

# CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S EXAMINATION


(From the 2007 California Driver Handbook)

Directions: Study the 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 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.
  - 0.08% - Eight hundredths of one percent ..... ☒
  - 0.10% - One tenth of one percent..... ☐
  - 0.05% - Five hundredths of one percent..... ☐
3. Backing your vehicle is:
  - Always dangerous to do..... ☒
  - Dangerous if you have a helper ..... ☐
  - Only dangerous in large vehicles..... ☒
4. Should you always drive slower than other traffic?
  - No, you can block traffic when you drive too slowly..... ☒
  - Yes, it is a good defensive driving technique..... ☐
  - Yes, it is always safer than driving faster..... ☐
5. When parking next to a curb, you should use your turn signals:
  - Only when pulling away from the curb ..... ☐
  - When pulling next to, but not away from, the curb..... ☐
  - When pulling next to or away from the curb..... ☒
6. Which of the following is true about double parking?
  - It is illegal under all circumstances ..... ☒
  - It is illegal only if you leave your car ..... ☐
  - It is legal if you are making a delivery ..... ☐
7. A freeway onramp is marked with this sign. Which of the following vehicles may use this lane?
 



CARPOOLS  
3 OR MORE  
ONLY

  - A convertible with an adult and two children..... ☒
  - A carpool van containing only the driver..... ☐
  - A sport utility vehicle containing an adult, child, and family pet ... ☐
8. You reach an intersection with stop signs on all four corners at the same time as the driver on your left. Who has the right-of-way?
  - The driver on your left has the right-of-way ..... ☐
  - You have the right-of-way ..... ☒
  - Whoever is signaling to make a turn has the right-of-way ..... ☐
9. You must yield to a pedestrian using a white cane or guide dog:
  - Only when a guide dog is leading the person across a street ..... ☐
  - At all times ..... ☒
  - Only if a crossing guard is present..... ☐
10. You must stop at the intersection ahead. Just before the intersection, you have to cross railroad tracks. You should stop before you cross the railroad tracks when:
  - You don't have room to completely cross the tracks ..... ☒
  - The crossing is located in a city or town with frequent train traffic.. ☐
  - You transport two or more children in a passenger vehicle ..... ☒
11. A solid yellow line next to a broken yellow line means that vehicles:
  - In both directions may pass ..... ☐
  - Next to the broken line may pass..... ☒
  - Next to the solid line may pass ..... ☐
12. When driving on a multilane street with two-way traffic:
  - Drive alongside the other vehicles so the drivers can see you ..... ☐
  - You should drive ahead of or behind the other vehicles ..... ☒
  - It is safest to drive in the lane next to the center line ..... ☒
13. Drivers are required to obey instructions from:
  - Security guards patrolling parking lots ..... ☐
  - Other drivers whose vehicles are broken down on the roadway .. ☐
  - Flaggers (signal persons) at construction sites..... ☒
14. You are driving on a city street and see an emergency vehicle with flashing lights behind you. What should you do?
  - Drive to the right edge of the road and slow down..... ☐
  - Drive to the right edge of the road and stop..... ☒
  - Stay in your lane, slow down, and let it pass ..... ☐
15. You are involved in a minor accident at an intersection. There are no injuries and very little vehicle damage. You should:
  - Leave your vehicle in the traffic lane until law enforcement arrives ☐
  - Move your vehicle out of the traffic lane, if possible ..... ☒
  - Not move your vehicle for any reason ..... ☐
16. Which of these statements is true about slippery road surfaces?
  - Driving on wet leaves on the road will give you extra traction ..... ☒
  - On cold days, shade from buildings or trees can hide spots of ice ..... ☒
  - The pavement is less slippery when it first starts to rain on a hot day than it is afterwards..... ☐
17. You may drive in a bike lane:
  - If you drive slower than 15 mph ..... ☐
  - No more than 200 feet before making a right turn ..... ☒
  - Whenever bicyclists are not present ..... ☐
18. Which of the following is true about roadways on bridges and overpasses in cold, wet weather?
  - They tend to freeze before the rest of the road does ..... ☐
  - They do not freeze because they are made of concrete..... ☒
  - They tend to freeze after the rest of the road does ..... ☐



19. This sign means:
-  The road ahead has many curves ..... ☐  
 There is a sharp curve in the road ahead ..... ☐  
 The road ahead may be slippery ..... ☒
20. To see cars in your blind spots, you should check:
- The inside rearview mirror ..... ☐  
 The outside rearview mirror ..... ☐  
 Over your shoulders ..... ☒
21. Blocking an intersection during "rush hour" traffic is **not** permitted:
- Unless you entered the intersection on a green light ..... ☐  
 Under any circumstances, even if your light is green ..... ☒  
 Unless you have the right-of-way or a green light ..... ☐
22. You are on the freeway and traffic is merging into your lane. You should:
- Make room for the merging traffic, if possible ..... ☒  
 Assert your right-of-way by driving faster ..... ☒  
 Always slow down and maintain your position ..... ☐
23. Driving under the influence of any medication which impairs your driving is permitted:
- Under no circumstances ..... ☒  
 If you don't feel drowsy ..... ☐  
 If it is prescribed by a physician ..... ☒
24. When you don't see any other vehicles around you while driving:
- You may legally exceed the posted speed limit ..... ☐  
 You must still signal for turns and lane changes ..... ☒  
 You are not required to signal for turns and lane changes ..... ☐
25. A flashing red traffic light at an intersection means:
- Slow down before entering ..... ☐  
 Stop before entering ..... ☒  
 Stop and wait for the green light ..... ☐
26. If you are riding in a vehicle equipped with a lap belt and also a separate shoulder belt, you are:
- Only required to use the lap belt ..... ☐  
 Required to use both the lap and shoulder belts ..... ☒  
 Only required to use the shoulder belt ..... ☐
27. While all of the following are dangerous to do while driving, which is also illegal?
- Listening to music through a set of dual headphones ..... ☒  
 Adjusting your outside mirrors ..... ☐  
 Reading a road map ..... ☐
28. This sign means:
-  Controlled railroad crossing ahead ..... ☐  
 Be prepared to stop if the light is flashing ..... ☐  
 There is a traffic signal ahead ..... ☒
29. A flashing yellow traffic signal at an intersection means:
- You should treat the signal like a stop sign ..... ☐  
 Stop. Yield to all cross traffic before crossing the intersection ..... ☐  
 Slow down and be alert at the upcoming intersection ..... ☒
30. To turn left from a one-way street with multiple lanes onto a two-way street, start the turn in:
- The far left lane ..... ☒  
 Any lane available ..... ☐  
 The lane closest to the middle of the street ..... ☐
31. California's "Basic Speed Law" says you must:
- Keep your speed close to that of other traffic ..... ☐  
 Never drive faster than is safe for current conditions ..... ☒  
 Always drive at the posted speed limit ..... ☒
32. What is the benefit of a space cushion around your vehicle?
- Other drivers can "cut" in front of you, improving traffic flow ..... ☐  
 If another driver makes a mistake, you have time to react ..... ☒  
 It inflates to protect you from injury in case of an accident ..... ☐
33. Tailgating other drivers (driving too close to their rear bumper):
- Can frustrate other drivers and make them angry ..... ☒  
 Cannot result in a traffic citation ..... ☐  
 Reduces accidents by preventing you from being "cut off" ..... ☐
34. You want to park uphill on a two-way road and there is no curb. Which way do you turn your front wheels?
- So they face straight ahead ..... ☐  
 Right - towards the side of the road ..... ☒  
 Left - towards the center of the road ..... ☒
35. If there is no crosswalk and you see a pedestrian crossing your lane, you should:
- Make sure the pedestrian can see you before proceeding ..... ☐  
 Cautiously drive around the pedestrian ..... ☐  
 Stop and let the pedestrian finish crossing ..... ☒
36. You are driving on the freeway behind a large truck. You should drive:
- Closer behind the truck than for a passenger car ..... ☐  
 Farther behind the truck than for a passenger car ..... ☒  
 To the right side of the truck and wait to pass ..... ☐

I certify, under penalty of perjury that I personally answered these

