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1. What does a triangular sign with a red border indicate?

- A. A prohibition or restriction
- B. Mandatory instructions that must be followed
- C. Information about directions or services
- D. A warning of a hazard ahead

2. Which sign indicates that motorcycles are prohibited?

- A. A triangular sign with a motorcycle symbol
- B. A rectangular sign with a motorcycle symbol crossed out
- C. A red circular sign with a motorcycle symbol
- D. A blue circular sign with a motorcycle symbol

3. What does a solid white line along the center of the road indicate?

- A. Lane changing is recommended
- B. No overtaking is permitted
- C. Overtaking is permitted when safe
- D. The road is a one-way street

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4. What color are mandatory signs in the UK?

- A. Blue circular signs
- B. Red circular signs
- C. Green rectangular signs
- D. Yellow diamond signs



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5. What does a flashing amber traffic light mean?

- A. Stop and wait for a green light
- B. Prepare to stop as the light will soon turn red
- C. The traffic lights are out of order, treat as a give way sign
- D. Proceed with caution if the way is clear

6. What does a red and amber light shown together at traffic signals mean?

- A. Proceed with caution
- B. Turn left if safe to do so
- C. Stop, but prepare to go as the signal will change to green next
- D. Go if the way is clear

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7. What does a zigzag line painted on the road near a pedestrian crossing indicate?

- A. A designated area for motorcycles to filter through traffic
- B. No parking or overtaking is permitted in this area
- C. Slippery road conditions ahead
- D. A recommended path for motorcyclists

8. What does a yellow box junction marking indicate?

- A. Do not enter unless your exit road is clear
- B. Motorcycle parking area
- C. Area reserved for emergency vehicles
- D. Designated area for making U-turns

9. What does a blue circular sign with a white arrow pointing left mean?

- A. Left turn recommended but not required
- B. No left turn allowed
- C. Left lane closed ahead
- D. You must turn left at the junction ahead

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10. What does a triangular sign showing an exclamation mark (!) indicate?

- A. Information point ahead
- B. End of all restrictions
- C. A general warning of danger ahead
- D. Emergency services nearby

11. When a police officer is holding out their arm and pointing to the right, what should you do?

- A. Turn left
- B. Turn right
- C. Stop immediately
- D. Continue straight ahead

12. What does a red circular sign with a white rectangle in the center indicate?

- A. No entry
- B. No stopping
- C. No parking
- D. No overtaking

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13. What does a sign showing a red circle with a motorcycle and car inside it mean?

- A. Motorcycle and car parking only
- B. Motorcycles must be accompanied by cars
- C. Shared space for motorcycles and cars
- D. No motor vehicles allowed

14. What does a triangular sign showing a motorcycle mean?

- A. Motorcycles prohibited
- B. Motorcycle testing area
- C. Warning that motorcycles frequently use this route
- D. Motorcycle parking ahead



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15. What does a sign showing a white circle with a red border and a red diagonal line through it indicate?

- A. Danger ahead - proceed with caution
- B. End of a previous restriction
- C. No entry for any vehicles
- D. No stopping at any time

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16. What color are temporary road signs used at roadworks?

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

17. What does a blue rectangular sign with a white 'P' and a motorcycle symbol indicate?

- A. Motorcycle repair shop ahead
- B. Police checkpoint for motorcyclists
- C. Motorcycle training area
- D. Designated motorcycle parking area

18. What does a triangular sign showing a person with a walking stick indicate?

- A. No pedestrians allowed
- B. Walking tour route
- C. Warning of elderly or disabled pedestrians likely to be crossing
- D. Pedestrian footpath only

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19. What does a circular blue sign with two white arrows pointing in opposite directions mean?

- A. Contraflow lane system in operation
- B. Two-way traffic route ahead
- C. U-turn permitted
- D. Roundabout ahead



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20. What does a triangular sign with a red border showing a motorcycle skidding indicate?

- A. Warning of a slippery road surface ahead
- B. Motorcycle testing area
- C. Motorcycle race track ahead
- D. Area for practicing emergency stops

21. What is the minimum age requirement to obtain a full Category A motorcycle license in the UK?

- A. 21 years
- B. 17 years
- C. 19 years
- D. 24 years

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22. What is the legal requirement regarding motorcycle insurance in the UK?

- A. Only fully comprehensive insurance is legally acceptable
- B. Insurance is only required for motorcycles over 250cc
- C. At least third-party insurance is legally required
- D. Insurance is optional for motorcycles under 125cc

23. How often must a motorcycle over 3 years old undergo an MOT test?

- A. Every three years
- B. Every year
- C. Every two years
- D. Every six months

24. What is the legal requirement for wearing protective headgear while riding a motorcycle in the UK?

- A. All riders and passengers must wear a helmet that meets safety standards
- B. Helmets are only required for riders, not passengers
- C. Helmets are only required when exceeding 30 mph
- D. Helmets are optional for riders over 21 years of age

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25. What license category allows you to ride a motorcycle with a power output of up to 35kW?

- A. A1 license
- B. AM license
- C. Category A license
- D. A2 license

26. What is the legal blood alcohol limit for motorcyclists in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland?

- A. 20 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood
- B. 100 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood
- C. 80 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood
- D. 50 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood

27. What must a learner motorcyclist display on their motorcycle?

- A. No special indicators are required
- B. L-plates on the front and rear of the motorcycle
- C. Only one L-plate on the rear is required
- D. A yellow and black checked flag

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28. What documentation are you legally required to produce if requested by a police officer?

- A. Driving license, insurance certificate, and MOT certificate
- B. Only your driving license
- C. Registration documents and passport
- D. Proof of address and vehicle purchase receipt

29. What is the penalty for riding a motorcycle without valid insurance?

- A. A £50 fine only
- B. 3 penalty points and a verbal warning
- C. A mandatory 12-month prison sentence
- D. A fixed penalty of £300, 6 penalty points, and possible disqualification



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30. What restrictions apply to an A1 license holder?

- A. Limited to motorcycles up to 250cc only
- B. Limited to motorcycles up to 50cc only
- C. Limited to motorcycles up to 125cc with power not exceeding 11kW
- D. No restrictions on motorcycle size or power



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. D — A warning of a hazard ahead

Triangular signs with red borders are warning signs that alert riders to potential hazards ahead.

2. C — A red circular sign with a motorcycle symbol

A red circular sign with a motorcycle symbol in the center indicates that motorcycles are prohibited from entering.

3. B — No overtaking is permitted

A solid white line along the center of the road indicates that overtaking is prohibited.

4. A — Blue circular signs

Mandatory signs in the UK are blue circular signs that indicate actions riders must follow.

5. D — Proceed with caution if the way is clear

A flashing amber traffic light means you may proceed with caution if the way is clear, often found at pedestrian crossings.

6. C — Stop, but prepare to go as the signal will change to green next

Red and amber lights shown together at traffic signals mean stop, but prepare to go as the signal will change to green next.

7. B — No parking or overtaking is permitted in this area

Zigzag lines near a pedestrian crossing indicate that parking and overtaking are prohibited in that area to maintain visibility of pedestrians.

8. A — Do not enter unless your exit road is clear

A yellow box junction marking indicates that you must not enter the box unless your exit road is clear, to prevent gridlock at junctions.

9. D — You must turn left at the junction ahead

A blue circular sign with a white arrow pointing left is a mandatory sign instructing riders that they must turn left at the junction ahead.

10. C — A general warning of danger ahead

A triangular sign with an exclamation mark (!) is a general warning sign indicating that there is a hazard ahead that doesn't have a specific warning sign.

11. B — Turn right

When a police officer is holding out their arm and pointing to the right, you should turn right. Hand signals from authorized traffic officers override normal traffic signs and signals.

12. A — No entry

A red circular sign with a white rectangle in the center indicates 'no entry' - you must not proceed beyond this



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point in that direction.

13. D — No motor vehicles allowed

A red circle with a motorcycle and car inside it indicates that no motor vehicles are allowed beyond this point.

14. C — Warning that motorcycles frequently use this route

A triangular sign showing a motorcycle is a warning sign indicating that motorcycles frequently use this route, alerting other road users to be vigilant.

15. B — End of a previous restriction

A white circle with a red border and a red diagonal line through it indicates the end of a previous restriction that was shown in a circular sign.

16. A — Yellow

Temporary road signs used at roadworks are typically yellow. These signs alert riders to temporary changes in road layouts and restrictions.

17. D — Designated motorcycle parking area

A blue rectangular sign with a white 'P' and a motorcycle symbol indicates a designated motorcycle parking area.

18. C — Warning of elderly or disabled pedestrians likely to be crossing

A triangular sign showing a person with a walking stick warns riders of elderly or disabled pedestrians likely to be crossing the road ahead.

19. B — Two-way traffic route ahead

A circular blue sign with two white arrows pointing in opposite directions indicates a two-way traffic route ahead, often after a one-way section.

20. A — Warning of a slippery road surface ahead

A triangular sign with a red border showing a motorcycle skidding warns of a slippery road surface ahead, which can be particularly hazardous for motorcyclists.

21. D — 24 years

You must be at least 24 years old to obtain a direct access full Category A license, which allows you to ride any size of motorcycle without restrictions.

22. C — At least third-party insurance is legally required

UK law requires all motorcyclists to have at least third-party insurance coverage before riding on public roads.

23. B — Every year

Motorcycles that are over 3 years old must pass an MOT test annually to ensure they meet road safety and environmental standards.

24. A — All riders and passengers must wear a helmet that meets safety standards

UK law requires all motorcyclists and their passengers to wear a helmet that meets specified safety standards when riding on public roads.

25. D — A2 license

The A2 license category permits riding motorcycles with a power output of up to 35kW (and a power-to-weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW/kg).



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26. C — 80 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood

The legal blood alcohol limit for motorcyclists in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland is 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

27. B — L-plates on the front and rear of the motorcycle

Learner motorcyclists must display L-plates on the front and rear of their motorcycle to indicate they are learning to ride.

28. A — Driving license, insurance certificate, and MOT certificate

If requested by a police officer, you must be able to produce your driving license, insurance certificate, and MOT certificate (if applicable), though you may be given 7 days to present them at a police station if not immediately available.

29. D — A fixed penalty of £300, 6 penalty points, and possible disqualification

Riding without valid insurance can result in a fixed penalty of £300, 6 penalty points on your license, and possible disqualification. Your motorcycle may also be seized and destroyed.

30. C — Limited to motorcycles up to 125cc with power not exceeding 11kW

An A1 license holder is restricted to motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 125cc, with a power output not exceeding 11kW, and a power-to-weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW/kg.



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