

**COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE KNOWLEDGE TEST
NO. 3**

1. If you must cross into the oncoming lane as you make a turn, you should:

- ☒ Watch for oncoming traffic
- ☐ Back up to allow oncoming traffic to pass
- ☐ Complete your turn without stopping

2. A key principle to remember about loading cargo is to keep the load:

- ☐ To the front
- ☐ To the rear
- ☒ Balance in the cargo area

3. When you must stop on a one-way or divided highway, you should place your reflective triangle at which of the following locations?

- ☒ 10 feet, 100 feet, and 200 feet toward approaching traffic
- ☐ 10 feet, 100 feet, and 500 feet toward approaching traffic
- ☐ 10 feet, 50 feet, and 100 feet toward approaching traffic

4. Which of these statements is true about the tire pressure?

- ☒ Air pressure in the tires increases with temperature?
- ☐ Air should be let out of hot tires so the tires do not blow out
- ☐ The pressure need not be checked during a trip if it passed pre-trip inspection

5. If your brakes get wet while driving on a rainy day, what can happen when you apply the brakes?

- ☐ Hydroplaning
- ☐ Excessive brake wear
- ☒ Trailer jackknife

6. If you need to leave the road in a traffic emergency, you should:

- ☐ Try to get all wheels off the pavement
- ☒ Avoid braking until your speed has dropped to about 20 mph
- ☐ Avoid driving on the shoulder of the road

7. If you cannot see well with your headlights when driving in an area with few streetlights on a clear night, you should:

- ☐ Turn your interior light on

- ☐Find another route that is better lit
- ☒Use your high beams when legal and keep your interior light off

8. "Implied consent" means when you sign the driver license application form, you:

- ☐Understand that you may drink alcohol now before driving
- ☒Give your consent to be tested for alcohol in your blood
- ☐Give your consent to a vehicle inspection for alcohol

9. To determine a person's blood alcohol concentration, you must know how:

- ☐Often the person drinks alcohol (tolerance level)
- ☒Much the person weighs
- ☐Old the person is

10. Which of these statements is true about drugs?

- ☐A driver can use any prescription drug while driving
- ☒Use of drugs can lead to collision and/or arrest
- ☐Certain prescription drugs are allowed to reduce fatigue

11. You should signal continuously while turning because:

- ☒You need both hands on the wheel to turn safely
- ☐It is illegal to turn off your signal before completing a turn
- ☐Most vehicles have self-canceling signals

12. When a doctor prescribes medication for you and you know you will be driving, you should:

- ☐Take the medication, but stop taking it if you notice that it is affecting your driving
- ☐Take the medication, as well as other medication to keep you alert
- ☒Ask the doctor if the medication will affect your ability to drive

13. When approaching a traffic light that has been green for a long time, you should:

- ☐Accelerate so you get through the light
- ☒Start slowing down so you will be ready to stop
- ☐Continue at your current speed

14. A helper should be used to help back your vehicle

- ☐When you have a trailer on your vehicle
- ☐When you need to back on a curve path
- ☒Whenever possible

15. You are performing a pre-trip inspection on your brakes and suspension system. Which of these statements is true?

- ☐Just one missing leaf spring is not dangerous
- ☒Spring hangers that are cracked but still tight are not dangerous
- ☒Brake drums should not have oil or grease on them

16. If a straight vehicle (no trailer or articulation) goes into a front-wheel skid it will:

- ☒Slide sideways and spin out
- ☒Travel straight ahead even if you turn the steering wheel
- ☐Travel straight ahead until you turn the steering wheel

17. Which of these is not required knowledge for drivers needing HazMat endorsement?

- ☐When to use placards -
- ☐Which products can be loaded together
- ☒Basic chemistry

18. In bad weather, many car drivers tailgate large vehicles. You should:

- ☒Speed up to distance yourself from the tailgater
- ☒Increase your following distance to avoid the need to make a quick change
- ☐Lightly tap your brakes to warn the tailgater to drop back

19. Can federal inspectors inspect your truck or bus?

- ☒Yes, but they cannot put it out of service
- ☒Yes, and they can put it out of service
- ☐No

20. When driving on grades, which of these is the best choice for a safe speed?

- ☒If you have a light load, you can go faster than those with a heavy load
- ☒Based on your vehicle and its cargo, select a speed that is safe within the posted speed
- ☐Follow the vehicle in front of you

21. Which of these is not a danger when an automatic transmission is forced into a lower gear at high speed?

- ☐Damage to the transmission
- ☒Loss of engine braking effect
- ☒Loss of steering control

22. When driving at night, use your low beams when an oncoming vehicle is within:

- ☐ 300 feet
- ☒ 400 feet
- ☒ 500 feet

23. You should schedule your driving:

- ☐ Between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- ☒ Between 10 a.m. and midnight
- ☒ For the hours you are normally awake

24. Which of these is a danger of crossing railroad tracks on dirt roads?

- ☐ The ground underneath the tracks may not be stable
- ☒ You could get hung up halfway across the tracks
- ☐ Your tires could sink into the dirt and not cross the tracks

25. What is the best advice for drivers to follow when a heavy fog occurs?

- ☒ Park at a rest area or truck stop until visibility is better
- ☐ Do not drive too slowly, or other drivers may hit you
- ☐ Alternate your low and high beams to improve your vision

26. Which of these is not a proper use of vehicle lights?

- ☐ Turning on your headlights during the day when visibility is reduced
- ☐ Flashing your brake lights to warn someone behind you that you are slowing down
- ☒ Flashing your brake lights to stop someone tailgating

27. To avoid a crash, you had to drive onto the right shoulder. You are now driving at 40 mph on the shoulder. How should you move back onto the pavement?

- ☒ If the shoulder is clear, stay on it until your vehicle comes to a stop. The move back onto the pavement when it is safe
- ☐ Brake hard to slow the vehicle; then, steer sharply onto the pavement when it is safe
- ☐ Keep moving at your present speed and steer very gently back onto the pavement when it is safe

28. You are driving on a straight, level highway at 50 mph with no vehicles in front of you. Suddenly, a tire blows out on your vehicle. What should you do first?

- ☒ Stay off the brake until the vehicle has slowed down
- ☐ Begin lightly braking
- ☐ Begin emergency braking

29. It's important to shift gears correctly to keep:

- ☒Control of the vehicle
- ☐The engine warm
- ☐The engine oil following

30. If you do not have a HazMat endorsement on your commercial driver license, and are asked to deliver hazardous materials in a placarded vehicle, you should:

- ☒Refuse to transport the load
- ☐Transport the load to the nearest place where a driver with a HazMat endorsement can take over
- ☐Transport the load and file a report with the Department of Transportation after the trip

31. Trucks and buses are subject to certain laws, regulation, and restrictions. Which of these statements is true?

- ☐County and city laws do not apply to trucks and buses engaged in interstate commerce
- ☐Federal regulations apply only to trucks and buses driven at least 50 miles on a trip
- ☒Laws and restrictions can vary from place to place

32. What is the term for a commercial vehicle's habit of winging while on turns?

- ☒Offtracking
- ☐Wide-rounding
- ☐Sidewinding

33. Containerized loads:

- ☐Should come with their own tie-down devices or locks
- ☒Are generally used for freight carried part away by rail or ship
- ☐Do not need to be inspected or secured by the driver

34. You are checking your wheels and rims during a pre-trip inspection. Which of these statements is true?

- ☒Rust around wheel nuts may mean they are loose
- ☐A vehicle can be safely driven with one missing lug nut on a wheel
- ☐Mismatched lock rings can be used on the same vehicle

35. The best drivers are those who watch and prepare for hazards. This is called being:

- ☐Offensive
- ☒Defensive

☐Objective

36. When hydraulic brakes fail, the system won't build up pressure and the brake pedal will feel spongy or go to the floor. What action should you take?

- ☐Push down on the brake pedal as hard as you can
- ☒Pump the brake pedal to generate pressure
- ☐Put the vehicle in neutral and set the parking brake

37. You are driving on a two-lane road. An oncoming driver drifts into your lane and is headed straight for you. Which of these is the best action to take?

- ☐Brake hard
- ☒Steer to the right
- ☐Steer onto the left shoulder

38. Convex (curved) mirrors:

- ☐Make objects appear larger than they really are
- ☐Make objects appear closer than they really are
- ☒Show a wide area than a flat mirror

39. What three things add up to the total stopping distance for your truck or bus?

- ☐Attention distance, reaction distance, slowing distance
- ☐Observation distance, response distance, braking distance
- ☒Perception distance, reaction distance, braking distance

40. You should use your mirrors to check:

- ☐If your running lights are working properly
- ☐Blind spots only
- ☒Where the rear of your vehicle is while you make turns

41. What happens to tar in road pavement during hot weather?

- ☐It becomes gummy, making tires stick to the road
- ☒It bleeds, making the road surface slippery
- ☐Nothing, it is made for hot weather

42. When looking ahead of your vehicle, you should look:

- ☐Straight ahead at all times
- ☐To the right side of the road
- ☒Back and forth, near and far

43. The purpose of retarders is to:

- ☒Help slow the vehicle while driving and reduce brake wear
- ☐Apply extra braking power to the non-drive axles
- ☐Help prevent skids and reduce brake wear

44. Which of these is a good thing to remember when crossing or entering traffic with a heavy vehicle?

- ☒Heavy vehicle need larger gaps in traffic than cars
- ☐The best way to cross traffic is to pull the vehicle partway across the road and block one lane while waiting for the other to clear
- ☐Heavy vehicles are easy to see; you can count on the other drivers to move out of your way or slow down for you

45. What is countersteering?

- ☐Turning the steering wheel counterclockwise to prevent oversteering
- ☐Using the steering axle brakes to prevent oversteering
- ☒Turning the steering wheel back in the other direction after steering to avoid traffic emergency

46. The braking effect of the engine is greatest when the engine is _____ the governed RMPs and the transmission is in the _____ gears.

- ☐Above, lower
- ☐Below, higher
- ☒Near, lower

47. When starting to move up a hill from a stop:

- ☒Release the parking brake as you apply engine power
- ☐Engage the clutch and accelerate quickly
- ☐Keep the trailer brake hand valve applied until you reach 20 mph

48. For a first offense of driving a commercial vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will lose your CDL for at least:

- ☐6 months
- ☒1 year
- ☐2 years

49. What will help keep an engine cool in hot weather?

- ☐Driving faster to force more air into the radiator
- ☐Running the air conditioner



.....Making sure the engine has the right amount of oil

50. Which of these statements is true about speed and distance?



.....It takes a shorter distance to stop empty trucks that fully loaded ones



.....Choose a speed that lets you stop within the distance you can see ahead



.....It takes twice the distance to stop your vehicle when you double your speed