

Virginia 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. At a steady red light with no stop line, where must you stop?

- A. Just past the crosswalk so you can see cross traffic
- B. In the middle of the crosswalk
- C. Anywhere, as long as you do not block the intersection
- D. Before entering the intersection or before reaching the crosswalk

2. In Virginia, what must you do before turning right on a steady red light?

- A. Wait for the light to turn green
- B. Slow down and yield to traffic from the left
- C. Come to a complete stop, look both ways and yield to pedestrians and other traffic
- D. Sound your horn to warn pedestrians

3. When is a left turn on a red light allowed in Virginia?

- A. Never
- B. From any street onto a one-way street
- C. From a one-way street onto another one-way street, after a complete stop
- D. From a two-way street onto a one-way street, without stopping

4. You are stopped at a red arrow pointing right, and there is no special sign. What does Virginia law allow?

- A. A right turn only for buses
- B. A right turn after a complete stop
- C. No right turn until the arrow changes
- D. A right turn if no pedestrians are present

5. Which sign, if posted, allows you to turn against a red arrow in Virginia?

- A. Signal Ahead
- B. Left Turn Yield on Green
- C. Right on Red Arrow After Stop
- D. Keep Right

6. What must you do at a flashing red light?

- A. Come to a complete stop, yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, and go when the way is clear
- B. Stop and wait until the light turns green
- C. Speed up to clear the intersection
- D. Slow down and go through without stopping

- 7. At a railroad crossing with a flashing red light, you do not see any train. What should you do?**
- A. Stop only if a gate is lowered
 - B. Cross quickly before a train arrives
 - C. Come to a complete stop anyway
 - D. Slow down and cross carefully
- 8. What does a flashing red arrow mean?**
- A. Stop completely, yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, then turn in the arrow's direction when clear
 - B. Turning in that direction is prohibited
 - C. The signal is about to turn green
 - D. Turn without stopping because you have the right-of-way
- 9. The light turns yellow just as you reach the intersection and it is unsafe to stop. What should you do?**
- A. Go through the intersection cautiously
 - B. Speed up to beat the red light
 - C. Back up behind the stop line
 - D. Stop suddenly no matter what
- 10. What does a flashing yellow light mean?**
- A. Slow down and proceed with caution
 - B. Pedestrians have a walk signal
 - C. The road is closed ahead
 - D. Stop and wait for green
- 11. At a flashing yellow arrow, you may turn in the direction of the arrow:**
- A. If the way is clear, after yielding to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians
 - B. Because oncoming traffic is stopped by a red light
 - C. Only after a complete stop
 - D. Only when a police officer waves you through
- 12. The signal changes from red to green while a pedestrian is still in the street you want to turn into. What should you do?**
- A. Turn because the green light gives you the right-of-way
 - B. Turn behind the pedestrian
 - C. Let the pedestrian finish crossing before you turn
 - D. Honk so the pedestrian hurries
- 13. You are turning left on a solid green light with no green arrow. Who must you yield to?**
- A. Only buses and trucks
 - B. Vehicles coming from the other direction and pedestrians in the intersection
 - C. Only vehicles behind you
 - D. No one; green means you have the right-of-way

14. A traffic signal is dark because of a power outage and no officer is directing traffic. How should you proceed?

- A. Treat the intersection as an all-way stop
- B. Treat it as a yield sign
- C. Proceed at normal speed if the main road
- D. Flash your headlights and go

15. What does a red X lane-use signal over a lane mean?

- A. You may drive in the lane with caution
- B. Never drive in that lane
- C. The lane is for turning only
- D. Move out of the lane as soon as safely possible

16. A yellow X or a yellow diagonal downward arrow over your lane means:

- A. The lane is for buses only
- B. Speed up to clear the lane
- C. You may continue in the lane indefinitely
- D. Move out of the lane as soon as safely possible

17. A green arrow lane-use signal pointing down at your lane means:

- A. You are permitted to drive in that lane
- B. The lane is closing
- C. You must exit the highway
- D. You must turn left

18. A lane is marked with a one-way or two-way left-turn arrow signal. You may enter it:

- A. During rush hour only
- B. To wait for traffic to clear before merging
- C. To pass slower traffic
- D. Only to turn in the direction of the arrow

19. A pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) shows two solid red lights. What must you do?

- A. Turn right only
- B. Stop
- C. Proceed if no pedestrian is in your lane
- D. Slow down and proceed

20. At a pedestrian hybrid beacon, the two red lights are alternating (flashing). What may you do?

- A. Proceed with caution if the crosswalk is clear
- B. Remain stopped until the lights go dark
- C. Proceed without slowing
- D. Make a U-turn

21. What is the first thing a pedestrian hybrid beacon shows when a pedestrian activates it?

- A. A flashing yellow light at the bottom
- B. Alternating flashing red lights
- C. A green arrow
- D. Two solid red lights

22. Who must obey traffic signals in Virginia?

- A. Drivers, motorcycle riders, bicyclists, moped riders and pedestrians
- B. Everyone except bicyclists
- C. Only drivers of cars and trucks
- D. Only drivers and motorcycle riders

23. A police officer is directing traffic at an intersection with a working green light, and the officer signals you to stop. What should you do?

- A. Follow the officer's direction and stop
- B. Follow the green light
- C. Proceed slowly through the intersection
- D. Honk to get the officer's attention

24. To avoid a red light, a driver cuts through a corner gas station parking lot. This is:

- A. Legal if no one is in the lot
- B. Illegal
- C. Legal if done slowly
- D. Legal only for right turns

25. At a yellow light, you are already in the intersection. What should you do?

- A. Turn right instead
- B. Back up out of the intersection
- C. Stop where you are
- D. Go through cautiously

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1. D: Before entering the intersection or before reaching the crosswalk

With no stop line, Virginia's manual says to stop before entering the intersection or before reaching the crosswalk, and stay stopped while the light is red unless a turn is allowed. (Traffic Signals: Red light, page 7)

2. C: Come to a complete stop, look both ways and yield to pedestrians and other traffic

Right on red is allowed in Virginia only after a complete stop, and you must yield to pedestrians and other traffic, watching for motorcycles, bicycles and mopeds. (Traffic Signals: Right turn on red, page 7)

3. C: From a one-way street onto another one-way street, after a complete stop

You may turn left on red only from a one-way street onto another one-way street, after coming to a complete stop and yielding, unless a sign or red arrow prohibits it. (Traffic Signals: Left turn on red, page 7)

4. C: No right turn until the arrow changes

Virginia law prohibits turns at red arrows. You may only turn against a red arrow if a sign reads 'Right on Red Arrow After Stop'. (Traffic Signals: Red arrow, page 7)

5. C: Right on Red Arrow After Stop

The manual says you may not proceed in the direction of a red arrow unless a sign reads 'Right on Red Arrow After Stop' or 'Left on Red Arrow After Stop'. (Traffic Signals: Red arrow, page 7)

6. A: Come to a complete stop, yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, and go when the way is clear

A flashing red light requires a complete stop. You then yield and go when the way is clear. (Traffic Signals: Flashing red light, page 7)

7. C: Come to a complete stop anyway

The manual states that at a railroad crossing you must come to a complete stop at a flashing red light even if you don't see a train. (Traffic Signals: Flashing red light, page 7)

8. A: Stop completely, yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, then turn in the arrow's direction when clear

At a flashing red arrow you come to a complete stop, yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, and then turn in the direction of the arrow when the way is clear. (Traffic Signals: Flashing red arrow, page 7)

9. A: Go through the intersection cautiously

A yellow light warns that the signal is about to change. If it is unsafe to stop, go through cautiously; never speed up to beat the light. (Traffic Signals: Yellow light or arrow, page 7)

10. A: Slow down and proceed with caution

A flashing yellow light means slow down and proceed with caution. These lights are used where conditions are more hazardous than normal. (Traffic Signals: Flashing yellow light, page 7)

11. A: If the way is clear, after yielding to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians

A flashing yellow arrow allows a turn when the way is clear, but you must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians in the intersection. (Traffic Signals: Flashing yellow arrow, page 7)

12. C: Let the pedestrian finish crossing before you turn

If the light turns green while a pedestrian is in the street, allow the pedestrian to cross before turning. (Traffic Signals: Green light or arrow, page 8)

13. B: Vehicles coming from the other direction and pedestrians in the intersection

When turning without a green arrow, you must yield to oncoming vehicles and to pedestrians in the intersection. (Traffic Signals: Green light or arrow, page 8)

14. A: Treat the intersection as an all-way stop

When signals are out and showing no lights, you must stop and proceed as though the intersection were an all-way stop. (Traffic Signals: Out of service signals, page 8)

15. B: Never drive in that lane

A red X lane-use signal means you must never drive in that lane. (Lane use signals, page 8)

16. D: Move out of the lane as soon as safely possible

A yellow X or yellow diagonal downward arrow means you should move out of that lane as soon as it is safe. (Lane use signals, page 8)

17. A: You are permitted to drive in that lane

A green arrow lane-use signal means you are permitted to drive in that lane. (Lane use signals, page 8)

18. D: Only to turn in the direction of the arrow

A lane with a left-turn arrow signal may be entered only to turn in the direction of the arrow. (Lane use signals, page 8)

19. B: Stop

When the top two red lights of a PHB are solid, a walk signal is shown to pedestrians and drivers must stop. (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), page 8)

20. A: Proceed with caution if the crosswalk is clear

While the walk signal counts down, the PHB's red lights alternate flashing, telling drivers they may proceed with caution if the crosswalk is clear. (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), page 8)

21. A: A flashing yellow light at the bottom

When activated, a single yellow light at the bottom flashes first, then turns solid, then the two red lights come on. (Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), page 8)

22. A: Drivers, motorcycle riders, bicyclists, moped riders and pedestrians

The manual states traffic signals apply to drivers, motorcycle riders, bicyclists, moped riders and pedestrians. (Traffic Signals, page 7)

23. A: Follow the officer's direction and stop

Obey all signs and signals unless directed by a police officer; always follow the officer's direction. (Section 2: Signals, Signs and Pavement Markings, page 7)

24. B: Illegal

The manual states it is illegal to avoid traffic controls by cutting through a parking lot or field. (Section 2: Signals, Signs and Pavement Markings, page 7)

25. D: Go through cautiously

If you are already in the intersection when the light turns yellow, continue through it cautiously. (Traffic Signals: Yellow light or arrow, page 7)