

South Carolina SCDMV permit practice test 2

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

1. In South Carolina, what happens to the points from a traffic violation one year after the violation date?

- A. They stay the same for three years
- B. They double
- C. They are removed completely
- D. They are reduced by half

2. A South Carolina driver age 17 or older reaches how many points before the license is suspended?

- A. 6 or more
- B. 8 or more
- C. 10 or more
- D. 12 or more

3. A South Carolina beginner's permit holder accumulates six points. What happens?

- A. Nothing until 12 points
- B. They must take a defensive driving course to keep driving
- C. A warning letter only
- D. Driving privileges are suspended for excessive points

4. When does the SCDMV send a 15- or 16-year-old driver a letter to drive more carefully?

- A. At 6 points
- B. At 1 and 3 points
- C. Only after a suspension
- D. At 2 and/or 4 points

5. Which statement about South Carolina's defensive driving course for point reduction is correct?

- A. It can be used every year
- B. It must be eight hours of classroom training taken in SC after the violation
- C. It can be completed online anywhere
- D. It cancels a suspension that has already started

6. How often can a South Carolina driver get a point reduction for completing a defensive driving course?

- A. Once in a lifetime
- B. Once a year
- C. Once in a five-year period
- D. Once in a three-year period

7. Which kind of violation in South Carolina leads to a mandatory license suspension outside the point system?

- A. Improper parking
- B. Driving under the influence
- C. Speeding 5 mph over
- D. Failure to signal

8. If you fail the South Carolina skills (road) test on your first attempt, how long must you wait to retest?

- A. One calendar day
- B. 30 calendar days
- C. Two business days
- D. Seven calendar days

9. How long must you wait to retest after failing the South Carolina skills test a third time?

- A. 30 calendar days
- B. Seven calendar days
- C. Two business days
- D. 14 calendar days

10. What causes an automatic failure of the South Carolina skills test?

- A. Using the turn signal too early
- B. Not using your seat belt
- C. Adjusting your mirrors before starting
- D. Driving below the speed limit

11. Which action makes you fail the South Carolina knowledge test immediately?

- A. Talking to anyone during the test
- B. Taking more than 20 minutes
- C. Asking the examiner to repeat instructions
- D. Skipping a question and coming back to it

12. Who may be in or around the vehicle during a South Carolina skills test?

- A. You and any licensed driver
- B. You, the examiner and a parent
- C. Anyone you choose
- D. You and the SCDMV employee only

13. Which driver-assistance features are you not allowed to use during the South Carolina driving test?

- A. Mirrors and turn signals
- B. Headlights and wipers
- C. The defroster
- D. Parking assist and cruise control

14. To renew a South Carolina license by mail, how far ahead of the expiration date should you mail the application and payment?

- A. At least 60 days
- B. At least six months
- C. At least one week
- D. At least three weeks

15. How long is a Certificate of Vision Examination from an eye care professional accepted by the SCDMV?

- A. 36 months
- B. 24 months
- C. 12 months
- D. Five years

16. What is the minimum vision standard for a South Carolina license?

- A. 20/20 in both eyes
- B. 20/40 corrected in one eye
- C. 20/60 in one eye
- D. 20/70 in both eyes

17. Your South Carolina license carries a corrective-lens restriction. What does that mean?

- A. You must renew every year
- B. You may not drive at night
- C. You may drive without glasses during the day
- D. It is unlawful to drive without the corrective lenses

18. How old must you be to drive a golf cart on South Carolina roads?

- A. 14 with a permit
- B. 15 with a permit
- C. 16 with a valid driver's license
- D. 18 with a valid driver's license

19. On which roads may a permitted golf cart be driven in South Carolina?

- A. Interstates with flashers on
- B. Any road during daylight
- C. Any road posted at 45 mph or less
- D. Secondary streets and highways posted at 35 mph or less, within four miles of the registration address or a gated community gate

20. In South Carolina, what happens if a driver under 21 registers a BAC of 0.02 percent or more?

- A. A warning only
- B. Driving privilege suspended immediately for at least three months
- C. A \$50 fine only
- D. License suspended for one week

21. A South Carolina driver under 21 refuses to take a test for intoxicants. What happens?

- A. They pay a fine and keep driving
- B. Nothing if they are later found sober
- C. They immediately lose driving privileges for at least six months
- D. They get a three-month suspension

22. What is South Carolina's implied consent law based on?

- A. Only commercial drivers must submit to testing
- B. Police need a warrant for any alcohol test
- C. You only need to take a test if you agree in writing
- D. By getting a license, you agreed to lawful tests of your breath, blood or urine if suspected of impaired driving

23. Can you be convicted of impaired driving in South Carolina with a BAC below 0.08?

- A. Only on a second offense
- B. Yes, even with a BAC of 0.05 or lower in combination with drugs
- C. Only if you are under 18
- D. No, 0.08 is the only standard

24. At what blood alcohol content does the manual say vision is affected for all drivers?

- A. 0.02 percent
- B. 0.05 percent
- C. 0.08 percent
- D. 0.10 percent

25. Approximately what share of traffic collisions in which someone is killed involve alcohol and other impairing drugs?

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

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1. D: They are reduced by half

Points are reduced by half one year after the violation date; for example, four points become two points a year later. (Loss of Driving Privileges: How the Point System Works, page 22)

2. D: 12 or more

Drivers 17 and older get a warning letter at six points; reaching 12 or more points results in suspension. (Loss of Driving Privileges: How the Point System Works, page 23)

3. D: Driving privileges are suspended for excessive points

Holders of a beginner's permit, conditional or special restricted license who accumulate six or more points are suspended for excessive points. (Driver's License Suspension for Excessive Points, page 23)

4. D: At 2 and/or 4 points

Drivers who are 15 or 16 get a letter from the SCDMV when they receive two points and/or four points. (Loss of Driving Privileges: How the Point System Works, page 23)

5. B: It must be eight hours of classroom training taken in SC after the violation

The course must be eight classroom hours, taken in South Carolina after the violation date, and a reduction is allowed only once in three years; it does not cancel a suspension that has begun. (Defensive Driving Course, page 24)

6. D: Once in a three-year period

A point reduction for the defensive driving course may only be made one time in a three-year period. (Defensive Driving Course, page 24)

7. B: Driving under the influence

Certain violations, such as driving under the influence, carry mandatory suspensions and are not handled under the point system. (Driver's License Suspension for Excessive Points, page 23)

8. C: Two business days

After a first failed skills test you must wait two business days before retesting, regardless of age or experience. (Failing the Skills Test, page 17)

9. A: 30 calendar days

A third or later failure requires a 30-calendar-day wait; the second failure requires seven calendar days. (Failing the Skills Test, page 17)

10. B: Not using your seat belt

The manual states you automatically fail the skills test if you do not use your seat belt. (Taking the Skills Test, page 16)

11. A: Talking to anyone during the test

You fail the knowledge test if you leave the test area before finishing, talk to anyone, or bring anything that could help you answer. (Required Non-Commercial License Tests: Where to Take Tests, page 14)

12. D: You and the SCDMV employee only

Only you and the SCDMV employee testing you are allowed in or around the vehicle. (Taking the Skills Test, page 16)

13. D: Parking assist and cruise control

During the driving test you will not be allowed to use certain safety features, such as parking assist and cruise control. (What Are Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Safety Features, page 52)

14. D: At least three weeks

Mail-in renewal applications and payment should be sent at least three weeks before the expiration date. (Renew my Driver's License by Mail, page 21)

15. A: 36 months

The SCDMV accepts a Certificate of Vision Examination dated within the past 36 months. (Driver's License Renewal, page 19)

16. B: 20/40 corrected in one eye

The minimum standard does not require more than 20/40 corrected vision in one eye; a restriction is added if lenses are needed. (Vision, page 33)

17. D: It is unlawful to drive without the corrective lenses

If lenses are needed to meet the vision standard, a restriction is added and it is unlawful to drive without them. (Vision, page 33)

18. C: 16 with a valid driver's license

You must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart. (State Rules of the Road: Golf Carts, page 30)

19. D: Secondary streets and highways posted at 35 mph or less, within four miles of the registration address or a gated community gate

A permitted golf cart may be driven during the day within four miles of its registration address or a gated community gate, only on secondary roads posted 35 mph or less. (State Rules of the Road: Golf Carts, page 31)

20. B: Driving privilege suspended immediately for at least three months

Drivers under 21 with a BAC of 0.02 percent or greater have their privilege to drive suspended immediately for at least three months. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving: Alcohol and the Law, page 38)

21. C: They immediately lose driving privileges for at least six months

Under-21 drivers who refuse testing immediately lose their driving privileges for at least six months. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving: Alcohol and the Law, page 38)

22. D: By getting a license, you agreed to lawful tests of your breath, blood or urine if suspected of impaired driving

When you get a license you have implicitly consented to lawfully requested breath, blood or urine tests if suspected of impaired driving; refusing can cost you your license. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving: Alcohol and the Law, page 39)

23. B: Yes, even with a BAC of 0.05 or lower in combination with drugs

The manual warns you can be convicted of impaired driving with a BAC of only 0.05, or a lower BAC combined with drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving: Alcohol and the Law, page 38)

24. A: 0.02 percent

Alcohol blurs vision, slows focusing and affects judging distance and speed, and vision is impacted at 0.02 percent BAC for all drivers. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving: Effects of Alcohol and Other Impairing Drugs, page 37)

25. D: About 40%

Alcohol and other impairing drugs are involved in approximately 40% of fatal traffic collisions each year. (Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving, page 37)