

Washington DC DMV permit practice test 8

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

1. Unless otherwise posted, what is the speed limit in a DC school zone?

- A. 10 mph
- B. 15 mph
- C. 20 mph
- D. 25 mph

2. According to the DC manual, death in a crash is how many times more probable at 60 mph than at 20 mph?

- A. Twenty times
- B. Eight times
- C. Four times
- D. Two times

3. Two cars each going 50 mph collide head-on. What is the impact speed?

- A. 50 mph
- B. 75 mph
- C. 100 mph
- D. 25 mph

4. Hitting a solid object at 60 mph is like what?

- A. Falling off a 10-story building
- B. Falling off a chair
- C. A minor bump
- D. Hitting a curb

5. Up to the limit, what speed is safest according to the DC manual?

- A. Faster than traffic
- B. The average speed at which traffic is moving
- C. Well below the average speed
- D. The minimum speed

6. Does an advisory (yellow or orange) speed sign have the force of law?

- A. It is only for trucks
- B. It applies only at night
- C. No, but if you exceed it and crash, you may be ticketed under the general speed restriction
- D. Yes, exactly like a speed limit

7. Where are U-turns prohibited in DC?

- A. Nowhere
- B. Only on highways
- C. At intersections controlled by traffic lights, on adjacent crosswalks, or on a curve/hill without 500 feet of visibility
- D. On quiet residential streets

8. Is wearing headphones attached to an audio device legal while driving in DC?

- A. Only one ear
- B. No; earphones for cell phones and hearing aids are acceptable
- C. Yes
- D. Only at low volume

9. Who must wear seat belts in DC?

- A. Only front-seat occupants
- B. The driver and all passengers, front and back
- C. Only children
- D. Only the driver

10. What is the DC penalty for not wearing a seat belt?

- A. \$25 fine, no points
- B. \$100 fine
- C. Warning only
- D. \$50 fine and 2 points

11. Can DC police stop you solely for a seat belt violation?

- A. Only at night
- B. Yes
- C. No
- D. Only on highways

12. How far should you sit from the steering wheel hub to your chest, per the DC manual?

- A. 18-20 inches
- B. 4-6 inches
- C. As close as possible
- D. 10-12 inches

13. Where should children age 12 and under ride?

- A. On an adult's lap
- B. In the front seat
- C. Buckled up in a rear seat
- D. Anywhere with a belt

14. How should a head restraint be adjusted?

- A. As low as possible
- B. Behind your neck
- C. Removed
- D. Directly behind your head

15. Is it legal to coast with the gears in neutral?

- A. No, never drive in neutral or with the clutch depressed longer than needed to shift
- B. Only downhill
- C. Only in traffic
- D. Yes

16. Must you obey a school crossing guard's directions?

- A. No
- B. Only if police are present
- C. Yes, crossing guards and traffic control officers have authority to stop and direct traffic
- D. Only near schools

17. Is it legal to remove a catalytic converter from a 1968 or later vehicle in DC?

- A. With a permit
- B. Yes
- C. Only on old cars
- D. No, it is unlawful to remove or disable emission control devices

18. What color are most work zone warning signs?

- A. Green
- B. Blue
- C. Orange
- D. Yellow

19. What should you do when you see signs of a lane closure ahead in a work zone?

- A. Speed up
- B. Prepare to move out of the closed lane, avoid sudden moves and brake gradually
- C. Stay in the lane until the end
- D. Stop

20. What do arrow panels in work zones tell you?

- A. Where to park
- B. The speed limit
- C. Detour routes only
- D. Where to move into another lane, day or night

21. Is it legal to drive through a safety zone?

- A. No, never drive through a safety zone marked for pedestrians
- B. Yes, slowly
- C. Only buses
- D. Only at night

22. In DC, what program must a person found guilty of impaired driving complete?

- A. Nothing
- B. The Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Program
- C. A defensive driving course only
- D. A seat belt course

23. The traffic lights at a DC intersection are out of service. What must you do?

- A. Honk and go
- B. Stop as for a stop sign, then follow right-of-way rules unless a traffic officer directs you
- C. Proceed carefully
- D. Speed through

24. What does a steady yellow signal mean in DC?

- A. Proceed with caution forever
- B. Speed up
- C. The signal is changing from green to red; it gives time to stop safely and clear the intersection
- D. Stop and go

25. What does a steady red arrow mean?

- A. Go
- B. Stop and remain stopped for the direction of the arrow as long as it is red
- C. Yield
- D. Turn after stopping

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1. B: 15 mph

The default speed limit in a DC school zone is 15 mph. (Traffic Rules: Speed Limit Laws/Unless Otherwise Posted, page 46)

2. B: Eight times

Death is eight times more probable in a crash at 60 mph than at 20 mph. (Traffic Rules: Speed Restrictions, page 46)

3. C: 100 mph

The impact speed in a head-on collision is the sum of both speeds: $50 + 50 = 100$ mph. (Traffic Rules: Speed Restrictions, page 46)

4. A: Falling off a 10-story building

Hitting a solid stationary object at 60 mph equals falling off a 10-story building. (Traffic Rules: Speed Restrictions, page 46)

5. B: The average speed at which traffic is moving

Up to the limit, it is safest to drive at the average traffic speed; departing from it, faster or slower, increases crash risk. (Traffic Rules: Speed Restrictions, page 46)

6. C: No, but if you exceed it and crash, you may be ticketed under the general speed restriction

Advisory speed signs don't have the force of law, but exceeding one and crashing may be treated as violating the general speed restriction. (Traffic Rules: Speed Signs, page 46)

7. C: At intersections controlled by traffic lights, on adjacent crosswalks, or on a curve/hill without 500 feet of visibility

No U-turns on a curve or hill where you can't be seen 500 feet away, at signal-controlled intersections, or on adjacent crosswalks. (Other Traffic Laws: U-Turn, page 47)

8. B: No; earphones for cell phones and hearing aids are acceptable

You may not wear earplugs, headsets or earphones attached to an audio device while driving; cell phone earpieces and hearing aids are allowed. (Other Traffic Laws: Wearing of Headsets, Earphones, and Earplugs - Prohibited, page 47)

9. B: The driver and all passengers, front and back

DC law requires the driver and all passengers to wear seat belts in cars, trucks, multi-purpose vehicles and passenger buses. (Other Traffic Laws: Seat Belts Must Be Worn, page 47)

10. D: \$50 fine and 2 points

The penalty is a \$50 fine and 2 points; drivers are responsible for all passengers' compliance. (Other Traffic Laws: \$50 Fine and 2 Points, page 48)

11. B: Yes

District law allows police to stop a vehicle solely because the occupants are not properly buckled. (Other Traffic Laws: You Will Be Pulled Over, page 48)

12. D: 10-12 inches

Try to maintain 10-12 inches from the steering wheel hub to your chest to reduce air bag risk. (Other Traffic Laws: Air Bags, page 48)

13. C: Buckled up in a rear seat

Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat, in a seat or belt appropriate for their size; infants never in front of a passenger air bag. (Other Traffic Laws: Air Bags, page 48)

14. D: Directly behind your head

Adjust the head rest to a position directly behind your head to protect against whiplash. (Other Traffic Laws: Head Restraints, page 48)

15. A: No, never drive in neutral or with the clutch depressed longer than needed to shift

Never drive with gears in neutral or the clutch depressed longer than needed to shift; you may not be able to react quickly. (Other Traffic Laws: Coasting, page 47)

16. C: Yes, crossing guards and traffic control officers have authority to stop and direct traffic

You must follow the direction of any authorized crossing guard or traffic control officer. (Other Traffic Laws: School Crossing Guards and Traffic Control Officers, page 47)

17. D: No, it is unlawful to remove or disable emission control devices

It is unlawful to remove, alter or disable emission control devices such as catalytic converters on factory-equipped vehicles. (Other Traffic Laws: Vehicle Equipment, page 47)

18. C: Orange

Traffic warning signs in work zones are usually orange, and most are diamond shaped. (Work Zones, page 49)

19. B: Prepare to move out of the closed lane, avoid sudden moves and brake gradually

Prepare to move from the closed lane, watch for lower limits, avoid weaving, brake gradually and keep spacing. (Work Zones, page 49)

20. D: Where to move into another lane, day or night

Arrow panels give advance warning and directions to move into another lane, both day and night. (Signals, Signs and Markings: Arrow Panels, page 50)

21. A: No, never drive through a safety zone marked for pedestrians

Never drive through a safety zone, an area marked by signs for pedestrians only. (Other Traffic Laws: Safety Zones, page 47)

22. B: The Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Program

Anyone guilty of impaired driving must enroll in and complete the IID Program, installing IIDs on all registered vehicles and driving only IID-equipped vehicles on a restricted license. (Introduction: Impaired Driving, page 5)

23. B: Stop as for a stop sign, then follow right-of-way rules unless a traffic officer directs you

If signals are out or malfunctioning, stop as you would for a stop sign and proceed by the right-of-way rules unless an officer directs otherwise. (Signals, Signs and Markings: Traffic Signals, page 50)

24. C: The signal is changing from green to red; it gives time to stop safely and clear the intersection

A steady yellow means the signal is changing from green to red, giving time for traffic to stop safely and clear the intersection. (Signals, Signs and Markings: Steady Yellow Signal, page 50)

25. B: Stop and remain stopped for the direction of the arrow as long as it is red

With a steady red arrow, stop before the intersection and remain stopped for the arrow's direction as long as it is red. (Signals, Signs and Markings: Steady Red Arrow Signal, page 51)