

New Mexico MVD permit practice test 8

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

1. An average car at 55 mph can stop in about 400 feet. About how far might a large truck need?

- A. About 450 feet
- B. Almost 800 feet
- C. About 1,500 feet
- D. About 200 feet

2. You are following a big truck that looks like it is turning left. What should you do before you start to pass?

- A. Pass it on the right right away
- B. Wait a second and check its turn signals again; it may really be turning right
- C. Honk so the driver knows you are there
- D. Pass on the left immediately

3. How can you tell if a truck driver can see you?

- A. If you can see the truck's wheels
- B. If you can see the driver in the side mirror
- C. If your lights are on
- D. If you are behind the trailer

4. On which side should you pass a large truck or RV?

- A. The right side
- B. The left side
- C. Either side
- D. On the shoulder

5. Why shouldn't you cut in front of a truck to reach your exit?

- A. It's illegal everywhere
- B. The truck may not be able to stop in time
- C. Trucks are slow
- D. It wastes time

6. How far from a railroad crossing must school buses and vehicles carrying hazardous materials stop?

- A. At least 10 feet
- B. At least 15 feet
- C. At least 50 feet
- D. At least 100 feet

7. What must a school bus driver do before crossing railroad tracks in New Mexico?

- A. Honk twice
- B. Open the bus doors
- C. Turn on hazard lights only
- D. Nothing special

8. Railroad crossing lights are flashing and bells ringing. What must you do?

- A. Slow down and cross
- B. Stop, and do not cross until the bells or horn stop
- C. Drive around the gate
- D. Honk

9. Why is it wise not to shift gears when crossing railroad tracks?

- A. It wears the clutch
- B. You might stall on the tracks
- C. It's illegal
- D. It is too loud

10. At a crossing with more than one track, when may you start across after a train passes?

- A. Immediately
- B. When the passing train is well down the track and you can see no other train
- C. After 5 seconds
- D. When the gate starts up

11. What is one of the leading causes of fatalities at railroad crossings?

- A. Bad weather
- B. Assuming that a train is not coming
- C. Speeding trains
- D. Broken gates

12. Over half of motorcycle/car collisions are caused by what?

- A. Motorcycles speeding
- B. Drivers entering the rider's right-of-way
- C. Bad weather
- D. Mechanical failure

13. Why should you never stay alongside a truck or bus?

- A. It is illegal
- B. They have large blind spots and may not see you
- C. They go too fast
- D. They spray water

14. In New Mexico, who is required by law to wear a motorcycle helmet?

- A. All riders
- B. Riders and passengers under 18
- C. Only passengers
- D. No one

15. What vision does New Mexico require to get a driver license?

- A. 20/20 in both eyes
- B. At least 20/40 in at least one eye
- C. 20/60 in one eye
- D. 20/100

16. Why should you avoid tinted lenses or dark glasses at night?

- A. They are illegal
- B. They cut down the light you need to see
- C. They fog up
- D. They cause glare

17. On a long trip, how often does the manual suggest taking a break?

- A. Every 4 hours
- B. Every hour or so
- C. Only when tired
- D. Every 300 miles

18. Which is a good way to avoid fatigue before a trip?

- A. Eat a large meal
- B. Eat lightly and get a normal night's sleep
- C. Take drowsy medicine
- D. Leave when tired

19. Drivers with epilepsy in New Mexico should be seizure-free for how long before being licensed?

- A. One month
- B. 3 months
- C. 6 months
- D. Two years

20. You are very angry. What should you do before driving?

- A. Drive fast to let off steam
- B. Give yourself time to cool off
- C. Play loud music
- D. Drive to the highway

21. What does the New Mexico manual advise about cell phone calls while driving?

- A. Calls are always safe
- B. Pull over to place or take a call whenever possible
- C. Text instead
- D. Use the phone only on highways

22. Alcohol is involved in about what percent of traffic crashes in which someone is killed?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. About 40%
- D. 75%

23. How long does alcohol take to reach the brain?

- A. 1-2 minutes
- B. 20 to 40 minutes
- C. 2 hours
- D. 6 hours

24. With how many drinks in your bloodstream does the manual say you are impaired and could be arrested?

- A. Five or more
- B. Two or more
- C. Only above 10
- D. Any amount over 4

25. Which is one standard alcoholic drink?

- A. A 24 oz. beer
- B. 1½ oz. of 80-proof liquor
- C. A 10 oz. glass of wine
- D. Two shots

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1. B: Almost 800 feet

A large truck could take almost 800 feet to stop. (Large Trucks and RVs, page 27)

2. B: Wait a second and check its turn signals again; it may really be turning right

Big rigs swing wide for right turns, so a truck that seems to be turning left may actually be turning right. Wait a moment and recheck its signals before passing. (Large Trucks and RVs, page 27)

3. B: If you can see the driver in the side mirror

If you can't see the driver in the side mirror, the driver can't see you. (Trucker's Blind Spots, page 27)

4. B: The left side

Always pass a large truck or RV on the left side, then move ahead of it. (Avoid These Common Mistakes When Driving Around Large Trucks and RVs, page 27)

5. B: The truck may not be able to stop in time

Cutting into the space in front of a truck is dangerous because it takes much longer to stop. (Avoid These Common Mistakes When Driving Around Large Trucks and RVs, page 27)

6. B: At least 15 feet

School buses, for-hire passenger vehicles and hazardous-material trucks must stop at least 15 feet from the crossing. (Railroad Crossing Warning Signs, page 6)

7. B: Open the bus doors

A school bus driver must open the doors of the bus before crossing. (Railroad Crossing Warning Signs, page 6)

8. B: Stop, and do not cross until the bells or horn stop

When lights flash you must stop; do not drive around a gate or cross until the bell or horn stops. (Railroad Crossing Warning Signs, page 6)

9. B: You might stall on the tracks

Avoid shifting gears while crossing in case you stall. (Railroad Crossing Warning Signs, page 5)

10. B: When the passing train is well down the track and you can see no other train

Wait until the passing train is well down the track; another train may be hidden behind it. (Scanning, page 16)

11. B: Assuming that a train is not coming

Assuming a train is not coming is one of the leading causes of fatalities at railroad crossings. (Scanning, page 16)

12. B: Drivers entering the rider's right-of-way

Over half of motorcycle/car collisions are caused by drivers entering a rider's right-of-way. (Intersections, page 38)

13. B: They have large blind spots and may not see you

Large vehicles have large blind spots, and it is hard for their drivers to see you. (Letting Others Know You Are There, page 19)

14. B: Riders and passengers under 18

New Mexico law requires motorcycle drivers and passengers under 18 to wear a helmet; it is recommended for all. (Helmet Requirements, page 37)

15. B: At least 20/40 in at least one eye

You must have at least 20/40 vision in at least one eye, with or without corrective lenses. (Vision, page 28)

16. B: They cut down the light you need to see

Dark glasses or tinted lenses at night cut down the light you need to see clearly. (Vision, page 28)

17. B: Every hour or so

Take breaks every hour or so, or when you need to. (Fatigue, page 28)

18. B: Eat lightly and get a normal night's sleep

Get a normal night's sleep, don't leave tired, avoid drowsy medicine and eat lightly. (Fatigue, page 28)

19. C: 6 months

People with epilepsy should be stable and seizure-free for a 6-month period before being issued a license. (Health, page 30)

20. B: Give yourself time to cool off

If you are angry or excited, give yourself time to cool off and stay off the road until calm. (Emotions, page 30)

21. B: Pull over to place or take a call whenever possible

Dialing or talking can be a dangerous distraction; pull over to place or take a call whenever possible. (Cellular Phone Usage, page 30)

22. C: About 40%

Alcohol is involved in about 40% of the traffic crashes in which someone is killed. (Drinking and Driving, page 28)

23. B: 20 to 40 minutes

Alcohol goes from the stomach into the blood and reaches the brain in 20 to 40 minutes. (Why is Drinking and Driving So Dangerous?, page 29)

24. B: Two or more

With two or more drinks in your bloodstream you are impaired and could be arrested; even one drink affects driving. (Effects of Alcohol, page 29)

25. B: 1½ oz. of 80-proof liquor

One drink is 1½ oz. of 80-proof liquor, 12 oz. of beer, or a 5 oz. glass of wine. (Effects of Alcohol, page 29)