

Chapter 03 - Practice Questions

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) Shifting from a high gear to a lower gear is known as
 - a. riding the clutch.
 - b. double clutching.
 - c. speed shifting.
 - d. downshifting.
- 2) A stationary object that appears in the distance in the center of your path of travel is called
 - a. a stalled vehicle.
 - b. an obstacle.
 - c. a point-of-view.
 - d. a target.
- 3) When starting a car with an automatic transmission, the selector lever should be in
 - a. DRIVE (D).
 - b. PARK (P) or NEUTRAL (N).
 - c. LOW (L1 or L2, or 1 or 2).
 - d. REVERSE (R).
- 4) If your vehicle has fuel injection and the engine is cold,
 - a. keep your foot off the accelerator.
 - b. press the accelerator repeatedly.
 - c. press the accelerator to the floor.
 - d. press the accelerator to the floor once and release it.
- 5) When stopping the car and expecting to continue again shortly, the selector lever should be in
 - a. DRIVE (D).

- b. REVERSE (R).
- c. PARK (P).
- d. NEUTRAL (N).

6) Driving in overdrive saves fuel and

- a. can be used in all normal reverse driving.
- b. can be used in all normal forward and reverse driving.
- c. can be used in all normal forward driving.
- d. can only be used in expressway driving.

7) What should you do if the brake system warning light comes on?

- a. Gradually stop, have the vehicle towed, and have the problem corrected.
- b. Stop and add brake fluid.
- c. Stop and immediately remove the brake cable.
- d. Drive fast to a service station.

8) You can make sure that warning lights are working by

- a. turning the warning light switch on.
- b. turning the ignition switch off.
- c. turning the ignition switch on.
- d. turning the light switch on.

9) The last thing to do when leaving your car is to

- a. check the inside and outside mirrors.
- b. lock all doors.
- c. put the keys in your hand.
- d. glance over your left shoulder.

10) When using stickshift gears, neutral is

- a. never used when the engine is running.
- b. the crossbar of the pattern.

c. used for parking.

d. on the top of the pattern.

11) With both inside and left-view rearview mirrors adjusted properly, the

a. chances of a collision occurring during a lane change are eliminated.

b. views to the rear and left are complete.

c. the only remaining blind spot is to the left rear.

d. right rear blind spot and smaller blind spot to the left will remain.

12) Adjust a safety belt so it

a. keeps you from leaning forward.

b. lets you reach all door locks.

c. fits snugly.

d. allows comfortable movement.

13) Before shifting from park to drive, you should

a. shift into neutral and wait a second.

b. press down on the foot-brake pedal.

c. release the foot-brake pedal.

d. apply the parking brake.

14) Attempting to start an engine that is already running may result in

a. warning lights being illuminated.

b. electrical system damage.

c. expensive starter damage.

d. damage to the selector lever.

15) Why should you check the condition of the tires as you make an outside check of the car?

a. You can check that tires are clean.

b. You can determine the condition of the brakes.

- c. You can easily determine tire defects.
- d. You can check that tires look properly inflated.

16) Power brakes

- a. decrease stopping distance.
- b. keep the car in place when parked.
- c. make it easier to flash brake lights.
- d. require less physical effort on the brake pedal.

17) When stopping from first, second, or reverse gears,

- a. press the clutch pedal down while releasing accelerator.
- b. never tap the foot-brake pedal to signal for a stop.
- c. always shift to neutral and press the foot-brake pedal.
- d. accelerate gradually while releasing the clutch.

18) When shifting gears in a stickshift vehicle,

- a. always shift from first to second at 15 mph.
- b. always shift from third to fourth at 40 mph.
- c. there is no single correct speed for shifting.
- d. shift gears every 15 mph.

19) The material you should use in the windshield washer container

- a. should be water, especially in winter.
- b. is usually a special windshield washing solution.
- c. should never be used in hot weather.
- d. is the same as for engine coolant.

20) The safety belt light is

- a. off when safety belts are fastened.
- b. on when the engine is running.
- c. illuminated when safety belts are not fastened.

d. a reminder to fasten safety belts.

21) For a routine stop, which of the following would be the safest and most efficient use of your brakes?

- a. Make an easy stop over a long distance without braking.
- b. Make a firm, quick stop with rolling wheels.
- c. Flash your brake lights, then brake gradually.
- d. Gradually decrease your brake pressure as you near your stopping point.

22) Which of the following statements gives the best understanding of braking?

- a. The brakes stop the car as soon as the brake pedal is depressed.
- b. Brake lights are on only when you press the brake pedal hard.
- c. It is best to decrease brake pressure gradually until the car stops.
- d. The pedal pressure should be gradual and firm to stop the car.

23) The alternator warning light indicates

- a. the alternator is working OK.
- b. the alternator is checking itself out.
- c. the alternator is too hot.
- d. trouble in the electrical system.

24) The brake system warning light tells you

- a. the braking system is working properly.
- b. the parking brake has been released.
- c. the braking system is not working properly.
- d. the brakes should be applied.

25) What is the last thing you should do just before moving away from the right curb to enter traffic?

- a. Press firmly on the foot brake.
- b. Check traffic over your right shoulder.
- c. Release the parking brake.

d. Check traffic over your left shoulder and check mirrors again.

26) If leaving the car from the street side,

- a. walk around the rear of the car.
- b. walk around the front of the car.
- c. place keys where you can see them.
- d. glance over your right shoulder.

27) When you turn the ignition switch to "accessory,"

- a. the key can be removed.
- b. no electrical equipment will operate.
- c. the engine will start.
- d. the radio and electrical equipment will operate.

28) When entering a car from the street side,

- a. check for traffic to the right.
- b. approach from the front of the car.
- c. hold the door open to protect yourself.
- d. approach from the back of the car.

29) Riding the clutch

- a. causes needless clutch wear.
- b. allows you to shift quickly.
- c. decreases clutch wear.
- d. causes transmission damage.

30) To start a warm fuel injection engine,

- a. press the accelerator to the floor once and release it.
- b. press the accelerator lightly and hold it.
- c. press the accelerator repeatedly.
- d. leave the accelerator alone.

31) If there is an airbag in your vehicle's steering wheel, keep your hands at the

- a. 1 and 3 or 2 and 6 o'clock positions.
- b. 9 and 3 or 8 and 4 o'clock positions.
- c. 10 and 2 or 9 and 3 o'clock positions.
- d. 11 and 1 or 7 and 5 o'clock positions.

32) The temperature light or gauge indicates the temperature of the

- a. air inside the car.
- b. engine coolant.
- c. engine oil.
- d. air outside the car.

33) Where you feel the engine take hold and the vehicle start to move is called the

- a. friction point.
- b. engine discharge.
- c. blind-spot area.
- d. start point.

34) Hold the steering wheel with

- a. one hand outside at the bottom and the other inside at the top.
- b. your hands on the bottom half of the wheel.
- c. your palms pointing upwards.
- d. your hands on the outside of the wheel.

35) As you are about to enter the car from the street side, you should

- a. keep the door open to defend yourself.
- b. not open the door if an oncoming vehicle is near.
- c. move from the rear of the car.
- d. face the front of the car to see oncoming traffic.

36) When the ignition switch is turned to "lock,"

- a. only the steering wheel is locked.

- b. the ignition key cannot be removed.
- c. the shift lever and steering wheel are locked.
- d. all doors are locked.

37) Signal your intention to stop by

- a. holding the turn-signal lever down.
- b. turning on the emergency flasher.
- c. tapping the foot-brake pedal.
- d. holding the turn-signal lever up.

38) Before entering traffic from the curb, you should

- a. check the rearview mirrors.
- b. check around the car for obstructions.
- c. check traffic ahead.
- d. check traffic ahead, in both rearview mirrors, and over your left shoulder.

39) Cruise control allows the driver to

- a. avoid traffic citations for speeding violations.
- b. develop a sense of security.
- c. maintain desired speed for highway or expressway driving.
- d. control the car under all conditions.

40) To indicate a right turn, move the turn-signal lever

- a. up so the lever remains on.
- b. down so the lever remains on.
- c. down with a light touch.
- d. up with a light touch.

41) When you rest your foot on the clutch pedal while driving, you are

- a. tracking the clutch.
- b. guiding the clutch.

- c. riding the clutch.
- d. wearing the clutch.

42) The parking brake

- a. cannot operate if the car is moving.
- b. is usually set by pushing a pedal.
- c. must be released before starting the engine.
- d. can be safely used to stop the car.

43) The selector-lever position used for normal forward driving is

- a. NEUTRAL (N).
- b. LOW (L1 and L2, or 1 and 2).
- c. PARK (P).
- d. DRIVE (D).

44) When stopping from higher gears in a stickshift car,

- a. keep even accelerator pressure.
- b. use brakes before depressing the clutch.
- c. first depress the clutch.
- d. first shift to NEUTRAL (N).

45) In a vehicle with automatic transmission,

- a. always come to a full stop before shifting to another gear.
- b. shift to another gear whenever needed.
- c. accelerate and then shift.
- d. slow down and then shift.

46) The area to the rear of the car not seen in mirrors is

- a. not necessary for driver vision.
- b. seen by adjusting mirrors.
- c. a blind spot.

d. directly behind the car.

47) You are starting a stickshift car. Your left foot should be on the

a. accelerator pedal.

b. clutch pedal.

c. brake pedal.

d. floor.

48) If the airbags are not in proper operating condition,

a. a bell will sound.

b. the warning light will stay on.

c. the vehicle will come to an immediate stop.

d. push the Reset button to correct the problem.

49) What is the LAST thing you do as a check inside the car?

a. Fasten your safety belt.

b. Adjust the seat so you are comfortable.

c. Adjust inside and outside mirrors.

d. Lock all doors.

50) To activate the automatic choke

a. press the accelerator pedal repeatedly.

b. press the accelerator pedal halfway to the floor.

c. do not press the accelerator pedal.

d. press the accelerator pedal to the floor once and release it.