

Texas DPS permit practice test 12

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

1. Which winter traction aid does the handbook call most effective where ice and snow remain on the road?

- A. All-season tires
- B. Chains
- C. Snow tires
- D. Extra weight in the trunk

2. Where may ice form even when the rest of the pavement is clear?

- A. In parking garages
- B. On freshly paved roads
- C. On roads in direct sun
- D. On bridges

3. What happens when hydroplaning occurs?

- A. A tire rises up on water and loses contact with the road
- B. The brakes overheat
- C. The engine stalls
- D. Tires grip the road better

4. Your car starts to skid. What should you do first?

- A. Brake hard
- B. Take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction of the skid
- C. Steer in the opposite direction of the skid
- D. Shift into neutral

5. Your brakes fail. What does the handbook suggest?

- A. Steer onto the median
- B. Turn off the engine
- C. Use the parking brake cautiously and shift to a lower gear
- D. Pump the gas pedal

6. Your right wheels run off the pavement. What should you do?

- A. Jerk the wheel back onto the road immediately
- B. Grip the wheel, ease off the gas, slow down, check traffic, then carefully return
- C. Brake hard
- D. Speed up to climb back on

7. You have a tire blowout. What should you do?

- A. Steer sharply to the shoulder
- B. Accelerate to keep control
- C. Brake hard immediately
- D. Take your foot off the gas, brake gently, and steer straight ahead to a stop

8. Your car breaks down and you cannot move it off the road. What should you do?

- A. Stay in the car with the doors locked
- B. Get everyone out of the car and off the road
- C. Stand behind the car to wave traffic around
- D. Walk along the travel lane for help

9. After a breakdown, what can you tie to your antenna or door handle to signal you need help?

- A. A blue cloth
- B. A black cloth
- C. A red cloth
- D. A white cloth

10. Your vehicle breaks down at night. Besides taillights and warning lights, what lights should you turn on?

- A. The lights inside the car
- B. Fog lights
- C. None
- D. High beams

11. Someone was injured in a crash. What does the handbook say about moving them?

- A. Give them something to drink
- B. Always move them away from the car
- C. Do not move them unless absolutely necessary
- D. Sit them up so they can breathe

12. How should you stop serious bleeding of a crash victim?

- A. Apply ice
- B. Use thick cloth pads, as clean as possible, applied with pressure
- C. Raise the legs
- D. Wash the wound with water

13. If you find someone suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, what should you do?

- A. Give them water
- B. Move them to fresh air and call 911
- C. Let them sleep in the car
- D. Turn the car heater on

14. Who must wear a safety belt in a Texas passenger vehicle equipped with belts?

- A. The driver and all passengers, regardless of age
- B. Only passengers under 17
- C. Only the driver
- D. The driver and front-seat passengers

15. A child under 8 must ride in a federally approved child safety seat unless the child is taller than:

- A. 5 feet
- B. 5 feet 2 inches
- C. 4 feet
- D. 4 feet 9 inches

16. If a passenger under 17 is not wearing a safety belt, who is fined and how much?

- A. The driver, \$100 to \$200
- B. The parent, \$500
- C. No one
- D. The passenger, \$25 to \$50

17. From what age can a passenger personally receive a citation for not wearing a safety belt in Texas?

- A. 15
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 12

18. According to the handbook, how much greater are your chances of being killed if you are thrown from your car?

- A. Ten times
- B. Two times
- C. Three times
- D. Five times

19. Is it legal in Texas for a 16-year-old to ride in the open bed of a pickup on a city street?

- A. Yes, if seated
- B. Only with a parent driving
- C. Yes
- D. No, it is an offense for children under 18, with only limited defenses (such as parades or emergencies)

20. What does the handbook list as part of defensive driving?

- A. Staying alert, looking for trouble spots, and having a plan of action
- B. Driving below the speed limit at all times
- C. Always using the left lane
- D. Following closely to keep traffic moving

21. According to the handbook, if drivers react a half-second slower because of distractions, what happens to crashes?

- A. They triple
- B. They do not change
- C. They increase by 10%
- D. They double

22. Is texting while driving legal for adult drivers in Texas?

- A. Yes, if the phone is mounted
- B. Only on rural roads
- C. Yes, at red lights
- D. No; reading, writing or sending messages on a portable wireless device while driving is against the law

23. Your phone rings while you are driving and you need to make a call. What does the handbook advise?

- A. Pull safely off the road before making the call
- B. Hold the phone below the window
- C. Text instead of calling
- D. Answer quickly and keep it short

24. Which is a sign that another driver may be distracted?

- A. Using turn signals
- B. Driving at the speed limit
- C. Stopping at a stop sign
- D. Drifting over lane lines or traveling at inconsistent speeds

25. When stopped by law enforcement at night, what should you turn on?

- A. The radio
- B. High beams
- C. The interior dome light
- D. Fog lights

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1. B: Chains

Chains are the most effective, but neither chains nor snow tires allow normal speeds on slick pavement. (Winter Driving: Table 23, page 55)

2. D: On bridges

There may be ice on bridges when the rest of the pavement is clear, and snow melts more slowly in shady areas. (Winter Driving: Table 23, page 55)

3. A: A tire rises up on water and loses contact with the road

Hydroplaning occurs when a tire patch loses contact with the road by rising up on top of water. (Appendix A: Glossary of Terms, page 79)

4. B: Take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction of the skid

Do not hit the brakes suddenly; take your foot off the accelerator and turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid. (Steering Out of a Skid, page 54)

5. C: Use the parking brake cautiously and shift to a lower gear

If your brakes fail, use your parking brake cautiously so the brakes don't lock, and shift to a lower gear. (Brake Failure, page 55)

6. B: Grip the wheel, ease off the gas, slow down, check traffic, then carefully return

Don't brake suddenly; grip the wheel, take your foot off the gas, slow down, check traffic, and then carefully drive back onto the pavement. (Running Off the Pavement, page 55)

7. D: Take your foot off the gas, brake gently, and steer straight ahead to a stop

With a flat or blowout, don't hit the brakes suddenly; take your foot off the gas, gently apply the brakes, and steer straight to a stop. (Flat Tire or Blowout, page 55)

8. B: Get everyone out of the car and off the road

If you can't get the car off the road, get everyone out of the car and off the road, and use portable warning devices. (Vehicle Breakdown, page 54)

9. D: A white cloth

Tie a white cloth to your antenna or door handle; if you have none, raise your hood. (Vehicle Breakdown, page 54)

10. A: The lights inside the car

At night, in addition to taillights and warning lights, turn on the lights inside the car. (Vehicle Breakdown, page 54)

11. C: Do not move them unless absolutely necessary

Do not move or lift the victim unless absolutely necessary; if moving is needed, get help and keep the position they were found in. (Aiding the Injured, page 66)

12. B: Use thick cloth pads, as clean as possible, applied with pressure

Stop serious bleeding with thick, clean cloth pads applied with pressure by hand or by bandaging. (Aiding the Injured, page 66)

13. B: Move them to fresh air and call 911

Move a carbon monoxide victim to fresh air and call 911. (Carbon Monoxide, page 74)

14. A: The driver and all passengers, regardless of age

The driver and all passengers, regardless of age, must use safety belts if seated where a belt is available. (Safety Belts, page 70)

15. D: 4 feet 9 inches

Any child under 8 must be secured in a federally approved child seat unless the child is more than 4'9" tall. (Safety Belts, page 70)

16. A: The driver, \$100 to \$200

The driver is fined \$100 to \$200 for passengers under 17 riding without a safety belt. (Penalties for Driving Without a Safety Belt: Table 37, page 70)

17. A: 15

Anyone who is at least 15 years of age can receive a citation for not wearing a safety belt. (Penalties for Driving Without a Safety Belt, page 70)

18. D: Five times

Your chances of being killed are five times greater if you are thrown from your car. (Safety Belts, page 70)

19. D: No, it is an offense for children under 18, with only limited defenses (such as parades or emergencies)

It is an offense to drive an open-bed truck when a child under 18 is in the bed; defenses include parades, emergencies, some farm work, beaches and permitted hayrides. (Vehicles with Open Beds, page 70)

20. A: Staying alert, looking for trouble spots, and having a plan of action

A defensive driver stays alert, keeps eyes moving, looks for developing trouble spots, has a plan of action, and knows drivers must protect each other from their mistakes. (Defensive Driving, page 70)

21. D: They double

If drivers react a half-second slower because of distractions, crashes double. (Distracted driving, page 60)

22. D: No; reading, writing or sending messages on a portable wireless device while driving is against the law

It is against the law to read, write or send messages on a cell phone or other portable wireless device while driving. (Texting While Driving, page 60)

23. A: Pull safely off the road before making the call

If you must make a call, pull safely off the road; keep it short or have a passenger make the call. (Texting While Driving, page 60)

24. D: Drifting over lane lines or traveling at inconsistent speeds

Watch for vehicles that drift over lane lines or within their lane and that travel at inconsistent speeds. (Distracted driving, page 60)

25. C: The interior dome light

If stopped at night, turn on the interior dome light, keep your hands on the wheel, and wait for instructions. (When Stopped by Law Enforcement, page 71)