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**1. When approaching a STOP sign at an intersection, what must a heavy vehicle driver do before proceeding?**

- A. Stop only if other vehicles are visible at the intersection
- B. Flash headlights to warn other road users then proceed when safe
- C. Slow down to 10 km/h and check for traffic before continuing
- D. Come to a complete stop and give way to all vehicles and pedestrians on the intersecting road

**2. What will happen if you are caught cheating on the knowledge test?**

- A. You will never be allowed to take another test.
- B. You will not be allowed to take another test for 6 weeks.
- C. Nothing, there is no penalty.

**3. What is the default speed limit for a heavy vehicle on an urban road where no speed limit sign is posted?**

- A. 80 km/h
- B. 60 km/h
- C. 50 km/h
- D. 70 km/h

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**4. What will happen if you offer a testing officer a bribe to pass your driving test?**

- A. Nothing, there is no penalty.
- B. Only the testing officer will be investigated.
- C. Action will be taken against you. The penalties are severe and include fines and imprisonment.



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**5. At a multi-lane roundabout, a heavy vehicle driver intending to turn right should position their vehicle in which lane on approach?**

- A. The left lane, to allow easier exit
- B. Either lane, as the driver's choice is unrestricted at roundabouts
- C. The right lane, or as close to the centre as the vehicle size permits
- D. The centre of the road, straddling both lanes

**6. What will happen if a testing officer asks you for a bribe to pass your driving test and you give it to him or her?**

- A. Nothing, there is no penalty.
- B. Only the testing officer will be investigated.
- C. Action will be taken against all involved. The penalties are severe and include fines and imprisonment.

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**7. A heavy vehicle approaches an uncontrolled T-intersection where the driver is on the road that ends (the top of the T). Who must give way?**

- A. Vehicles on the continuing road must give way to the vehicle on the terminating road
- B. The driver arriving last at the intersection must give way
- C. The driver on the terminating road must give way to all vehicles on the continuing road
- D. The heavier vehicle always has right of way at a T-intersection

**8. Can a P1 or P2 provisional driver legally instruct a learner driver?**

- A. Yes, provided the provisional driver has held a P2 licence for more than 6 months.
- B. Yes, provided L and P1 or P2 plates are displayed.
- C. No.

**9. A heavy vehicle driver approaches a railway level crossing that has flashing red lights and a boom gate beginning to lower. The driver should:**

- A. Stop before the stop line and wait until the lights stop flashing and the gate fully rises before proceeding
- B. Sound the horn to alert the train operator and then cross if no train is visible
- C. Stop at the gate, check both directions, then drive around the gate if no train is seen
- D. Proceed quickly before the gate fully closes if the path is clear



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**10. If you intend to turn left, are you required to give a signal?**

- A. No, if turning left from a lane marked left turn only.
- B. Yes, if turn signals are fitted to your vehicle.
- C. No, if arrows are marked on the roadway.

**11. A 'no stopping' sign applies to a heavy vehicle driver. Which of the following actions is permitted in the no-stopping zone?**

- A. Stopping is permitted for heavy vehicles if hazard lights are activated
- B. No stopping is permitted for any reason within a no-stopping zone
- C. Stopping briefly to drop off a passenger without the vehicle becoming unattended
- D. Stopping to deliver freight if the stop is less than two minutes

**12. When reversing, you should -**

- A. Take care and never reverse for a greater distance and time than is necessary.
- B. Unbuckle your seat belt so you can reverse as quickly as possible.
- C. Sound your horn to warn other drivers.

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**13. A heavy vehicle displaying a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' sign is permitted to do which of the following when turning?**

- A. Occupy any part of the road, including oncoming lanes, necessary to complete the turn safely
- B. Exceed the posted speed limit briefly to complete the turn before oncoming traffic arrives
- C. Cross a continuous centre line only if a traffic controller is present
- D. Use the footpath if necessary when executing a left turn

**14. How close can you park to another vehicle when parked parallel to the kerb?**

- A. You must leave at least 2 metres from the front only.
- B. You must leave at least 3 metres front and back.
- C. You must leave at least 1 metre front and back.



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**15. A B-double travelling on an open highway sees a 'NO OVERTAKING TRUCKS' sign. This sign applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle mass above what threshold?**

- A. Over 6 tonnes Gross Combination Mass
- B. Over 8 tonnes GVM
- C. Over 12 tonnes GVM
- D. Over 4.5 tonnes GVM

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**16. Where there is parallel kerbside parking, are you allowed to double-park alongside a parked vehicle?**

- A. Yes, if delivering goods.
- B. Yes, if not obstructing traffic.
- C. No, not at any time.

**17. A heavy vehicle is travelling on a road and passes a sign showing a white truck silhouette on a blue background with a left-pointing arrow and the words 'TRUCK ROUTE'. This sign indicates:**

- A. Heavy vehicles must turn left immediately as the road ahead is closed to trucks
- B. All trucks above 4.5 tonnes GVM are legally required to turn left and follow the truck route
- C. The sign is advisory only and has no regulatory effect on heavy vehicle drivers
- D. A designated route for heavy vehicles is available to the left, which the driver may choose to use

**18. Do you have any responsibilities when opening a vehicle door on a roadway?**

- A. No, any following traffic must stop if the door interferes with its progress.
- B. No, there is no regulation to cover this situation.
- C. Yes, you must not open a door if you are likely to cause danger to road users or impede traffic.

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**19. Which of the following is a recognised early warning sign that a driver should stop and rest immediately?**

- A. Feeling hungry and wanting a meal break
- B. Frequent yawning, heavy eyelids and difficulty maintaining lane position
- C. Mild headache from sitting in the same position
- D. Needing to stop at the next service station for fuel



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**20. Are you permitted to park on a median strip or traffic island?**

- A. Yes, in daylight hours.
- B. No, not at any time.
- C. Yes, but for no more than 30 minutes.

**21. Who bears the primary legal responsibility for completing and maintaining a National Driver Work Diary under the HVNL?**

- A. The consignor of the load being transported
- B. The operator of the heavy vehicle
- C. The transport company's compliance manager
- D. The driver of the heavy vehicle

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**22. When driving at sunset or dawn on a dark day, what should you do?**

- A. Turn on your lights on low beam.
- B. Keep your sunglasses on to cut down headlight glare.
- C. Turn on your hazard warning lights.

**23. Under the HVNL, on which of the following vehicles is a driver MOST likely to be required to keep a National Driver Work Diary?**

- A. A 2-tonne ute towing a single-axle trailer
- B. A 12-tonne rigid truck on an interstate overnight run
- C. A 3.5-tonne delivery van driven locally within a 100 km radius of home
- D. A bus with a GVM of 4.5 tonnes used on a short fixed suburban route

**24. You are driving at night with your headlights on high beam. When should you dip your headlights?**

- A. Never, you are allowed to drive with your lights on high beam at all times.
- B. When within 200 metres of an oncoming vehicle only.
- C. When within 200 metres of the vehicle ahead or an oncoming one.

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**25. Under the HVNL standard hours option, what is the maximum total work time permitted in any 24-hour period?**

- A. 14 hours
- B. 10 hours
- C. 16 hours
- D. 12 hours

**26. Is it an offence to obstruct clear vision of your number plates?**

- A. Yes, at any time.
- B. Yes, but it is legal for a towbar or bicycle rack to cover the rear number plate.
- C. No, you are allowed to cover your number plates if you want to.

**27. Under the HVNL Chain of Responsibility for fatigue management, which of the following parties does NOT share legal responsibility for ensuring a driver is not fatigued?**

- A. A consignee who demands an unreasonably early delivery
- B. A scheduler who sets tight delivery windows
- C. An operator who rosters excessive driving shifts
- D. A mechanic who carries out routine tyre rotation on the vehicle

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**28. Before driving on a freeway, which of the following should you do?**

- A. Take your street directory in case you get lost.
- B. Take something to calm your nerves before driving.
- C. Make sure your vehicle has enough fuel, oil, water and the correct tyre pressure.

**29. Under the HVNL standard hours option, what is the minimum night rest period (continuous stationary rest) a driver must obtain in every 24-hour period?**

- A. 6 continuous hours
- B. 7 continuous hours
- C. 10 continuous hours
- D. 8 continuous hours

**30. What must you do if you miss your exit on a freeway?**

- A. Continue until you reach the next appropriate exit.
- B. Stop, and reverse back along the freeway to the exit you missed.
- C. Stop immediately and turn around.



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## Answer Key & Explanations

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- 1. D — Come to a complete stop and give way to all vehicles and pedestrians on the intersecting road**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a driver at a STOP sign must bring their vehicle to a complete stop and give way to all vehicles and pedestrians on the road they are entering, regardless of whether traffic is visible.
- 2. B — You will not be allowed to take another test for 6 weeks.**
- 3. C — 50 km/h**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, the default speed limit in a built-up area where no sign is posted is 50 km/h, and this applies equally to heavy vehicles unless a lower limit is specifically prescribed for heavy vehicles on that road.
- 4. C — Action will be taken against you. The penalties are severe and include fines and imprisonment.**
- 5. C — The right lane, or as close to the centre as the vehicle size permits**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a driver turning right at a multi-lane roundabout must approach in the right lane (or as near to the right as practicable), though drivers of long vehicles may need to swing wide to safely navigate the roundabout geometry.
- 6. C — Action will be taken against all involved. The penalties are severe and include fines and imprisonment.**
- 7. C — The driver on the terminating road must give way to all vehicles on the continuing road**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a driver on the terminating road of a T-intersection must give way to all vehicles travelling on the through road, regardless of vehicle weight or arrival order.
- 8. C — No.**
- 9. A — Stop before the stop line and wait until the lights stop flashing and the gate fully rises before proceeding**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a driver must stop at the stop line when a level crossing has flashing red lights or a lowering boom gate, and must not proceed until the signals have ceased and any gate has fully risen, ensuring the crossing is completely clear.
- 10. B — Yes, if turn signals are fitted to your vehicle.**
- 11. B — No stopping is permitted for any reason within a no-stopping zone**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a no-stopping zone prohibits all vehicles from stopping for any reason or duration, and no exemption exists for brief passenger drops, deliveries, or activation of hazard lights.
- 12. A — Take care and never reverse for a greater distance and time than is necessary.**
- 13. A — Occupy any part of the road, including oncoming lanes, necessary to complete the turn safely**  
Under the Australian Road Rules, a vehicle displaying a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' sign is legally permitted to occupy any part of the road necessary — including the oncoming lane — to complete a



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turn, and other drivers must not overtake it while it is turning.

**14. C — You must leave at least 1 metre front and back.**

**15. D — Over 4.5 tonnes GVM**

In Australia, a 'NO OVERTAKING TRUCKS' sign prohibits overtaking by vehicles with a gross vehicle mass exceeding 4.5 tonnes, which encompasses all heavy vehicles including rigid trucks, semi-trailers, and combinations such as B-doubles.

**16. C — No, not at any time.**

**17. D — A designated route for heavy vehicles is available to the left, which the driver may choose to use**

A 'TRUCK ROUTE' directional sign indicates the location of a route that is designated and suitable for heavy vehicles; unless a corresponding 'no trucks' restriction prohibits through travel, following the truck route is the driver's choice, though it is strongly recommended for vehicle dimension and mass compliance.

**18. C — Yes, you must not open a door if you are likely to cause danger to road users or impede traffic.**

**19. B — Frequent yawning, heavy eyelids and difficulty maintaining lane position**

Frequent yawning, heavy eyelids and drifting within the lane are well-established early signs of fatigue; the driver must stop and take a rest break immediately.

**20. B — No, not at any time.**

**21. D — The driver of the heavy vehicle**

Under the HVNL it is the driver who is primarily responsible for accurately completing every entry in their National Driver Work Diary.

**22. A — Turn on your lights on low beam.**

**23. B — A 12-tonne rigid truck on an interstate overnight run**

The work diary requirement under the HVNL applies to drivers of heavy vehicles (GVM over 4.5 t) travelling beyond a 100 km radius of their base; an interstate overnight run in a 12-tonne truck clearly meets both criteria.

**24. C — When within 200 metres of the vehicle ahead or an oncoming one.**

**25. D — 12 hours**

The HVNL standard hours option caps total work time at 12 hours in any rolling 24-hour period, leaving sufficient time for mandatory rest.

**26. A — Yes, at any time.**

**27. D — A mechanic who carries out routine tyre rotation on the vehicle**

Chain of Responsibility obligations attach to those who have influence over transport tasks — schedulers, consignees, consignors and operators — but a mechanic performing routine servicing has no influence over how or when the driver works.

**28. C — Make sure your vehicle has enough fuel, oil, water and the correct tyre pressure.**



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**29. B — 7 continuous hours**

The HVNL standard hours rules require every driver to obtain at least 7 continuous hours of stationary rest in each 24-hour period as their night rest.

**30. A — Continue until you reach the next appropriate exit.**



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