

Rhode Island DMV permit practice test 5

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

1. What is the speed limit range on most Rhode Island highways?

- A. 40-50 mph
- B. 45-55 mph
- C. 50-65 mph
- D. 65-75 mph

2. What following distance rule does the Rhode Island manual recommend?

- A. Three seconds
- B. One second
- C. Two seconds
- D. Five seconds

3. A tailgater is following you. What should you do?

- A. Change lanes or let the driver pass
- B. Speed up
- C. Slam on the brakes
- D. Tap your brakes repeatedly

4. If your car breaks down on a highway and you need help, what does the manual suggest?

- A. Stand behind the car
- B. Raise the hood, tie a white cloth on the door handle and stay in your locked vehicle
- C. Hitchhike
- D. Walk along the highway

5. You miss your exit on the highway. What should you do?

- A. Stop and wait
- B. Back up on the shoulder
- C. Cross the median
- D. Go on to the next exit

6. How far behind an emergency vehicle should you drive in Rhode Island?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 200 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 1,000 feet

7. Under Rhode Island's Move Over Law on a multi-lane road, what must you do if you cannot safely change lanes away from the designated stopped vehicle?

- A. Slow down
- B. Stop
- C. Nothing

D. Honk

8. What does Rhode Island's Basic Speed Law require?

- A. Matching other traffic
- B. Driving only as fast as road conditions safely allow
- C. Driving at least the minimum speed
- D. Driving exactly the limit

9. May a 17-year-old Rhode Island driver use a hands-free phone while driving?

- A. No; drivers under 18 may not use a cell phone, even hands-free, except in an emergency
- B. Yes
- C. Only with a parent present
- D. Only on highways

10. What is the penalty for a minor's third offense of using a cell phone while driving in Rhode Island?

- A. \$100 fine
- B. Community service only
- C. \$150 fine
- D. \$250 fine and loss of license until age 18

11. What is the fine for a first texting-while-driving offense in Rhode Island?

- A. \$50
- B. \$85
- C. \$100
- D. \$250

12. Under Rhode Island law, how far before a turn must you signal at a minimum?

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

13. What is the hand signal for a right turn?

- A. Left hand and arm up
- B. Left hand and arm down
- C. Right arm out the window
- D. Left arm straight out

14. What is the hand signal to stop or slow down?

- A. Waving
- B. Left arm straight out
- C. Left hand and arm up
- D. Left hand and arm down

15. With a solid line and a broken line together, which drivers may pass?

- A. Neither
- B. Those with the solid line on their side
- C. Both
- D. Those with the broken line on their side, with care

16. What do yellow lines separate?

- A. Traffic moving in the same direction
- B. Bike lanes
- C. Parking from travel lanes
- D. Traffic traveling in opposite directions

17. What do white lines separate?

- A. Railroad crossings
- B. Pedestrian areas
- C. Opposite-direction traffic
- D. Traffic moving in the same direction

18. How is a shared turn lane marked?

- A. Dotted white lines
- B. Double white lines
- C. Red pavement
- D. Solid single yellow lines outside and broken yellow lines inside, with arrows

19. How soon before your turn may you enter a shared center turn lane?

- A. Not unless you intend to turn within 100 feet
- B. Within 500 feet
- C. Within a quarter mile
- D. Any time

20. What does a shared-lane marking ('sharrow') in the center of a travel lane indicate?

- A. A bus lane
- B. A bicyclist may use the full lane
- C. Cars must use the shoulder
- D. Bikes are banned

21. In a reversible lane, which lanes may you travel in?

- A. Any lane
- B. Lanes with a green arrow
- C. Lanes with a yellow X
- D. Lanes with a red X

22. In which direction does traffic travel in a Rhode Island roundabout?

- A. Clockwise
- B. Toward the center
- C. Counterclockwise
- D. Either

23. When should you stop inside a roundabout?

- A. To check directions
- B. To let others in
- C. Never, unless it is an emergency
- D. At each exit

24. Under R.I.G.L. 31-17-8, who has the right-of-way at a rotary without signs?

- A. Vehicles already in the rotary
- B. Larger vehicles
- C. Entering vehicles
- D. Vehicles on the right

25. How should a pedestrian cross at a roundabout?

- A. Diagonally across
- B. Through the center island
- C. Only when traffic stops
- D. To the splitter island first, then to the opposite sidewalk

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1. C: 50-65 mph

Rhode Island law sets 50-65 mph on most highways. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 35)

2. A: Three seconds

Use the three-second following distance rule, adding time on wet or slippery roads. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 35)

3. A: Change lanes or let the driver pass

Get out of the aggressive driver's way: change lanes or allow them to pass; never speed up or slam on the brakes. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 35)

4. B: Raise the hood, tie a white cloth on the door handle and stay in your locked vehicle

A raised hood and a white cloth on the door handle signal that you need help; wait inside with the doors locked. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 36)

5. D: Go on to the next exit

Backing up or stopping for a missed exit is dangerous; continue to the next exit instead. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 36)

6. C: 500 feet

Always drive 500 feet behind emergency vehicles. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 36)

7. A: Slow down

Move over away from the designated vehicle when safe; if you can't safely move over, you must slow down. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 36)

8. B: Driving only as fast as road conditions safely allow

The Basic Speed Law requires driving only as fast as conditions dictate; the posted limit is the maximum for ideal conditions. (Safe Driving on the Highway, page 36)

9. A: No; drivers under 18 may not use a cell phone, even hands-free, except in an emergency

Drivers under 18 are prohibited from using a wireless device while driving, including hands-free or speakerphone, except in an emergency. (Cellular Phone Usage - Personal Wireless Communications Devices, page 36)

10. D: \$250 fine and loss of license until age 18

Third and later offenses: \$250 fine plus loss of license until 18. (Cellular Phone Usage - Personal Wireless Communications Devices, page 37)

11. C: \$100

Texting penalties at any age: \$100 first, \$150 second, \$250 third and subsequent. (Cellular Phone Usage - Personal Wireless Communications Devices, page 37)

12. B: 100 feet

Signal at least 100 feet before a turn, and also signal when pulling out of a parking space. (Signals, page 38)

13. A: Left hand and arm up

To turn right, put your left hand and arm up, keeping it still. (Signals, page 38)

14. D: Left hand and arm down

To stop or slow down, put your left hand and arm down. (Signals, page 38)

15. D: Those with the broken line on their side, with care

Drivers with the broken line on their side may pass with care; those with the solid line should not pass or cross it. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

16. D: Traffic traveling in opposite directions

Yellow lines separate traffic traveling in opposite directions. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

17. D: Traffic moving in the same direction

White lines separate traffic moving in the same direction. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

18. D: Solid single yellow lines outside and broken yellow lines inside, with arrows

The center shared turn lane has solid yellow lines on its outer edges, broken yellow lines inside, and turn arrows. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

19. A: Not unless you intend to turn within 100 feet

Motorists shall not enter the shared turn lane unless they intend to turn within 100 feet. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

20. B: A bicyclist may use the full lane

It indicates a bicyclist may use the full lane and alerts motorists where bicyclists are likely to ride. (Roadway Markings, page 38)

21. B: Lanes with a green arrow

In reversible lanes, motorists may travel in the lane with a green arrow. (Roadway Markings, page 39)

22. C: Counterclockwise

Roundabouts direct traffic counterclockwise around a center island. (Rotary/Roundabout Diagram, page 40)

23. C: Never, unless it is an emergency

Keep moving until you reach your exit; stopping inside a roundabout is only for emergencies. (Rotary/Roundabout Diagram, page 40)

24. A: Vehicles already in the rotary

A driver entering a rotary must yield to all vehicles already in the rotary. (R.I.G.L. 31-17-8, Right-of-Way at Rotary, page 41)

25. D: To the splitter island first, then to the opposite sidewalk

Pedestrians cross to the raised or painted splitter/refuge, look right, then finish crossing; never through the center island. (Rotary/Roundabout Diagram, page 41)