



TEST YOUR TRUCK SMARTS

1. When is the road likely to be more slippery?
 - a. When it has just begun to rain
 - b. After it has rained lightly for 30 minutes
 - c. After a hard rain
 - d. After the rain has ended

2. You are checking your tires in a pre-trip inspection. Which of these is true?
 - a. Radial and Bias-Ply tires can be used together on the same vehicle
 - b. Dual tires should be touching each other
 - c. 2/32 inch tread depth is safe for the front tire
 - d. Different types of tires or mismatched sizes should never be used on the same vehicle

3. How do you correct a rear-wheel acceleration skid?
 - a. Apply the brake
 - b. Downshift
 - c. Apply more power to the wheel
 - d. Stop accelerating and release the clutch

4. Which statement about brakes is true?
 - a. The heavier a vehicle or the faster it moves, and the more heat the brakes have to absorb to stop it
 - b. Brakes have more stopping power when they are hot
 - c. Brake drums cool quickly
 - d. All of the above are true

5. Which of the following statements about downshifting is NOT true?
 - a. Downshift when you get to the bottom of the hill
 - b. Downshift before entering a curve
 - c. Downshift before starting down a hill
 - d. Downshift before climbing a hill

6. What is the best way to stay alert when you are feeling drowsy?
 - a. Pinch yourself
 - b. Open your window to let in fresh air
 - c. Turn on the radio and sing along
 - d. Pull off to the side of the road and stretch for several minutes outside of your vehicle

7. What should you do if your right wheels drop off the road onto the shoulder while traveling at 30 mph?
 - a. Immediately turn quickly back onto the road
 - b. Press hard on the brakes and then pull back onto the road
 - c. Slow down while driving in a straight line and hold the wheel firmly
 - d. Try to steer onto the road while pumping the brakes

8. What is the main reason drivers lose traction on slippery roads?
 - a. Under-inflated tires
 - b. Sudden acceleration
 - c. Swerving

9. What is the cause of most intersection accidents?
- Running red lights
 - Turning from the wrong lane
 - Failing to yield the right-of-way
 - None of the above
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10. What is the BEST frame of mind to have when driving?
- Always drive the speed limit
 - Expect others to make mistakes and think what I can do if something does happen
 - Give the right-of-way to other drivers
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11. The No-Zones, or blind spots, of a semi-truck are:
- On the right and left sides of the semi
 - Directly in front of the semi
 - Directly behind the semi
 - All of the above
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12. A typical fully-loaded tractor-trailer traveling at 65 mph under ideal conditions takes a minimum of:
- 100 feet to stop
 - 250 feet to stop
 - 400 feet to stop
 - 525 feet to stop (almost the length of 2 football fields)
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13. The rear blind spot behind a semi-truck extends approximately how far?
- 10 feet
 - 20 feet
 - 30 feet
 - 40 feet
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14. A commercial motor vehicle is defined as:
- A vehicle with a gross weight over 26,001 lbs.
 - A vehicle transporting hazardous material
 - A vehicle transporting 16 or more passengers
 - All of the above
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15. Which of the following is true about shifting gears?
- Remain in neutral as long as possible
 - Shift at the best RPM range for your vehicle
 - Allow the engine tachometer to rev to the highest range possible
 - Ignore how the engine sounds
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16. When driving at night, you should:
- Dim your lights when you are within 300 feet of oncoming traffic
 - Watch the white line on the left side of the roadway
 - Adjust your vehicle speed to keep your stopping distance within your sight distance
 - Keep your high beams on at all times
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17. When driving through construction zones, you should:
- Speed up and hurry through them so you aren't in them any longer than necessary
 - Stop before entering them, get in low gear and proceed through
 - Watch for uneven surfaces
 - Reduce your speed only if construction workers are near the roadway
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18. The proper way to load a vehicle trailer is by:
- Keeping the load balanced in the cargo area
 - Placing all of the load at the front of the trailer
 - Placing all of the load at the rear of the trailer
 - It makes no difference where the cargo is placed as long as you are not over the allowable gross weight

Answers: 1 a 2 d 3 d 4 a 5 a 6 d 7 c 8 b 9 c 10 b 11 d 12 d 13 c 14 d 15 b 16 c 17 c 18 a