

New York DMV permit practice test 1

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

1. What color and shape are warning signs normally in New York?

- A. White rectangle with black letters
- B. Yellow diamond with black letters or symbols
- C. Green rectangle with white letters
- D. Orange triangle

2. Regulation signs are normally what color and shape?

- A. White rectangles with black letters or symbols
- B. Yellow diamonds
- C. Blue squares
- D. Green rectangles

3. A green sign with white letters is what type of sign?

- A. Service sign
- B. Warning sign
- C. Destination sign
- D. Work area sign

4. Blue signs with white letters or symbols show you:

- A. Work zones ahead
- B. Services such as rest areas, gas stations and hospitals
- C. Speed limits
- D. Directions to cities

5. At a STOP sign with no stop line and no crosswalk, where must you stop?

- A. Anywhere within 50 feet of the sign
- B. Before entering the intersection, at the point nearest it that gives you a view of cross traffic
- C. Exactly at the sign post
- D. In the middle of the intersection so you can see

6. At a STOP sign with a stop line painted on the road, where must you stop?

- A. Before the stop line
- B. After the stop line but before the crosswalk
- C. At the edge of the intersection
- D. Next to the sign

7. A sign showing a symbol with a red circle and slash over it means:

- A. The action shown is recommended
- B. The action shown is not allowed or those vehicles are restricted
- C. A service is available ahead
- D. The road ends ahead

8. How low can a posted work area speed limit be in New York?

- A. 15 mph
- B. 25 mph
- C. 35 mph
- D. 45 mph

9. You pass a work area sign but no special speed limit is posted. What must you do?

- A. Drive the normal speed limit
- B. Drive at a reduced speed and obey flag persons
- C. Speed up to clear the zone quickly
- D. Use your horn to warn workers

10. The shape of a route sign tells you:

- A. The speed limit on the route
- B. The type of route you are on (interstate, U.S., state or county)
- C. How far to the next exit
- D. Whether tolls are charged

11. Which flag person signal tells you to stop?

- A. A paddle showing SLOW
- B. A paddle showing STOP
- C. A waving green flag
- D. A flashing amber light

12. Which kind of sign tells you about rules for traffic direction, lane use, turns, speed and parking?

- A. Warning signs
- B. Regulation signs
- C. Destination signs
- D. Service signs

13. A traffic light is out of service when you approach an intersection. What does New York law require?

- A. Proceed with caution without stopping
- B. Stop as you would for a STOP sign, then follow right-of-way rules
- C. Yield only to vehicles on your left
- D. Treat it like a green light if you are on the main road

14. What does a flashing red traffic light mean?

- A. Slow down and proceed with caution
- B. The same as a STOP sign: stop, yield, and go when safe
- C. The light is about to turn green
- D. Stop only if cross traffic is present

15. What does a flashing yellow traffic light mean?

- A. Stop and wait for green
- B. Drive with caution
- C. The light is broken; treat it as a stop sign
- D. Pedestrians have a walk signal

16. A steady yellow light means:

- A. Speed up to beat the red light
- B. Be prepared to stop; the signal is about to turn red
- C. Drive with caution; it will stay yellow
- D. You may turn left only

17. You face a steady red light with a green arrow pointing right. You may:

- A. Go straight if the road is clear
- B. Go only in the direction of the arrow if the intersection is clear
- C. Not move until the red light goes off
- D. Turn left after stopping

18. Outside New York City, when may you turn right on a steady red light?

- A. Never
- B. After a full stop and yielding to traffic and pedestrians, unless a sign, signal or marking prohibits it
- C. Without stopping if no one is coming
- D. Only when a green arrow is also lit

19. In New York City, can you turn right on a red light?

- A. Yes, always after stopping
- B. No, unless a sign is posted that permits it
- C. Yes, but only between 9 PM and 5 AM
- D. Only on one-way streets

20. When may you turn left on a steady red light in New York (outside NYC)?

- A. Never
- B. When turning from a one-way road into another one-way road, after a full stop and yielding
- C. From any road if no traffic is coming
- D. Only with a green arrow

21. Can you turn right or left on a red arrow?

- A. Yes, after a full stop
- B. No, a turn on red is not permitted at a red arrow
- C. Only right turns are allowed
- D. Only if no sign prohibits it

22. A yellow arrow means:

- A. The protection of a green arrow is ending; be prepared to stop if turning that way
- B. You have the right-of-way to turn
- C. Turn only after yielding to pedestrians
- D. Lane closed ahead

23. With a steady green light, you may go but you must:

- A. Never stop for anything
- B. Yield the right-of-way to other traffic at the intersection as required by law
- C. Sound your horn
- D. Wait 2 seconds first

24. Which school bus drivers may NOT turn right on any red light?

- A. Drivers of a school bus containing students
- B. Drivers of empty school buses
- C. All bus drivers in NYC only
- D. None; school buses follow the same rules as cars

25. An overhead lane-use light shows a steady red 'X'. This means:

- A. Do not drive in this lane
- B. Move out of this lane
- C. Left turns only
- D. The lane is open

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1. B: Yellow diamond with black letters or symbols

Warning signs are normally yellow and diamond-shaped with black letters or symbols. They tell you a hazard or special rule is ahead. (Signs, page 29)

2. A: White rectangles with black letters or symbols

Regulation signs are normally white rectangles with black letters or symbols, although some have other shapes or use red. (Signs, page 29)

3. C: Destination sign

Destination signs are green with white letters and show the direction and distance to places. (Signs, page 29)

4. B: Services such as rest areas, gas stations and hospitals

Service signs are blue with white letters or symbols and show the location of services like rest areas, gas, camping or medical facilities. (Signs: Service Signs, page 30)

5. B: Before entering the intersection, at the point nearest it that gives you a view of cross traffic

If there is no stop line or crosswalk, you stop before entering the intersection at the point nearest it where you can see traffic on the crossing road. (Regulation Signs: Stop Sign, page 29)

6. A: Before the stop line

You must come to a stop before the stop line if there is one; if not, before the crosswalk. (Regulation Signs: Stop Sign, page 29)

7. B: The action shown is not allowed or those vehicles are restricted

A red circle with a slash over a symbol means an action, like a right turn, is not allowed, or that some vehicles are restricted from the road. (Regulation Signs: Other Regulation Signs, page 29)

8. B: 25 mph

A work area speed limit as low as 25 mph can be posted. Even without a posted limit, you must reduce speed in a work zone. (Work Area Signs, page 30)

9. B: Drive at a reduced speed and obey flag persons

Even if no work area speed limit is posted, you must drive at a reduced speed through the work zone and always obey flag persons. (Work Area Signs, page 30)

10. B: The type of route you are on (interstate, U.S., state or county)

Route signs indicate interstate, U.S., state or county routes, and their shape tells you which type of route you are on. (Route Signs, page 30)

11. B: A paddle showing STOP

Flag persons use STOP and SLOW paddles and hand signals; a STOP paddle means stop. You must always obey flag persons. (Work Area Signs, page 30)

12. B: Regulation signs

Regulation signs (white with black and/or red letters or symbols) give information about rules for direction, lane use, turns, speed, parking and other requirements. (Regulation Signs: Other Regulation Signs, page 29)

13. B: Stop as you would for a STOP sign, then follow right-of-way rules

State law requires you to stop as for a STOP sign when signals are out or not working, then continue according to right-of-way rules unless an officer directs you. (Traffic Signals: Traffic Lights, page 30)

14. B: The same as a STOP sign: stop, yield, and go when safe

A flashing red light means the same as a STOP sign: stop, yield the right-of-way, and go when it is safe. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

15. B: Drive with caution

A flashing yellow light means drive with caution. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

16. B: Be prepared to stop; the signal is about to turn red

A steady yellow light means the signal is about to turn red, so be prepared to stop. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

17. B: Go only in the direction of the arrow if the intersection is clear

If a green arrow is shown with the red light, you can go only toward the arrow and only if the intersection is clear. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

18. B: After a full stop and yielding to traffic and pedestrians, unless a sign, signal or marking prohibits it

You can turn right on a steady red after a full stop and yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians, unless NO TURN ON RED or another sign, signal or marking prevents it. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

19. B: No, unless a sign is posted that permits it

Turning on a red light is not allowed in New York City unless a sign permitting it is posted. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

20. B: When turning from a one-way road into another one-way road, after a full stop and yielding

A left turn on steady red is allowed only from a one-way road into another one-way road, after a full stop and yielding to traffic and pedestrians. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

21. B: No, a turn on red is not permitted at a red arrow

At a red arrow, do not go in the arrow's direction until a green light or arrow comes on; right or left turns on red are not permitted at a red arrow. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

22. A: The protection of a green arrow is ending; be prepared to stop if turning that way

A yellow arrow means the protection of the green arrow will end. If you plan to turn that way, be prepared to stop. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

23. B: Yield the right-of-way to other traffic at the intersection as required by law

A steady green means go, but you still must yield to other traffic at the intersection as required by law. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

24. A: Drivers of a school bus containing students

The driver of a school bus containing students cannot turn right on any red light. (Traffic Signals, page 31)

25. A: Do not drive in this lane

A steady red X over a lane means do not drive in that lane. (Lane Use Control Lights, page 31)