

CALIFORNIA DRIVER EXAMINATION

(From the 2012 California Driver Handbook)

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Directions: Study the driver handbook before you take the test. Each question has three answer choices. Choose one answer and mark an X in the box across from the answer. **Do not talk while taking the test, use any books or notes or cell phone, or electronic devices, or leave the test area before your test has been graded. It may result in a test failure and you may be suspended or revoked.**

**PASSING GRADE — 6 OR FEWER ERRORS FOR ORIGINAL APPLICANTS
3 OR FEWER ERRORS FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

1. You must notify DMV within 5 days if you:
 - Are cited for a traffic violation
 - Sell or transfer your vehicle
 - Paint your vehicle a different color.....
2. It is illegal for a person **21 years of age or older** to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that is _____ or higher.
 - 0.10%—One tenth of one percent.....
 - 0.08%—Eight hundredths of one percent
 - 0.05%—Five hundredths of one percent.....
3. Always look carefully for motorcycles before changing lanes because:
 - Their smaller size makes them harder to see.....
 - They usually have the right-of-way at intersections.....
 - It is illegal for motorcycles to share traffic lanes
4. Following closely behind another vehicle (tailgating):
 - Increases fuel efficiency
 - Is a common cause of rear-end collisions
 - Helps keep traffic moving
5. Generally speaking, you are in a large truck's blind spot if you:
 - Drive close to the large truck's left front wheel
 - Cannot see the truck driver in the truck's side mirrors.....
 - Follow no closer than ten feet behind the large truck.....
6. Before getting out of your parked car on the traffic side of the street, you should:
 - Give an arm signal that you are exiting your vehicle
 - Turn on your left turn signal.....
 - Look for passing vehicles, bicyclists, and motorcyclists
7. You should always turn on your emergency flashers when:
 - You stop near a curb painted red.....
 - You are driving in heavy fog
 - Your car has broken down on the roadway.....
8. At night, if an oncoming vehicle fails to dim its high beams, look:
 - Toward the center of the roadway.....
 - Toward the right edge of your lane
 - Straight ahead in your lane
9. Parking is NEVER permitted:
 - In a crosshatched (diagonal) pattern space
 - Twenty feet from a railroad track
 - In a bicycle lane, unless otherwise posted.....

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10. If a pedestrian is in a crosswalk in the middle of a block:
- The pedestrian has the right-of-way.....
 - The pedestrian must yield the right-of-way
 - Vehicles have the right-of-way, but drivers must legally take care for the pedestrian's safety.....
11. You are at a red traffic signal. The traffic light turns green, but there are still other vehicles in the intersection. You should:
- Wait until the vehicles clear the intersection before entering.....
 - Move ahead only if you can go around the other vehicles safely
 - Enter the intersection and wait for traffic to clear.....
12. When roads are slippery, you should:
- Avoid making fast turns and fast stops.....
 - Pump your brakes to test the traction of your tires
 - Decrease the distance that you look ahead of your vehicle
13. When you back up in a passenger vehicle:
- Rely on your rearview mirror
 - Look over your right shoulder through your rear window
 - Only use your side and rearview mirrors
14. If there are two solid yellow lines in the center of the roadway, you:
- May cross the lines to turn left into a private driveway
 - Are on a two-lane one-way street.....
 - Should treat the lines as a solid wall and not cross for any reason
15. When driving in traffic at night on a dimly lit street, you should:
- Drive slowly enough so you can stop within the area lighted by your headlights.....
 - Turn on your high beam headlights to better see the vehicles directly ahead of you
 - Keep instrument lights bright to be more visible to other drivers.....
16. You want to make a right turn at the corner. A pedestrian with a guide dog is at the corner ready to cross the street in front of you. Before making your right turn, you should:
- Turn off your engine until the person crosses the street.....
 - Tell the pedestrian when to cross the street
 - Wait until the person crosses the street
17. When you enter traffic from a stop (e.g. pulling away from the curb), you:
- Should drive slower than other traffic for 200 feet
 - Need a large enough gap to get up to the speed of traffic.....
 - Should wait for the first vehicle to pass, then pull into the lane
18. To make a right turn onto a two-way street from a two-way street, start in the right-hand lane and end in:
- The left lane.....
 - The lane closest to the curb
 - Any lane that is available.....

Please turn this sheet over and continue the examination.

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Smoking inside a vehicle when a person younger than 18 years of age is present is:

- Legal, if it is your child.....
- Illegal at all times.....
- Not restricted by law.....

20. You are going to make a left turn from a dedicated left-turn lane when a yellow arrow appears for your lane. You should:

- Speed up to get through the intersection.....
- Stop and not turn under any circumstances.....
- Be prepared to obey the next signal that appears.....

21. Which statement is true about motorcyclists and motorists?

- Motorcyclists are not allowed to drive faster than other traffic during congested road conditions.....
- Motorcyclists have the same rights/responsibilities as other motorists.....
- Motorcycles are heavier than other vehicles and are less affected by wind/rain.....

22. The "three-second rule" applies to the space _____ of your vehicle.

- In back.....
- Ahead.....
- To the sides.....

23. If you have a collision, the law requires you to exchange your driver license information with:

- Witnesses.....
- Others involved in the collision.....
- Security guards.....

24. Before driving into an intersection from a stop, you should look:

- Left and right only.....
- Straight ahead and to the left.....
- Left, right, and left again.....


25. If the roadway is wet and your car starts to skid, you should:

- Slowly ease your foot off the gas pedal.....
- Slow down by shifting to a lower gear.....
- Slow down by pumping the brakes quickly and firmly.....

26. When passing another vehicle, it is safe to return to your lane if you:

- Cannot see the vehicle directly to your right.....
- See the vehicle's headlights in your rearview mirror.....
- Have passed the other vehicle's front bumper**.....

27. This red and white sign means:

-  Other drivers must yield to you.....
- Give the right-of-way to other drivers.....
- Make a complete stop before asserting your right-of-way.....

28. If you see orange construction signs or cones on a freeway, you must:

- Slow down because the lane ends ahead.....
- Be prepared for workers and equipment ahead.....
- Change lanes and maintain your current speed.....

29. This red and white sign means:



- The road ahead is closed to traffic in your direction
- Do not enter the road ahead unless it is safe to do so
- The road ahead is closed to traffic in all directions.....

30. If your cell phone rings while you are driving and you do not have a hands-free device, you should:

- Answer the call because it may be an emergency
- Let the call go to voice mail
- Check the incoming number before answering the call.....

31. You have consented to take a test for the alcohol content of your blood, breath, or urine:

- Only if you have been drinking alcohol.....
- Whenever you drive in California.....
- Only if a collision has occurred.....

32. You must yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle by:

- Driving as near to the right edge of the road as possible and stopping.....
- Moving into the right lane and driving slowly until it has passed.....
- Stopping immediately, even if you are in an intersection

33. Which way should your front wheels be turned when parked uphill next to a curb?

- Parallel to the curb
- Away from the curb.....
- Toward the curb.....

34. You may legally drive in any freeway carpool lane if:

- All the other lanes are stopped with heavy traffic
- You carry the minimum number of persons shown on the sign.....
- It is between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

35. You should dim your lights for oncoming vehicles or when you are within 300 feet of a vehicle:

- You are approaching from behind.....
- Approaching you from behind
- You have already passed

36. A law enforcement officer notices that one of your passengers is not wearing a seat belt and writes a citation. Which of the following is true?

- Both you and your passenger will receive a citation.....
- Your passenger will receive the citation, regardless of his or her age
- You can receive the citation if the passenger is younger than 16