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1. You are shopping for a motorcycle helmet and find one labeled 'novelty helmet' at a significantly lower price. What does this label indicate about its protective value?

- A. It has not been tested or certified to DOT safety standards and offers minimal impact protection
- B. It is equivalent to a DOT helmet but manufactured in a different country
- C. It meets DOT standards but is designed for short recreational rides only
- D. It has passed Snell certification but not DOT testing

2. The risk of a head or neck injury is reduced:

- A. By wearing a helmet
- B. By riding more slowly
- C. By reading the owner's manual

3. During T-CLOCS, you squeeze the front brake lever and it travels all the way to the handlebar grip before resistance builds. What does this indicate, and what should you do?

- A. There is likely air in the brake line or insufficient fluid; the motorcycle should not be ridden until serviced
- B. This is normal for hydraulic brake systems; proceed with the ride
- C. The brake pads are worn but safe for short trips at low speed
- D. The front brake only needs adjustment to the lever tension screw

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4. Which material provides the best protection in the case of a crash?

- A. Denim
- B. Leather or synthetic materials
- C. Wool



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5. A rider wears a full-face helmet with a cracked outer shell from a previous minor drop. The padding inside appears intact. Is this helmet safe to use?

- A. Yes, as long as the inner liner is undamaged the helmet remains protective
- B. Yes, surface cracks in the shell are cosmetic and do not affect DOT compliance
- C. No, any crack in the outer shell compromises the helmet's ability to distribute impact forces and it must be replaced
- D. No, but only if the crack extends through the visor mounting area

6. When the lights on a railroad crossing sign are flashing, what should you do?

- A. Stop and wait until the train passes
- B. Proceed with caution
- C. Turn around and find an alternate route

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7. Which of the following best describes the minimum acceptable eye protection when riding a motorcycle that has NO windshield?

- A. Prescription eyeglasses, because they cover the eyes
- B. Sunglasses with UV400 lenses
- C. A face shield or goggles that meet ANSI Z87.1 impact standards
- D. A bandana pulled up over the nose and eyes

8. A rider's boots or shoes should:

- A. Be below their ankles
- B. Cover their ankles
- C. Be made of a soft, pliable material

9. While checking tire pressure during T-CLOCS on a cool morning, you find the front tire is 4 PSI below the manufacturer's recommended cold inflation. You plan to ride 45 minutes to a shop. What is the safest course of action?

- A. Inflate the tire to the correct cold pressure before riding, then recheck after the trip
- B. Over-inflate by 4 PSI to compensate for expected pressure loss during the ride
- C. Deflate the rear tire to match the front so handling remains balanced
- D. Ride slowly; the tire will warm up and pressure will self-correct within a few miles

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10. Unlike other substances, alcohol:

- A. Is very quickly absorbed into the bloodstream
- B. Needs to be digested to enter the bloodstream
- C. Can improve your riding ability

11. What is the purpose of the 'C' step in the T-CLOCS pre-ride inspection checklist?

- A. Count the number of reflectors present on the motorcycle
- B. Confirm the chain guard is in place
- C. Check the carburetor fuel mixture
- D. Inspect controls — levers, pedals, cables, throttle, and handlebars for proper operation

12. When riding, jackets and pants should:

- A. Fit loosely enough to allow the wind to catch the fabric
- B. Be snug enough to keep from flapping in the wind
- C. Be tight enough to prevent you from moving freely

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13. You grab the front fork tubes and push the motorcycle forward and backward while applying the front brake. You feel a clunking movement in the steering head. What does this indicate?

- A. Normal fork-tube travel under braking load
- B. Loose or worn steering head bearings that need immediate service
- C. The front tire tread is separating from the carcass
- D. The front fender is not securely mounted

14. If riding during the day, you should wear:

- A. Brightly-colored clothing to increase visibility
- B. Clothing of any color because other drivers can easily see you
- C. Darkly-colored clothing to contrast with bright sunlight

15. A rider chooses leather gauntlet-style gloves over short cuff gloves for highway riding. What is the primary safety advantage of the gauntlet design?

- A. Gauntlets are rated to a higher DOT standard than short cuff gloves
- B. The extra material adds padding that prevents handlebar vibration fatigue
- C. They cover the wrist and lower forearm, preventing gloves from being pulled off in a slide and protecting additional skin area
- D. Gauntlets improve grip on the throttle by reducing hand perspiration



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16. When traveling at night, it is:

- A. Easier to judge distances than during the day
- B. About as easy to judge distances as during the day
- C. More difficult to judge distances than during the day

17. When inspecting motorcycle footwear, which feature is MOST important for crash protection according to the operator manual?

- A. Non-slip rubber soles and ankle coverage above the ankle bone
- B. Ventilation panels to keep feet cool during long rides
- C. Laces or buckles that allow quick removal in an emergency
- D. Steel toe caps rated for industrial safety

18. What are the requirements for wearing a helmet?

- A. Passengers only are required to wear helmets.
- B. All motorcycle riders and passengers are required to wear helmets at all times.
- C. Helmets are not required while driving on city streets.

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19. During the 'L' (Lights) portion of T-CLOCS, you discover the high-beam indicator works but the low beam does not illuminate. What is the correct action before riding at night?

- A. Ride using only high beam, switching to low only when oncoming traffic approaches
- B. Tape a reflector to the front fender as a temporary substitute
- C. Repair or replace the low beam before riding at night, as a functioning headlight is legally required and essential for visibility
- D. Low beam failure is only a concern in states with daytime headlight laws; night riding is unaffected

20. Grabbing the front brake or jamming down on the rear brake:

- A. Can cause the brakes to lock.
- B. Is the best way to stop in an emergency.
- C. Is the best way to slow down when streets are wet.



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21. A rider inspects the drive chain during T-CLOCS and finds the slack is within specification, but several links have a reddish-brown discoloration and feel stiff when flexed by hand. What is the correct assessment?

- A. Apply chain lube generously and ride; stiff links self-free under load
- B. The chain is rusted and has stiff links, which can cause erratic power delivery or snapping; it should be replaced
- C. Reduce rear tire pressure slightly to relieve chain tension and prevent breakage
- D. Normal patina from heat cycling; the chain can be ridden as long as slack is correct

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22. Passengers on motorcycles should:

- A. Put their feet on the ground when stopped.
- B. Not ride without a back rest.
- C. Sit as far forward as possible without crowding the rider.

23. Which of the following clothing choices provides the LEAST protection for a motorcycle rider in an abrasion scenario?

- A. A denim jacket over a cotton t-shirt
- B. Full-grain leather pants with hip and knee padding
- C. A textile riding jacket with CE-rated armor at shoulders and elbows
- D. A mesh motorcycle jacket with abrasion-resistant panels and armor

24. When riding with a group of motorcyclists, a staggered formation:

- A. Is recommended at all times.
- B. Should not be used when entering/exiting highways.
- C. Should be used when riding on curves.

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25. You roll the motorcycle forward before mounting and notice the handlebar turns slightly to the right on its own when released on flat ground. What does this self-steer behavior most likely indicate?

- A. Possible bent fork tubes, misaligned front wheel, or uneven fork oil levels causing asymmetric suspension
- B. The front tire is slightly over-inflated and should be deflated
- C. The clutch cable tension is pulling the handlebar to the right
- D. This is normal castor effect and indicates properly set-up front geometry

26. Eye protection:

- A. Is not needed with a windshield.
- B. Is only needed in bad weather.
- C. Should give clear side views.

27. How old does a DOT-certified helmet have to be before the manufacturer recommends replacement, even if it has never been dropped or crashed?

- A. 5 years
- B. 2 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 15 years

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28. A primary cause of single vehicle motorcycle collisions is:

- A. Excessive speed for conditions.
- B. Running wide in curves and hitting roadway/objects.
- C. Running off road avoiding other vehicles.

29. During the 'O' (Oil and Other Fluids) step of T-CLOCS, you notice the brake fluid reservoir is within the MIN/MAX marks but the fluid appears dark brown instead of its usual amber color. What should you do?

- A. Top it off with fresh fluid to dilute the discoloration and ride normally
- B. The color change is normal and only the fluid level matters for safety
- C. Have the brake fluid flushed before extended riding; dark fluid indicates moisture contamination that lowers its boiling point and can cause brake fade
- D. Note it for the next scheduled service; brake fluid color does not affect stopping power



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30. The best lane position for a motorcycle:

- A. Left part of lane, next to center line.
- B. Right part of lane, next to curb.
- C. Varies by road/traffic conditions.



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1. A — It has not been tested or certified to DOT safety standards and offers minimal impact protection

Novelty helmets are not DOT-certified and lack the energy-absorbing liner required by the standard, meaning they provide little to no meaningful protection in a crash.

2. A — By wearing a helmet

3. A — There is likely air in the brake line or insufficient fluid; the motorcycle should not be ridden until serviced

A brake lever that travels to the grip without firm resistance indicates a hydraulic failure — typically air in the line or low fluid — which can result in complete brake loss; riding in this condition is unsafe.

4. B — Leather or synthetic materials

5. C — No, any crack in the outer shell compromises the helmet's ability to distribute impact forces and it must be replaced

The outer shell works together with the inner liner to absorb and distribute impact energy; a cracked shell is structurally compromised and the helmet must be replaced regardless of how the interior looks.

6. A — Stop and wait until the train passes

7. C — A face shield or goggles that meet ANSI Z87.1 impact standards

The operator manual specifies that eye protection must be impact-resistant and wind-sealing; a face shield or goggles meeting impact standards fulfill this requirement, while standard eyeglasses and sunglasses do not seal against wind or flying debris.

8. B — Cover their ankles

9. A — Inflate the tire to the correct cold pressure before riding, then recheck after the trip

Tires should always be inflated to the manufacturer's recommended cold pressure before riding; under-inflation causes poor handling and excessive heat buildup, and you should never ride with a known pressure deficiency you can correct.

10. A — Is very quickly absorbed into the bloodstream

11. D — Inspect controls — levers, pedals, cables, throttle, and handlebars for proper operation

In T-CLOCS, 'C' stands for Controls, which includes checking all levers, pedals, throttle free-play and snap-back, cables for fraying, and handlebar movement to ensure proper mechanical function before riding.

12. B — Be snug enough to keep from flapping in the wind

13. B — Loose or worn steering head bearings that need immediate service

Clunking or looseness felt at the steering head when rocking the motorcycle under braking indicates worn or loose steering head bearings, which compromise steering precision and stability and must be serviced before



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riding.

14. A — Brightly-colored clothing to increase visibility

15. C — They cover the wrist and lower forearm, preventing gloves from being pulled off in a slide and protecting additional skin area

Gauntlet-style gloves extend over the wrist and lower forearm so they cannot be ripped away during a slide, protecting a larger skin area and preventing the glove from inverting off the hand on impact.

16. C — More difficult to judge distances than during the day

17. A — Non-slip rubber soles and ankle coverage above the ankle bone

The manual recommends sturdy footwear that covers and supports the ankle; non-slip soles help maintain foot peg grip and ankle coverage protects against abrasion and twisting injuries in a fall.

18. B — All motorcycle riders and passengers are required to wear helmets at all times.

19. C — Repair or replace the low beam before riding at night, as a functioning headlight is legally required and essential for visibility

A motorcycle's low-beam headlight is both legally required and critical for being seen at night; riding without a functioning low beam is illegal in all states and dramatically reduces both the rider's visibility and conspicuity to others.

20. A — Can cause the brakes to lock.

21. B — The chain is rusted and has stiff links, which can cause erratic power delivery or snapping; it should be replaced

Rusted, stiff links indicate internal corrosion that weakens the chain; even if overall slack appears within spec, stiff links can bind on the sprocket, causing power surges or chain failure, and the chain must be replaced.

22. C — Sit as far forward as possible without crowding the rider.

23. A — A denim jacket over a cotton t-shirt

Denim alone is not abrasion-resistant at highway speeds; studies show standard denim tears through within a fraction of a second of road contact, whereas purpose-made motorcycle textiles and leather are engineered to resist abrasion.

24. B — Should not be used when entering/exiting highways.

25. A — Possible bent fork tubes, misaligned front wheel, or uneven fork oil levels causing asymmetric suspension

On a properly aligned motorcycle on flat ground the handlebar should return to center; self-steering to one side suggests a structural or alignment issue — bent forks, a wheel out of true, or unequal fork oil — all of which require professional inspection before riding.

26. C — Should give clear side views.

27. A — 5 years

The Snell Memorial Foundation and most helmet manufacturers recommend replacing helmets every five years because the materials — especially the EPS liner — degrade over time from UV exposure, sweat, and normal wear even without visible damage.



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28. B — Running wide in curves and hitting roadway/objects.

29. C — Have the brake fluid flushed before extended riding; dark fluid indicates moisture contamination that lowers its boiling point and can cause brake fade

Brake fluid absorbs moisture over time; dark-brown fluid signals significant contamination that lowers the fluid's boiling point, increasing the risk of vapor lock and fade under heavy braking, so it should be flushed and replaced.

30. C — Varies by road/traffic conditions.



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