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1. What should a driver do if they notice the low air pressure warning light comes on while driving?

- A. Continue to the next scheduled stop
- B. Increase speed to reach the destination faster
- C. Call dispatch but continue driving
- D. Safely pull over and stop as soon as possible

2. During a Level I roadside inspection, which of these is NOT typically examined?

- A. Coupling devices
- B. Steering mechanisms
- C. Driver's personal belongings
- D. Brake systems

3. Which document must be maintained to show proof of regular vehicle maintenance?

- A. Fuel purchase receipts
- B. Vehicle maintenance records
- C. Driver's personal logbook
- D. Vehicle registration only

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4. What is the primary purpose of the Vehicle Maintenance File?

- A. To document that the vehicle is being properly maintained
- B. To track driver performance
- C. To calculate fuel efficiency
- D. To determine vehicle resale value



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5. How should a driver report a vehicle malfunction discovered during operation?

- A. Send a text message to their supervisor
- B. Wait until the next scheduled maintenance
- C. Verbally inform the next driver
- D. Document it on the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR)

6. What information must be included on a Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR)?

- A. Vehicle fuel economy and miles driven
- B. Driver hours of service information
- C. Vehicle identification, defects found, driver signature, and certification of repairs
- D. Only major defects that prevent operation

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7. Which of these is considered an out-of-service condition for tires during an inspection?

- A. Tires manufactured by different companies
- B. Steer tire with tread depth less than 2/32 inch
- C. Slightly mismatched tire sizes on the same axle
- D. Tire pressure 5 PSI below recommendation

8. When checking a vehicle's brake system, what indicates a potential air leak problem?

- A. A hissing sound when brakes are applied
- B. The presence of brake dust on wheels
- C. Slight warming of brake drums after operation
- D. Normal brake pedal resistance

9. How often must a driver complete a post-trip inspection report?

- A. Only when a defect is found
- B. Once a week
- C. Only after long-haul trips
- D. At the end of each driving day

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10. What is the purpose of checking the air pressure governor cut-out during a pre-trip inspection?

- A. To test the air conditioning system
- B. To check for fuel efficiency
- C. To ensure the air system maintains proper pressure for safe brake operation
- D. To verify the engine will shut down properly

11. What is the main purpose of the annual inspection required for commercial vehicles?

- A. To establish fuel tax rates
- B. To ensure vehicles meet minimum federal safety standards
- C. To determine the vehicle's market value
- D. To calculate appropriate insurance premiums

12. Which fluid should be checked for contamination by looking for a milky appearance?

- A. Engine oil
- B. Windshield washer fluid
- C. Diesel exhaust fluid
- D. Power steering fluid

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13. What component should be checked for cracks, illegal welds, and proper operation during a pre-trip inspection?

- A. Driver's seat
- B. Radio system
- C. Sun visors
- D. Fifth wheel

14. What information must be recorded if a driver is placed out of service during a roadside inspection?

- A. Just the estimated repair costs
- B. Only the time lost due to the inspection
- C. All information from the inspection report in the driver's daily log
- D. Only the inspector's badge number



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15. What is required of a motor carrier regarding vehicle maintenance?

- A. Have drivers personally pay for all repairs
- B. Maintain a systematic inspection, repair, and maintenance program
- C. Perform maintenance only when components fail
- D. Replace all parts every six months regardless of condition

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16. If a vehicle has been placed out of service during an inspection, when may it be operated again?

- A. After all required repairs have been completed and documented
- B. After 24 hours have passed
- C. When the driver feels it is safe enough
- D. As soon as the inspector leaves the area

17. What should be checked on all air brake equipped vehicles before operation?

- A. Brake pad color
- B. Manufacturing date of air tanks
- C. Brand name of the compressor
- D. Air brake system leakage rate

18. What documentation must be in the vehicle to prove it has passed the required annual inspection?

- A. A letter from the company CEO
- B. The driver's personal maintenance notes
- C. A copy of the annual inspection report or a decal/sticker
- D. The vehicle's original sales invoice

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19. What should a driver do if they discover a critical safety defect during a pre-trip inspection?

- A. Wait until the next scheduled maintenance
- B. Report it immediately and ensure repairs before operating the vehicle
- C. Note it in the log but continue the trip
- D. Fix only if there are tools available



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20. How should a driver document the results of a roadside inspection?

- A. Submit all roadside inspection reports to the motor carrier within 24 hours
- B. Keep them in the glove compartment indefinitely
- C. Discard them if no violations were found
- D. Submit them only at the end of the month

21. What document must accompany hazardous materials during transportation?

- A. Driver's personal log
- B. Vehicle registration
- C. Truck lease agreement
- D. Shipping paper

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22. Under FMCSA regulations, what is the maximum on-duty time allowed for a property-carrying commercial driver in a single day before requiring a 10-hour break?

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

23. What is the first action a commercial driver should take after being involved in a crash?

- A. Move the vehicle off the road
- B. Check for injuries and provide necessary assistance
- C. Call the trucking company
- D. Take photos of the damage

24. What information must be included in a driver's record of duty status (RODS)?

- A. Date, time, carrier name, vehicle number, miles driven, and driver's signature
- B. Only the hours driven and resting periods
- C. Only the departure and arrival times
- D. Only the driver's name and truck number

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25. According to FMCSA regulations, what is whistleblower protection designed to safeguard?

- A. Company profits from employee theft
- B. Truck engines from improper maintenance
- C. Load securement from environmental damage
- D. Employees who report safety violations from employer retaliation

26. What is the minimum period a driver must wait before operating a commercial vehicle after consuming alcohol?

- A. 12 hours
- B. 24 hours
- C. 4 hours
- D. 8 hours

27. What should a driver do if they feel fatigued while driving?

- A. Open windows for fresh air
- B. Safely pull over and rest
- C. Increase the radio volume
- D. Consume more caffeine

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28. What document verifies a driver's medical fitness to operate a commercial vehicle?

- A. Medical Examiner's Certificate
- B. Commercial Driver's License
- C. Hazardous Materials Endorsement
- D. Department of Transportation ID Card

29. What is the primary purpose of trip planning for commercial drivers?

- A. To maximize fuel efficiency only
- B. To find the shortest route only
- C. To identify rest stops only
- D. To ensure efficient, safe, and compliant travel



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30. Under FMCSA regulations, what is the consequence of refusing to take a required drug test?

- A. The test is rescheduled for a later date
- B. The driver receives a temporary suspension
- C. It is treated the same as a positive test result
- D. A written warning is issued



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. D — Safely pull over and stop as soon as possible

When the low air pressure warning activates, it indicates a dangerous condition that could lead to brake failure. The driver should safely pull over as soon as possible to prevent a potential accident.

2. C — Driver's personal belongings

A Level I inspection includes driver credentials, vehicle components, and cargo securement, but does not typically include examining the driver's personal belongings.

3. B — Vehicle maintenance records

Federal regulations require carriers to maintain systematic maintenance records for each vehicle to demonstrate compliance with inspection and repair requirements.

4. A — To document that the vehicle is being properly maintained

The Vehicle Maintenance File serves as documentation that the vehicle is being properly maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with regulatory requirements.

5. D — Document it on the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR)

Drivers are required to document all vehicle defects and malfunctions on the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR) to ensure they are properly addressed.

6. C — Vehicle identification, defects found, driver signature, and certification of repairs

A DVIR must include vehicle identification, defects that could affect safety, driver signature, and certification of repairs or that repairs were unnecessary.

7. B — Steer tire with tread depth less than 2/32 inch

Tread depth below 2/32 inch on a steer tire is considered an out-of-service condition because it significantly increases the risk of tire failure and accidents.

8. A — A hissing sound when brakes are applied

Air leaks in the brake system are dangerous and can be detected by listening for hissing sounds when the system is pressurized.

9. D — At the end of each driving day

Regulations require drivers to complete a post-trip inspection report after each driving day, documenting any defects or deficiencies discovered.

10. C — To ensure the air system maintains proper pressure for safe brake operation

Checking the governor cut-out ensures the air system properly maintains pressure within safe operating ranges, which is crucial for brake function.

11. B — To ensure vehicles meet minimum federal safety standards

The annual inspection ensures vehicles meet minimum safety standards to operate on public roads, helping prevent accidents due to mechanical failures.



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12. A — Engine oil

A milky appearance in engine oil typically indicates coolant contamination, which can cause serious engine damage if not addressed promptly.

13. D — Fifth wheel

The fifth wheel is a critical coupling component that must be thoroughly inspected for any defects that could lead to trailer separation while driving.

14. C — All information from the inspection report in the driver's daily log

When placed out of service, the driver must record all information from the inspection report in their daily log to maintain accurate records of their compliance status.

15. B — Maintain a systematic inspection, repair, and maintenance program

Federal regulations require carriers to have a systematic program that includes regular inspections, repairs, and maintenance to ensure vehicles are safe to operate.

16. A — After all required repairs have been completed and documented

A vehicle placed out of service cannot be legally operated until all required repairs are completed and documented to ensure safety compliance.

17. D — Air brake system leakage rate

Air brake system leakage rate must be checked to ensure the system can maintain adequate pressure for safe braking performance.

18. C — A copy of the annual inspection report or a decal/sticker

Federal regulations require either a copy of the annual inspection report or a decal/sticker to be maintained with the vehicle as proof of inspection compliance.

19. B — Report it immediately and ensure repairs before operating the vehicle

Safety defects must be repaired before operation because driving with a known critical safety defect is dangerous and violates federal regulations.

20. A — Submit all roadside inspection reports to the motor carrier within 24 hours

Drivers must submit all roadside inspection reports to their motor carrier within 24 hours to ensure proper tracking of compliance issues and necessary repairs.

21. D — Shipping paper

A shipping paper is a required document that must accompany hazardous materials during transportation. It contains essential information about the material being transported, including proper shipping name, hazard class, and emergency response information.

22. C — 14 hours

FMCSA hours of service regulations limit property-carrying drivers to 14 consecutive hours of on-duty time after 10 consecutive hours off duty. This 14-hour window is often called the 14-hour rule.

23. B — Check for injuries and provide necessary assistance

The first action after a crash should be to check for injuries and provide assistance to those who need it. Safety of all persons involved takes priority over all other post-crash procedures.



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24. A — Date, time, carrier name, vehicle number, miles driven, and driver's signature

A driver's record of duty status must include the date, 24-hour time period, name of carrier, truck or tractor number, total miles driven during the 24-hour period, and the driver's signature certifying the accuracy of all information.

25. D — Employees who report safety violations from employer retaliation

Whistleblower protection is designed to safeguard employees who report violations of commercial motor vehicle safety regulations from retaliation by their employers. This encourages reporting of safety issues without fear of job loss or other negative consequences.

26. C — 4 hours

FMCSA regulations prohibit drivers from consuming alcohol within 4 hours of going on duty or operating a commercial motor vehicle. This helps ensure drivers are not impaired by alcohol while operating commercial vehicles.

27. B — Safely pull over and rest

Safety is paramount, and a fatigued driver poses a significant risk. The best course of action when experiencing fatigue is to safely pull over and rest until it is safe to continue driving.

28. A — Medical Examiner's Certificate

A Medical Examiner's Certificate (commonly called a DOT medical card) is issued after a driver passes a physical examination and verifies they are medically fit to operate a commercial vehicle according to FMCSA standards.

29. D — To ensure efficient, safe, and compliant travel

The primary purpose of trip planning is to ensure efficient, safe, and compliant travel. Good trip planning helps drivers avoid hazards, meet delivery schedules, comply with hours of service regulations, and anticipate potential issues.

30. C — It is treated the same as a positive test result

Refusing to take a required drug test is treated the same as testing positive. The driver must be removed from safety-sensitive functions and cannot return to those duties until completing the return-to-duty process with a Substance Abuse Professional.



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