

PERMIT TEST
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- B under no circumstances
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- D if the vehicle is turning left

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Explanation:

The correct answer is under no circumstances.

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The correct answer is 15 MPH.

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Explanation

The correct answer is Vehicle is in line with other parked vehicles.

When you are merging onto the freeway, you should be driving:

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Explanation:

The correct answer is at or near the same speed as other traffic on the freeway.

Dim your high-beam headlights to low-beams within _____ feet when a vehicle is coming towards you.

A 300

B 500

C 200

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Explanation:

The correct answer is 500.

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- B parking for disabled persons with a special placard or license plate
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B DMV

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D The local police department

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Explanation:

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The correct answer is avoid last minute moves.

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Explanation:

The correct answer is bicyclist.

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The correct answer is large trucks have bigger blind spots than most passenger vehicles.

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The correct answer is imprisonment and/or fine.

you may legally block an intersection when:

- A if the light is green
- B if you are turning left
- C no circumstances. never.
- D to allow an emergency vehicle through

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**When you park on a hill,
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**with a class C drivers
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Explanation:

The correct answer is car, van or pick-up.

**To turn left from a
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Explanation:

The correct answer is the lane closest to the left curb.

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The correct answer is after it has been raining for a while.

you may not park your vehicle:

- A in a bike lane
- B next to a yellow curb
- C next to a red painted curb**
- D on a one-way street

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The correct answer is DMV.

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- B** there are two sets of broken yellow lines
- C** two sets of solid double yellow lines are spaced two feet apart
- D** there is a single solid white line

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The correct answer is two sets of solid double yellow lines are spaced two feet apart.

**you want to make a right
turn at an upcoming
intersection. slow down
and:**

- A** stay in the center of your lane
- B** move to the left side of your lane
- C** increase your speed
- D** move to the right side of your lane

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Explanation:

The correct answer is move to the right side of your lane.

You are driving on a freeway and the posted speed limit is 65 mph. The traffic is traveling at 70 mph. You may legally drive:

- A** any speed as long as it is safe
- B** no faster than 65 MPH
- C** 75 MPH
- D** 70 MPH to keep up with traffic

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C 75 MPH

D 70 MPH to keep up with traffic

Explanation:

The correct answer is no faster than 65 MPH.

it is illegal to park your vehicle:

- A on a residential street
- B in your own driveway
- C within 100 feet of a school
- D in an unmarked crosswalk

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the safest precaution to take regarding use of cell phone and driving:

- A** only use in hands free mode
- B** text only while stopped at lights
- C** keep the phone in your lap
- D** only use for short calls

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Explanation:

The correct answer is only use in hands free mode.

when is it safe to enter an intersection on a solid green light:

A when you are in a hurry

B if you are turning right

C when you have enough space to
cross intersection completely
before the light turns red

D when the light turns green,
regardless of traffic

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Explanation:

The correct answer is when you have enough space to cross intersection completely before the light turns red.

**you are getting ready to
make a right turn. you
should:**

- A** slow down or stop, look left-right-left, and make the turn when safe
- B** speed up to clear the intersection
- C** always come to a complete stop
- D** look only to the left

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Explanation:

The correct answer is slow down or stop, look left-right-left, and make the turn when safe.

You must obey instructions from school crossing guards

- A at all times
- B only if children are present
- C only during school hours
- D never

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Explanation:

The correct answer is at all times.

You are driving on the freeway. The vehicle in front of you is a large truck. You should drive:

farther behind than you would a

- A passenger car to be out the truck's blindspot
- B closer than you would a passenger car
- C at the same distance as a passenger car
- D to the right of the truck

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A

B closer than you would a passenger car

C at the same distance as a passenger car

D to the right of the truck

Explanation:

The correct answer is farther behind than you would a passenger car to be out the truck's blindspot.

**all of the following are
dangerous practices
while driving. which is
illegal:**

- A** drinking water
- B** transporting an unrestrained animal inside your vehicle
- C** listening to music with headphones covering both ears
- D** adjusting your outside mirror

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The correct answer is listening to music with
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- A the gates are up
- B the lights are not flashing
- C you do not have enough room to completely cross
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The correct answer is you do not have enough room to completely cross.

when you tailgate other vehicles:

- A you are being a safe driver
- B you are driving too slowly
- c You are following too closely
- D you are saving gas

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- C** when driving on a weekend
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Explanation:

The correct answer is in bad weather and/or heavy traffic.

you are driving and a dust storm blows across the freeway, reducing your visibility. you should drive slower and turn on your

- A headlights
- B interior lights
- C emergency flashers
- D high beams

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Explanation:

The correct answer is headlights.

**Which of these lanes
may a driver enter within
200 feet of an
intersection where they
plan to turn right?**

A bike

B bus

c emergency

D carpool

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Explanation:

The correct answer is bike.

Which of these traffic signal lights directs a driver to slow down and cross the intersection carefully?

- A** solid red
- B** flashing yellow
- C** flashing red
- D** solid green

Which of these traffic signal lights directs a driver to slow down and cross the intersection carefully?

A solid red

B

c flashing red

D solid green

Explanation:

The correct answer is flashing yellow.

what should a driver do at a crosswalk with flashing lights:

- A look for pedestrians and prepare to stop
- B stop and wait for the lights to stop flashing
- C honk to warn pedestrians
- D speed up to clear the crosswalk

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Explanation:

The correct answer is look for pedestrians and prepare to stop.

**when is it legal for a
driver or a passenger in a
vehicle to eat cannabis
product?**

- A** on weekends
- B** only if you are in the back seat
- c** only if the car is parked
- D** never

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Explanation:

The correct answer is never.

**before you leave a
parking space which is
parallel to the curb you
should:**

- A** honk your horn
- B** turn your head and look over your shoulder for traffic
- C** wait for 30 seconds
- D** check your mirrors only

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Explanation:

The correct answer is turn your head and look over your shoulder for traffic.

**if you approach an
intersection with a red
flashing light you should:**

- A** stop and wait for a green light
- B** stop and proceed when safe
- C** yield to traffic on the right
- D** slow down and proceed

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B

C yield to traffic on the right

D slow down and proceed

Explanation:

The correct answer is stop and proceed when safe.

you may drive in the bike lane:

- A no more than 500 feet
- B whenever traffic is heavy
- c only if you are a bicyclist
- D no more than 200 feet before making a right turn

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