on interstates is 70 mph, with a 40 mph minimum. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

7. C: 40 mph

The minimum speed on interstates and four-lane highways is 40 mph. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

8. C: 65 mph

Four-lane state and U.S. highways have a 65 mph maximum. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

9. C: 55 mph

Two-lane state and U.S. highways have a 55 mph maximum. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

10. C: 50 mph

The Natchez Trace Parkway has a 50 mph speed limit. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

11. B: 45 mph

A school bus transporting children on regular routes may go no faster than 45 mph; on the interstate, 65 mph. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

12. B: Four

Hitting a stone wall at 40 mph has the same impact as driving off a four-story building. (Legal Speeds, page 41)

13. B: Only if you also intend to turn

Activate your signal only if you also intend to turn; don't signal to warn others that the car ahead is turning. (Signal Lights, page 42)

14. A: No; the driver behind is responsible for deciding if it's safe

Do not use your left signal to tell a following driver it's safe to pass. (Signal Lights, page 42)

15. B: At least 100 feet

Extend your arm fully and signal continuously for at least one hundred feet. (Arm Signals, page 42)

16. D: Arm upward, bent at the elbow

For a right turn, extend your arm and hand upward with the arm bent at the elbow. (Arm Signals, page 42)

17. C: Arm downward with palm facing the rear

Extend your arm and hand downward, palm facing the rear. (Arm Signals, page 42)

18. B: Left turn signal (arm straight out)

The left-turn arm signal is also used when changing to the left lane or starting from a parallel parking position. (Arm Signals, page 42)

19. A: At least one car length for every 10 mph of speed

Allow at least one car length between you and the vehicle ahead for every ten miles per hour. (Following, page 43)

20. C: Five

At 50 mph leave at least five car lengths (one per 10 mph). (Following, page 43)

21. B: Following too closely

Following too closely is dangerous and the main cause of rear-end collisions. (Following, page 43)

22. D: Leave room so other vehicles can safely pull into the spaces

Allow enough space between you and the next car so other vehicles may safely pull into those spaces. (Following, page 43)

23. A: Thinking/reaction distance plus braking distance

The chart shows thinking and reaction distance before braking plus the distance from braking to stop. (Braking, page 44)

24. B: The extreme right lane, except to pass or turn left

Drive in the extreme right lane except to pass or turn left. (Traffic Lanes, page 45)

25. A: The lane next to the center

If there's no turn lane, use the lane next to the center for turning left. (Traffic Lanes, page 45)