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Safe Driving For Life

Show me, Tell me Questions

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You will be asked 2 safety questions on your test, one 'Show Me' which is asked whilst driving and one 'Tell Me' which is asked before you start the engine.

'Tell Me' Questions

A minor fault will be given should you not be able to answer the question correctly.

1. Tell me how you'd check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

2. Tell me where you'd find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

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3. Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. Note: Some restraints might not be adjustable.

4. Tell me how you'd check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre, and around the entire outer circumference of the tyre.

5. Tell me how you'd check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary), then walk round vehicle to check they are all working.

6. Tell me how you'd know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

Warning light should illuminate and stay on if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.

7. Tell me how you'd check the direction indicators are working.

Explain you'd operate the Hazard Warning switch, and then walk round vehicle to check they are all working.

8. Tell me how you'd check the brake lights are working on this car.

Explain you'd operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask someone to help.

9. Tell me how you'd check the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly.

Before starting a journey, 2 simple checks can be made. If the engine is off the steering will be stiff. If the engine is on the steering should be loose.

10. Tell me how you'd switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you'd use it/them. You don't need to exit the vehicle.

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. I would use them when visibility is less than 100 metres.

11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you'd know the main beam is on.

I would pull this stalk towards me, and the blue main beam warning light would be on.

You may be asked a question that requires the bonnet to be opened. Your instructor will show you how to do this.

12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify dipstick/oil level indicator and explain checking by dipping dipstick in wiping clean, dip in and out again and check level is between minimum and maximum markers. To be done on a cold engine and level surface.

13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

Identify reservoir

And ensure level is between minimum and maximum level indicator.

14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Identify reservoir,

And ensure level is between minimum and maximum level indicator.

‘Show Me’ Questions asked whilst on the move.

A serious fault will be given should you lose control over the vehicle when carrying one of these instructions.

Your instructor will show you these for the particular car you are driving.

When it is safe to do so……

1. Show me how you would wash and clean the rear windscreen.

2. Show me how you would wash and clean the front windscreen.

3. Show me how you would switch on your dipped headlights.

4. Show me how you set the rear demister.

5. Show me how you would operate the horn.

6. Show me how you would demist the front windscreen.

7. Show me how you would open and close a side window.