

North Carolina NCDMV permit practice test 4

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

1. Under North Carolina's seat belt law, who must wear a seat belt when the vehicle is moving forward on a street or highway?

- A. Only the driver
- B. The driver and all passengers
- C. Only passengers under 16
- D. Only front-seat occupants

2. If a vehicle has an automatic shoulder harness, what does North Carolina law require?

- A. No belt is needed if there are air bags
- B. The lap belt must also be worn
- C. The lap belt is optional
- D. Only the driver must wear the lap belt

3. In North Carolina, a child under age 8 who weighs less than how many pounds must ride in a weight-appropriate child restraint?

- A. 100 pounds
- B. 60 pounds
- C. 40 pounds
- D. 80 pounds

4. If a vehicle has an active passenger-side air bag and a rear seat, a child under age 5 and under 40 pounds must ride:

- A. In the cargo area
- B. In any seat with a lap belt only
- C. In the rear seat, unless the restraint is designed for use with a front air bag
- D. In the front seat so the driver can watch them

5. Every driver transporting passengers younger than what age must make sure each one is properly secured in a child restraint or seat belt?

- A. 8
- B. 16
- C. 12
- D. 18

6. How should a lap belt fit a child?

- A. Under the arms
- B. Across the chest
- C. Loosely across the stomach
- D. Snugly across the hips, not across the stomach

7. How fast can an air bag come out of the dashboard in a crash?

- A. About 50 miles per hour
- B. Up to 200 miles per hour
- C. About 20 miles per hour
- D. About 500 miles per hour

8. According to the handbook's child safety points, children of what age and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat?

- A. 16 and under
- B. 12 and under
- C. 5 and under
- D. 8 and under

9. Where should an infant in a rear-facing child safety seat never ride?

- A. In the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag
- B. In the rear seat
- C. Behind the driver
- D. In the middle of the back seat

10. Where should the shoulder portion of an adult's seat belt cross the body?

- A. Behind the back
- B. Under the arm
- C. Across the neck
- D. Over the collarbone, away from the neck, and across the breastbone

11. North Carolina law prohibits children under what age from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck (with some exceptions)?

- A. 18
- B. 8
- C. 16
- D. 12

12. What is the fine for violating North Carolina's law on children riding in the open bed of a pickup truck?

- A. \$100
- B. \$500
- C. \$25
- D. \$250

13. On a sunny day, the temperature inside a parked car can rise about how much higher than the outside temperature?

- A. About 100 degrees
- B. About 10 to 15 degrees
- C. About 5 degrees
- D. About 40 to 50 degrees

14. Why is a leaking exhaust system dangerous?

- A. It makes the brakes fail
- B. Carbon monoxide can enter the passenger compartment
- C. It makes the steering wheel lock
- D. It causes the headlights to dim

15. When you use high-beam headlights at night, you should be able to see a person how far away?

- A. 500 feet
- B. 75 feet
- C. 200 feet
- D. 100 feet

16. With low-beam headlights, you should be able to see a person how far ahead?

- A. 75 feet
- B. 350 feet
- C. 200 feet
- D. 25 feet

17. North Carolina law requires taillights to be what color and visible from at least what distance?

- A. Red, visible for at least 100 feet
- B. Amber, visible for at least 200 feet
- C. White, visible for at least 500 feet
- D. Red, visible for at least 500 feet

18. The light on your rear license plate must make the numbers visible from at least:

- A. 200 feet
- B. 50 feet
- C. 25 feet
- D. 100 feet

19. A vehicle's horn must be loud enough to be heard from at least:

- A. 500 feet
- B. 100 feet
- C. 50 feet
- D. 200 feet

20. When fully pressed, how far from the floor should the brake pedal be at a minimum?

- A. At least one-third of its original distance from the floor
- B. At least one inch
- C. At least half of its original distance
- D. Touching the floor

21. When stopping with anti-lock brakes (ABS), you should:

- A. Brake hard and keep firm, steady pressure on the pedal
- B. Pump the brake pedal rapidly
- C. Release the brakes every second
- D. Use only the parking brake

22. In North Carolina, a tire is considered unsafe when its tread depth is less than:

- A. 1/32 inch
- B. 1/4 inch
- C. 1/8 inch
- D. 1/16 inch

23. How often should you check your tire air pressure?

- A. Every time you buy gas
- B. At least once each month
- C. Once a year
- D. Only at inspection time

24. How should side mirrors be adjusted?

- A. To show the left and right rear, barely reflecting the side of your vehicle
- B. To show the same view as the rear-view mirror
- C. Pointing at the ground
- D. To show mostly the side of your own car

25. What window tint light transmittance is the minimum allowed on a North Carolina vehicle?

- A. 35 percent
- B. 20 percent
- C. 50 percent
- D. 10 percent

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1. B: The driver and all passengers

The driver and all passengers in a vehicle built with seat belts must have them properly fastened whenever the vehicle is in forward motion on a street or highway. (Protecting Yourself and Your Passengers: Seat Belts, page 45)

2. B: The lap belt must also be worn

If the vehicle has automatic shoulder harnesses, the lap belt must also be worn; air bags do not replace seat belts. (Protecting Yourself and Your Passengers: Seat Belts, page 45)

3. D: 80 pounds

A child under 8 and weighing less than 80 pounds must be secured in a weight-appropriate child passenger restraint system. (Child Seats, page 46)

4. C: In the rear seat, unless the restraint is designed for use with a front air bag

A child under 5 and under 40 pounds must be secured in the rear seat in that situation, unless the child restraint is designed for use with a front air bag. (Child Seats, page 46)

5. B: 16

Drivers must ensure every passenger under 16 is properly secured in a child restraint system or seat belt. (Child Seats, page 46)

6. D: Snugly across the hips, not across the stomach

The lap belt must fit snugly across the child's hips, not the stomach, and the shoulder belt must cross the shoulder and chest, not the face or throat. (Booster Seats and Seat Belts for Children, page 46)

7. B: Up to 200 miles per hour

An air bag deploys at up to 200 mph, which is why children and people seated too close to it can be hurt. (Children and Air Bags, page 46)

8. B: 12 and under

Children age 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat. (Children and Air Bags: Child Safety Points, page 47)

9. A: In the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag

Rear-facing infant seats must never be placed in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. (Children and Air Bags: Child Safety Points, page 47)

10. D: Over the collarbone, away from the neck, and across the breastbone

The shoulder belt should come over the collarbone away from the neck and cross the breastbone; the lap belt goes low across the hips. (Children and Air Bags: Adult Safety Points, page 47)

11. C: 16

Children under 16 may not ride in the open bed or cargo area of a pickup truck unless an exemption applies, such as an adult supervising them there. (Law on Transporting Children in the Back of a Pick-up Truck, page 47)

12. C: \$25

Violators receive a \$25 fine; the violation is an infraction with no court costs, license points or insurance surcharge. (Law on Transporting Children in the Back of a Pick-up Truck, page 48)

13. D: About 40 to 50 degrees

The temperature inside a parked vehicle can rise approximately 40-50 degrees above the outside temperature, even with a window slightly open. (Weather Risk, page 48)

14. B: Carbon monoxide can enter the passenger compartment

An exhaust leak can let poisonous carbon monoxide into the vehicle, which can cause drowsiness, unconsciousness or death. (Vehicle Equipment: Muffler and Exhaust System, page 69)

15. C: 200 feet

High beams should let you see a person 200 feet away; low beams should let you see someone 75 feet away. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 67)

16. A: 75 feet

Low-beam headlights should let you see someone 75 feet away. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 67)

17. D: Red, visible for at least 500 feet

Taillights must be red and visible for at least 500 feet. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 67)

18. B: 50 feet

The law requires a white light on the license plate making the numbers visible for at least 50 feet. (Vehicle Equipment: Lights, page 67)

19. D: 200 feet

Every licensed motor vehicle must have a working horn that can be heard for at least 200 feet. (Vehicle Equipment: Horns and Sirens, page 69)

20. A: At least one-third of its original distance from the floor

The brake pedal should stay at least one-third of its original distance from the floor when fully pressed; otherwise the brakes need checking. (Vehicle Equipment: Brakes, page 68)

21. A: Brake hard and keep firm, steady pressure on the pedal

With ABS, brake hard and keep firm, steady pressure; pumping or releasing pressure reduces ABS effectiveness. (Anti-lock Braking System, page 68)

22. D: 1/16 inch

Tires are unsafe if cut, cracked or worn to the cord, or with tread separation, chunking or less than 1/16-inch tread depth. (Vehicle Equipment: Tires, page 68)

23. B: At least once each month

Tire pressure must be checked at least once a month, preferably when the tires are cool. (Vehicle Equipment: Tires, page 69)

24. A: To show the left and right rear, barely reflecting the side of your vehicle

Adjust the side mirrors to show the scene to the left and right rear; they should barely reflect the side of the vehicle. (Vehicle Equipment: Mirrors, page 68)

25. A: 35 percent

The allowable light transmittance for tinted windows is no less than 35%. (Vehicle Emissions & Safety Inspection: Window Tinting, page 104)