

Washington DOL permit practice test 9

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

1. How does zipper merging work when a lane closes in slow traffic?

- A. Stop and wait for a gap
- B. Use the shoulder
- C. Merge as early as possible
- D. Use both lanes until the merge area, then take turns

2. By how much does zipper merging improve traffic flow, according to the guide?

- A. 10 percent
- B. 25 percent
- C. 60 percent
- D. 90 percent

3. When you see a roadside response vehicle with flashing lights, Washington law says you must either move to a farther lane or slow to at least:

- A. 5 mph below the posted limit
- B. 10 mph below the posted limit
- C. 20 mph below the posted limit
- D. 25 mph

4. What is the maximum speed allowed in a Washington emergency zone?

- A. 35 mph
- B. 45 mph
- C. 50 mph
- D. 60 mph

5. What is the speed limit for driving on Washington ocean beaches?

- A. 15 mph
- B. 25 mph
- C. 35 mph
- D. 45 mph

6. In a work zone with no workers present, you should:

- A. Speed up to leave quickly
- B. Drive at full speed
- C. Still reduce your speed
- D. Use the closed lane

7. How far from the curb may your vehicle be when parallel parked in Washington?

- A. No more than 24 inches
- B. No more than 6 inches
- C. No more than 12 inches
- D. No more than 18 inches

8. How close to a fire hydrant may you park in Washington?

- A. No closer than 15 feet
- B. No closer than 20 feet
- C. No closer than 5 feet
- D. No closer than 10 feet

9. You may not park within how many feet of a traffic signal, stop sign or yield sign?

- A. 15 feet
- B. 20 feet
- C. 30 feet
- D. 50 feet

10. How close to a driveway, alley or private road may you park?

- A. Right up to it
- B. No closer than 5 feet
- C. No closer than 10 feet
- D. No closer than 15 feet

11. On the opposite side of the street from a fire station driveway, you may not park within:

- A. 20 feet
- B. 50 feet
- C. 75 feet
- D. 100 feet

12. How close to a railroad crossing may you park?

- A. No closer than 50 feet
- B. No closer than 100 feet
- C. No closer than 15 feet
- D. No closer than 30 feet

13. You may not park within how many feet of a pedestrian safety zone?

- A. 10 feet
- B. 20 feet
- C. 30 feet
- D. 50 feet

14. Which of these is a legal place to park?

- A. On a bridge or overpass
- B. In a marked space along the curb, facing the direction of traffic, within 12 inches of the curb
- C. Next to a parked car (double parking)
- D. Facing oncoming traffic

15. What does a white painted curb mean in Washington?

- A. Loading zone for trucks
- B. No parking at any time
- C. Only short stops are permitted
- D. Disabled parking

16. How are fire lanes usually marked?

- A. Red stripes or a red curb
- B. Green curb
- C. White stripes
- D. Blue curb

17. What is the 'Dutch Reach' method?

- A. A steering technique
- B. A parallel parking technique
- C. Opening your car door with the hand farthest from the door so you turn and see approaching bicyclists
- D. A way to adjust mirrors

18. Parking facing uphill next to a tall curb, which way should you turn your steering wheel?

- A. Straight
- B. It doesn't matter
- C. Toward the curb
- D. Away from the curb, until the back of the front tire touches the curb

19. Parking facing downhill next to a curb, how should you turn your wheels?

- A. Toward the curb, until the front of the front tire touches it
- B. Straight
- C. Toward the street
- D. Away from the curb

20. How should you turn your wheels when parking on a hill with no curb?

- A. Toward traffic
- B. Toward the center of the road
- C. Toward the edge of the road
- D. Straight ahead

21. The white-striped area next to a disabled parking space is called:

- A. An access aisle, which must be kept clear
- B. A loading zone
- C. A bike lane
- D. A fire lane

22. Is it legal to park in an electric vehicle charging space if your vehicle is not connected to the charger?

- A. Yes, at night
- B. Yes, for 15 minutes
- C. No, it's illegal
- D. Yes, if it's an electric car

23. With the engine off, it is a crime in Washington to leave a child under what age unattended in a parked vehicle?

- A. Under 12
- B. Under 16
- C. Under 6
- D. Under 10

24. It is a crime to leave a child under what age unattended in a parked vehicle while the motor is running?

- A. 12
- B. 14
- C. 16
- D. 18

25. How must an animal be carried in the bed of a pickup truck in Washington?

- A. Loose is fine
- B. With a protective harness or enclosure so it can't jump or fall out
- C. Only on short trips
- D. Animals may never be in a truck bed

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1. D: Use both lanes until the merge area, then take turns

Stay in your lane until the designated merge area, then alternate merging like the teeth of a zipper. (5.3 Zipper merging, page 160)

2. C: 60 percent

Zipper merging improves traffic flow by 60 percent. (5.3 Zipper merging, page 160)

3. B: 10 mph below the posted limit

Move over into a farther lane or slow to at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit. (4.17 Emergency zone, page 143)

4. C: 50 mph

Never drive faster than 50 mph in an emergency zone. (4.17 Emergency zone, page 143)

5. B: 25 mph

The beach is considered a state highway; the speed limit is 25 mph and pedestrians and bicyclists always have the right-of-way. (4.20 Beaches, page 152)

6. C: Still reduce your speed

Always reduce speed in a work zone, even without workers; narrower lanes and rough pavement are hazards. (4.17 Work zone, page 141)

7. C: No more than 12 inches

Don't park more than 12 inches from the curb. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

8. A: No closer than 15 feet

Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

9. C: 30 feet

Do not park within 30 feet of a traffic signal, stop sign or yield sign. (4.18 General parking rules, page 143)

10. B: No closer than 5 feet

Do not park within 5 feet of a driveway, alley or private road. (4.18 General parking rules, page 143)

11. C: 75 feet

Do not park within 75 feet of a fire station driveway on the opposite side of the street. (4.18 General parking rules, page 143)

12. A: No closer than 50 feet

Do not park within 50 feet of a railroad crossing. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

13. B: 20 feet

Do not park within 20 feet of pedestrian safety zones. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

14. B: In a marked space along the curb, facing the direction of traffic, within 12 inches of the curb

Parking in a marked curbside space, facing the same way as traffic and no more than 12 inches from the curb, follows the guide's rules; bridges and overpasses, double parking and facing oncoming traffic are all listed as places or ways you may not park. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

15. C: Only short stops are permitted

White means only short stops are permitted; yellow or red indicates a loading zone or other restriction. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

16. A: Red stripes or a red curb

Fire lanes are usually marked with red stripes or a red curb; don't park or stop in them. (4.16 Other road markings, page 138)

17. C: Opening your car door with the hand farthest from the door so you turn and see approaching bicyclists

Opening the door with your far hand forces your body to turn so you can see approaching bicyclists and slows the door opening. (4.18 General parking rules, page 144)

18. D: Away from the curb, until the back of the front tire touches the curb

On hills with tall curbs, turn away from the curb until the back of the front tire touches it, so the car would roll back into the curb. (4.18 Parking on a hill, page 148)

19. A: Toward the curb, until the front of the front tire touches it

Facing downhill, turn toward the curb until the front of the tire touches it, so the car would roll into the curb. (4.18 Parking on a hill, page 149)

20. C: Toward the edge of the road

If there is no curb, turn your wheels toward the edge of the road so the vehicle rolls away from traffic. (4.18 Parking on a hill, page 149)

21. A: An access aisle, which must be kept clear

The striped access aisle must be kept clear; you can be fined for blocking it. (4.18 Reserved disabled parking, page 149)

22. C: No, it's illegal

It's illegal to park in an EV charging station space if the vehicle isn't connected to the charging equipment. (4.18 Electric vehicle charging station parking, page 150)

23. A: Under 12

It's a crime to leave a child under 12 unattended in a parked vehicle; if the motor is running, the age rises to under 16. (4.18 General parking rules, page 145)

24. C: 16

It's a crime to leave a child under 16 unattended in a parked vehicle while the motor is running. (4.18 General parking rules, page 145)

25. B: With a protective harness or enclosure so it can't jump or fall out

It's illegal to transport an animal outside the vehicle without a protective harness or enclosure. (4.19 Animals, page 151)