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Practice Questions

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1. What does a yellow diamond-shaped sign generally indicate?

- A. School zone information
- B. Regulatory information such as speed limits
- C. Services available at the next exit
- D. A warning of potential hazards ahead

2. What does a red and white triangular sign with the word 'YIELD' mean?

- A. Prepare to merge with traffic ahead
- B. Come to a complete stop before proceeding
- C. Slow down and give right-of-way to traffic and pedestrians
- D. Road narrows ahead

3. What color are construction and maintenance warning signs?

- A. Yellow
- B. Orange
- C. Green
- D. Blue

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4. What shape are most warning signs?

- A. Diamond
- B. Rectangle
- C. Circle
- D. Triangle



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5. A sign showing the silhouette of a person walking indicates:

- A. Walking path entrance
- B. Hiking trail nearby
- C. No pedestrians allowed
- D. Pedestrian crossing

6. What does a white rectangular sign with the words 'SPEED LIMIT 65' mean?

- A. The recommended speed is 65 miles per hour
- B. The minimum speed limit is 65 miles per hour
- C. The maximum legal speed is 65 miles per hour under ideal conditions
- D. Drive 65 miles per hour or you will be ticketed

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7. What does a yellow sign with a curvy arrow indicate?

- A. Road construction ahead
- B. Winding road ahead
- C. Slippery when wet
- D. Railroad crossing

8. What does a sign with a white 'R' on a yellow background mean?

- A. Railroad crossing ahead
- B. Residential area ahead
- C. Rest area ahead
- D. Recreational area nearby

9. What does a sign with the letters 'DO NOT PASS' mean?

- A. Do not pass unless going under the speed limit
- B. Do not pass through this area at all
- C. Pass with caution only
- D. Overtaking other vehicles is prohibited

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10. What does a pentagonal (five-sided) sign indicate?

- A. Recreation area
- B. Construction zone
- C. School zone or school crossing
- D. Hospital zone

11. What does a blue sign with a white 'H' indicate?

- A. Historical landmark
- B. Hospital nearby
- C. Highway entrance
- D. Handicapped parking area

12. What does a yellow sign with black diagonal lines in a diamond shape indicate?

- A. Beginning of a divided highway
- B. Railroad crossing ahead
- C. Two-way traffic ahead
- D. Narrow bridge ahead

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13. What does a sign with a red circle and diagonal line through a U-turn arrow mean?

- A. U-turns allowed only during daylight hours
- B. U-turns are permitted
- C. U-turns are required
- D. No U-turns allowed

14. What does a yellow sign with a truck on a downhill slope indicate?

- A. Truck inspection station ahead
- B. Truck parking area ahead
- C. Steep downgrade ahead
- D. Truck route designation

15. What does a white rectangular sign with the words 'WRONG WAY' indicate?

- A. The street is temporarily closed
- B. You have entered a roadway or ramp in the wrong direction
- C. You are traveling against a one-way designation
- D. The road ahead is under construction



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16. What color are guide signs for freeways and expressways?

- A. Green
- B. Blue
- C. Brown
- D. Yellow

17. What does a yellow sign with a deer symbol indicate?

- A. Zoo or wildlife park entrance
- B. Wildlife sanctuary nearby
- C. Hunting area ahead
- D. Animal crossing area

18. What does a white rectangular sign with the words 'NO RIGHT TURN' mean?

- A. Right turns are allowed only after stopping
- B. Right turns are allowed only with a green arrow
- C. Right turns are prohibited at this intersection
- D. Right turns are allowed only for emergency vehicles

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19. What does a sign with an X and the letters 'RR' indicate?

- A. Road repair ahead
- B. Railroad crossing
- C. Recreational route
- D. Rural route designation

20. What does a yellow diamond-shaped sign with two arrows pointing in opposite directions indicate?

- A. Two-way traffic ahead
- B. Intersection ahead
- C. Divided highway ends
- D. Lane shifting ahead



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21. What is the basic speed law in California?

- A. Drive at a minimum speed of 45 mph on highways
- B. Always drive at exactly the posted speed limit
- C. Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit
- D. Never drive faster than is safe for current conditions

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22. What is the speed limit in a residential area unless otherwise posted?

- A. 35 mph
- B. 20 mph
- C. 25 mph
- D. 15 mph

23. When approaching a school zone with children present, what is the maximum speed limit?

- A. 15 mph
- B. 25 mph
- C. 35 mph
- D. 20 mph

24. When making a right turn at a red light, you must:

- A. Come to a complete stop, yield to pedestrians and cross traffic, then turn when safe
- B. Slow down and turn if no cars are coming
- C. Wait for the light to turn green
- D. Honk your horn to alert pedestrians, then turn

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25. When two vehicles arrive at a four-way stop at the same time, who has the right-of-way?

- A. The larger vehicle
- B. The vehicle on the left
- C. The vehicle going straight
- D. The vehicle on the right



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26. How far in advance should you signal before making a turn?

- A. At least 200 feet
- B. At least 50 feet
- C. At least 100 feet
- D. At least 500 feet

27. What is the proper action to take when an emergency vehicle with flashing lights approaches?

- A. Speed up to get out of the way
- B. Pull over to the right edge of the road and stop
- C. Continue driving normally
- D. Change lanes and slow down

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28. In which of the following situations is it legal to pass on the right in California?

- A. When the vehicle ahead is making a left turn
- B. When you are in a hurry
- C. When the vehicle ahead is moving slowly
- D. When you are on a two-lane road

29. What is the proper action when approaching a flashing yellow traffic light?

- A. Stop and wait for the light to change
- B. Stop completely before proceeding
- C. Maintain your current speed
- D. Proceed with caution

30. When may you legally drive in a bike lane?

- A. During rush hour traffic
- B. When no bicycles are present
- C. When making a right turn within 200 feet of an intersection
- D. When passing a slow-moving vehicle



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. D — A warning of potential hazards ahead

Yellow diamond-shaped signs are warning signs that alert drivers to potential hazards or changing road conditions ahead.

2. C — Slow down and give right-of-way to traffic and pedestrians

A yield sign requires drivers to slow down and give the right-of-way to vehicles and pedestrians in or approaching the intersection.

3. B — Orange

Construction and maintenance warning signs are fluorescent orange or orange-red to increase visibility in work zones.

4. A — Diamond

Most warning signs are diamond-shaped, which helps drivers quickly identify them as alerting to potential hazards ahead.

5. D — Pedestrian crossing

This sign warns drivers of a pedestrian crossing area ahead where they should be prepared to stop for pedestrians.

6. C — The maximum legal speed is 65 miles per hour under ideal conditions

This regulatory sign indicates the maximum legal speed limit under ideal conditions is 65 miles per hour.

7. B — Winding road ahead

This warning sign alerts drivers to a winding road ahead where they should slow down for safety.

8. A — Railroad crossing ahead

This sign warns drivers that a railroad crossing is ahead and they should be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.

9. D — Overtaking other vehicles is prohibited

This regulatory sign indicates that drivers must not overtake and pass other vehicles going in the same direction in that zone.

10. C — School zone or school crossing

A pentagonal sign indicates a school zone or school crossing, alerting drivers to watch for children and obey special speed limits.

11. B — Hospital nearby

A blue sign with a white 'H' indicates a hospital is nearby, which helps drivers locate emergency medical services.



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12. A — Beginning of a divided highway

This warning sign marks the beginning of a divided highway, alerting drivers to a center divider ahead.

13. D — No U-turns allowed

This regulatory sign prohibits making U-turns at that location. Drivers must continue on their current path or make other legal turns.

14. C — Steep downgrade ahead

This warning sign alerts drivers to a steep downgrade ahead where trucks may need to use lower gears to safely descend.

15. B — You have entered a roadway or ramp in the wrong direction

This regulatory sign indicates that a driver has entered a roadway or ramp in the wrong direction and should immediately stop and turn around when safe.

16. A — Green

Guide signs for freeways and expressways are green with white lettering, providing directional and distance information.

17. D — Animal crossing area

This warning sign alerts drivers to possible animal crossings in the area, advising them to reduce speed and watch for animals on or near the roadway.

18. C — Right turns are prohibited at this intersection

This regulatory sign prohibits drivers from making a right turn at that intersection. Drivers must continue straight or make other legal turns.

19. B — Railroad crossing

This warning sign is placed at railroad crossings, alerting drivers to stop, look, and listen for trains before proceeding.

20. A — Two-way traffic ahead

This warning sign alerts drivers that they are approaching a two-way road after traveling on a one-way street or divided highway.

21. D — Never drive faster than is safe for current conditions

The basic speed law in California states that you should never drive faster than is safe for current conditions, regardless of the posted speed limit.

22. C — 25 mph

The speed limit in residential areas in California is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

23. B — 25 mph

The maximum speed limit in a school zone when children are present is 25 mph.

24. A — Come to a complete stop, yield to pedestrians and cross traffic, then turn when safe

When making a right turn at a red light, you must come to a complete stop, yield to pedestrians and cross traffic, and proceed only when it is safe.

25. D — The vehicle on the right

When two vehicles arrive at a four-way stop at the same time, the driver on the right has the right-of-way.



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26. C — At least 100 feet

You should signal at least 100 feet before making a turn in California.

27. B — Pull over to the right edge of the road and stop

When an emergency vehicle with flashing lights approaches, you must pull over to the right edge of the road and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed.

28. A — When the vehicle ahead is making a left turn

In California, it is legal to pass on the right when the vehicle ahead is making a left turn.

29. D — Proceed with caution

When approaching a flashing yellow traffic light, you should proceed with caution.

30. C — When making a right turn within 200 feet of an intersection

You may legally drive in a bike lane only when making a right turn within 200 feet of an intersection.



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