



## Sample Test Questions

# Traffic Safety



## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

The sample test questions in this document are designed to give you an introduction to the nature of the questions included in the Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements™ (WEST-E™). They represent the various types of questions you may expect to see on an actual test in this test field; however, they are *not* designed to provide diagnostic information to help you identify specific areas of individual strength or weakness or to predict your performance on the test as a whole.

Work through the sample questions carefully before referring to the answer key that follows. The answer key provides the correct response for each question and lists the objective within the test framework to which each question is linked. When you are finished with the sample questions, you may wish to review the test objectives and descriptive statements provided in the test framework for this test field.

In addition to reading and answering the sample questions, you should also utilize the following preparation materials available on the WEST Web site:

- Read **WEST-E Test-Taking Strategies** to understand how test questions are designed to measure specific test objectives and to learn important test-taking strategies for the day of the test.
- Review the **Test Summary and Framework** for your test field to familiarize yourself with the structure and content of the test. This document contains general testing information as well as the percentage of the total test score derived from each content domain described in the test framework.

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## SAMPLE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

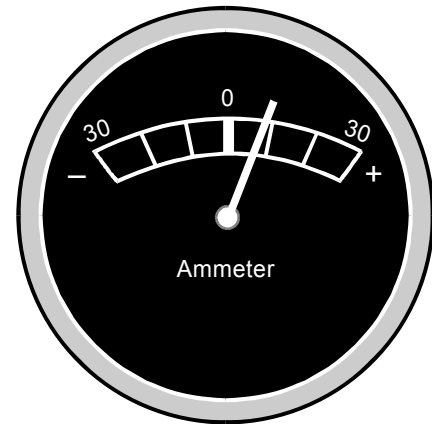
1. A holder of an intermediate driver license is driving at 3:00 a.m. Having which of the following passengers in the car would satisfy the restriction on this type of license?

- A. a neighbor who is 27 years old and a licensed driver
- B. a sibling who is 21 years old and a licensed driver
- C. an uncle who is 22 years old and a licensed driver
- D. a driving instructor who is 24 years old and a licensed driver

2. In urban areas, how often must a vehicle undergo an inspection under the Washington State vehicle emission inspection program?

- A. every year
- B. every two years
- C. every four years
- D. upon each transfer of ownership

3. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.



The dashboard gauge above indicates the:

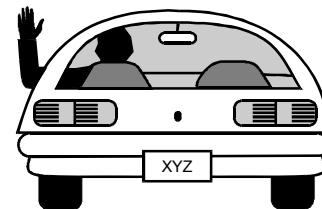
- A. battery's electrolyte level.
- B. time remaining before the battery should be replaced.
- C. current state of the battery's charge and overall condition.
- D. degree to which the battery is charging or discharging.

4. A switch allows the driver of a car to inactivate the door handles of all passenger doors so that none of the doors can be opened from the inside. This feature is designed primarily to prevent:
- A. forced or unwanted entry into the car.
  - B. passengers from distracting the driver.
  - C. young children from falling out of the car.
  - D. doors from opening due to mechanical failure.

5. Which of the following is most likely to indicate that a vehicle is in need of wheel balancing?
- A. The vehicle shakes at 50 mph.
  - B. The steering wheel has excessive free play.
  - C. There is a constant grinding sound coming from the front wheels.
  - D. The car corners poorly, even at low speeds.

6. Which of the following problems is indicated by tires whose tread is worn along the outside edges but not in the middle?
- A. The tires are underinflated.
  - B. The car's front end needs an alignment.
  - C. The tires are overinflated.
  - D. The driver has been cornering at excessive speeds.

7. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.



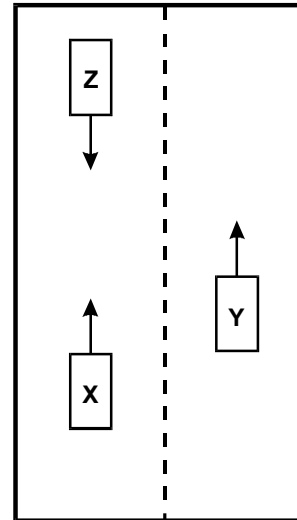
The hand signal shown in the diagram is used to indicate the driver's intention to:

- A. turn left.
- B. turn right.
- C. reduce speed.
- D. stop.

8. A driver likes to accelerate quickly when traffic lights turn green and often comes to abrupt stops at stoplights and stop signs. A friend suggests that the driver should consider accelerating slowly and smoothly when traffic lights turn green and coming to long gradual stops at stoplights and stop signs. Following the friend's suggestion would be most effective in reducing:

- A. travel time.
- B. tire wear.
- C. transmission repairs.
- D. fuel consumption.

9. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.

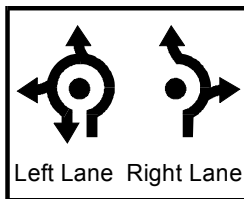


Car X has moved into the lane normally used by oncoming traffic and is attempting to pass Car Y, when Car Z unexpectedly comes into view. Which of the following is the safest procedure for the driver of Car X to take?

- A. Move farther to the left into the shoulder of the oncoming lane.
- B. Accelerate in an attempt to pass Car Y before reaching Car Z.
- C. Apply the brake and attempt to pull back in behind Car Y.
- D. Flash headlights and sound the horn to warn the driver of Car Z.

10. Which of the following best describes the regulations concerning the use of sidewalks by bicyclists?
- A. Bicyclists may use sidewalks but must yield the right of way to pedestrians.
  - B. Bicyclists are restricted from riding on sidewalks during daylight hours.
  - C. Bicyclists may use sidewalks only when no pedestrians are present on the sidewalk.
  - D. Only bicyclists under the age of 12 and adults accompanying them may use sidewalks.

11. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.



The sign in the diagram is most likely to be displayed at:

- A. an expressway entrance.
- B. a roundabout entrance.
- C. an expressway exit.
- D. a roundabout exit.

12. Which of the following roadway markings indicates one-way traffic with passing allowed?
- A. single solid white lines
  - B. single solid yellow lines
  - C. single dotted white lines
  - D. single dotted yellow lines
13. A car has begun to skid on slippery pavement. The rear end of the car is sliding to the left. Which of the following procedures would be most effective for the driver to use to control the skid?

- A. Steer to the left if the car has front-wheel drive. Steer to the right if the car has rear-wheel drive.
- B. Steer to the right if the car has front-wheel drive. Steer to the left if the car has rear-wheel drive.
- C. Steer to the left whether the car has front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive.
- D. Steer to the right whether the car has front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive.



14. A driver is legally permitted to hold a cell phone next to his or her ear while driving for the purpose of:
- A. summoning an emergency vehicle to the scene of an accident.
  - B. alerting a radio station about traffic conditions affecting commuters.
  - C. requesting or receiving instructions for a commercial delivery.
  - D. communicating with a family member or coworker.
15. Driver A observes as Driver B cuts off Driver C during an unsafe lane change and as Drivers B and C exchange angry gestures. Which of the following responses by Driver A would most likely help her avoid becoming involved in a road rage incident?
- A. sounding her horn or flashing her headlights as she passes the vehicles driven by Drivers B and C
  - B. maintaining eye contact with Drivers B and C to signal that she is observing their actions
  - C. making an angry gesture at Driver B to demonstrate her agreement with Driver C's reaction
  - D. slowing down or changing lanes to add distance between her vehicle and those of Drivers B and C
16. Which of the following is the most common adverse effect of taking barbiturates while driving?
- A. hallucinations
  - B. impaired vision
  - C. slower reaction times
  - D. violent emotional responses
17. In Washington State, the legal blood alcohol limit for adults while driving is:
- A. 0.05.
  - B. 0.08.
  - C. 0.10.
  - D. 0.25.
18. A person is most likely to experience loss of visibility due to glare when driving:
- A. west, shortly after sunset.
  - B. when the sun is directly overhead.
  - C. east, in the early morning hours.
  - D. in the mountains at any time of day.



19. When driving on an icy road it is most important to reduce speed and:
- A. keep one foot on the brake and the other foot on the accelerator.
  - B. put the car in neutral when descending a hill.
  - C. downshift into a lower gear before entering a curve.
  - D. avoid sudden changes in direction or speed.
20. A driver who is trying to park his car in the parking lot of a shopping center hits the rear of a parked car. On examining the parked car, the driver sees that the accident has scratched the rear bumper of the parked car. The owner of the parked car is not present. Which of the following best describes the obligation of the driver?
- A. Call the police and report the accident.
  - B. Attempt to locate the owner of the car in the shopping center.
  - C. Notify the driver's insurance company.
  - D. Leave a note, including contact information, on the parked car.





## ANSWER KEY

Question Number	Correct Response	Test Objective
1	A	0001
2	B	0001
3	D	0002
4	C	0002
5	A	0003
6	A	0003
7	B	0004
8	D	0004
9	C	0005
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