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1. A vehicle is following you very closely on a single-track road. What is the safest immediate action for you to take?

- A. Stop immediately in the lane
- B. Accelerate to increase the distance
- C. Brake sharply to warn the driver
- D. Pull into a passing place

2. You have the right of way at a junction, but a car pulls out in front of you. You should:

- A. Maintain your current speed and course
- B. Sound your horn and continue on
- C. Give way to avoid a collision
- D. Flash your lights to claim priority

3. An ambulance approaches from behind as you near a junction. What is the safest course of action for you to take?

- A. Stop immediately within the junction
- B. Continue through before pulling over
- C. Accelerate hard to outrun the vehicle
- D. Mount the pavement to clear the path

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4. A driver cuts in front of you and then gestures aggressively. The best response for you to take is to:

- A. Drop back to leave a safety gap
- B. Overtake and gesture at the driver
- C. Flash your lights and sound the horn
- D. Pull over immediately to confront them



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5. You are riding on a left-hand bend and a vehicle is tailgating you. You should adjust your lane position to:

- A. Force the driver to slow down
- B. Block the driver's view completely
- C. Move into the oncoming traffic lane
- D. Improve your view ahead

6. An emergency vehicle has passed you. Before you rejoin the main traffic flow, you must ensure that you:

- A. Flash your lights to traffic ahead
- B. Accelerate immediately to follow it
- C. Check for other emergency vehicles
- D. Sound your horn to warn others

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7. Traffic is moving slowly and a driver is tailgating your motorcycle. What is the best defensive action to take?

- A. Close the gap to the vehicle in front
- B. Increase the gap in front of you
- C. Flash your brake lights repeatedly
- D. Speed up to escape the tailgater

8. You need to slow down for a hazard but a vehicle is following closely. What is the first action to take?

- A. Tap the brake pedal gently
- B. Brake firmly to stop quickly
- C. Switch on your hazard warning lights
- D. Wave the driver back manually

9. You witness a driver behaving very aggressively on the road. When is the appropriate time for you to report this?

- A. Immediately using a hands-free device
- B. While following the vehicle closely
- C. By pulling alongside the driver
- D. When you have stopped safely



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10. You see children playing on the pavement near the kerb ahead. You should be prepared to take which action?

- A. Sound your horn and continue
- B. Speed up to pass them quickly
- C. Stop if they enter the road
- D. Flash your lights to warn them

11. You are waiting in a traffic queue and an emergency vehicle is approaching from behind. Under what circumstances should you reverse to make room?

- A. Whenever the siren is audible nearby
- B. Only if it is safe and necessary
- C. As soon as the blue lights are visible
- D. If you need to mount the kerb to help

12. A driver pulls out in front of you and then makes a rude gesture. What is the safest response to avoid escalating the situation?

- A. Avoid making eye contact
- B. Sound your horn to alert them
- C. Gesture back to show strength
- D. Flash your headlights at them

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13. You are riding on a busy main road and a vehicle is tailgating you. When should you allow them to pass?

- A. By pulling onto the verge
- B. Immediately by speeding up
- C. As soon as they flash lights
- D. When it is safe and legal



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14. You need to change lanes in heavy traffic to avoid a hazard. What is the safest way to signal your intention under pressure?

- A. Once you start to steer
- B. At the same time as moving
- C. After checking mirrors
- D. Before checking the blind spot

15. You are approaching a busy market town on a Saturday morning. What is the most effective way to prepare for potential hazards?

- A. Maintain the speed limit
- B. Reduce speed in advance
- C. Keep close to the kerb
- D. Cover the horn continuously

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16. A vehicle is following you too closely. Why must you avoid braking sharply to 'teach them a lesson'?

- A. It is dangerous and illegal
- B. It wastes fuel unnecessarily
- C. It wears out the brake pads
- D. It increases engine temperature

17. You are in slow-moving traffic and an ambulance is approaching from behind. What should you do if other vehicles move aside to let it pass?

- A. Speed up to stay ahead of it
- B. Follow the ambulance through
- C. Move onto the pavement immediately
- D. Stay calm and do not obstruct

18. You intend to turn left but a pedestrian is waiting to cross the side road. Why is it dangerous to wave them across?

- A. It will delay your own journey
- B. They might not be ready to cross
- C. Other traffic may not see them
- D. Your indicators will cancel early



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19. You are driving along the road when another vehicle pulls out unexpectedly into your path. What should be your immediate priority to ensure safety?

- A. Sound your horn in anger
- B. Brake or steer to avoid it
- C. Flash headlights as a warning
- D. Memorise their number plate

20. You are approaching a junction where a cyclist is waiting to pull out. Why is your road position important?

- A. To be seen by the cyclist
- B. To prevent them emerging
- C. To encourage them to wait
- D. To force them to look left

21. A police officer stops you and asks for documents you do not have with you. What usually happens next?

- A. You are fined immediately for failing to carry them
- B. Submit digital copies to the local police force within 24 hours
- C. The officer will impound your motorcycle until you provide proof
- D. Produce them at a police station within seven days

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22. You carry only a photo of your insurance on your phone. If stopped, is this accepted as valid proof?

- A. No, you must always produce the original paper certificate immediately
- B. Yes, digital copies are legally equivalent to original paper documents
- C. It is up to the police officer's discretion
- D. Yes, provided the photograph clearly shows the policy number details



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23. You borrow a friend's motorcycle. Who is responsible for ensuring you are insured to ride that specific vehicle?

- A. The registered owner of the motorcycle
- B. You, the rider
- C. The insurance company holding the policy
- D. The police officer checking the database

24. You have third-party only insurance and crash into a lamp post. What damage will the policy pay for?

- A. Damage to the lamp post only
- B. Damage to your motorcycle and the post
- C. The cost of repairing your motorcycle
- D. Medical expenses for your own injuries

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25. Under what conditions is a motorcycle over 40 years old exempt from needing an annual MOT test?

- A. The owner holds a special historic vehicle licence
- B. It is ridden for less than 1,000 miles annually
- C. It is registered with a classic vehicle club
- D. It has not been substantially changed

26. Your motorcycle's MOT has expired. When are you legally allowed to ride it on a public road?

- A. If the journey is less than five miles
- B. When riding directly to a scrap merchant yard
- C. Only to a pre-booked MOT appointment
- D. During daylight hours for essential travel purposes

27. You buy a brand new motorcycle. When must it have its first MOT test?

- A. One year following the first registration
- B. Three years after first registration
- C. Three years from the date of manufacture
- D. Immediately before the tax is renewed

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28. Where is the safest place for you to keep your motorcycle's V5C registration document?

- A. Stored safely inside your home
- B. Under the seat of the motorcycle
- C. Inside a locked motorcycle top box
- D. Carried in your wallet or pocket

29. A police officer stops you. You have no documents. Does the officer have the right to seize the bike immediately?

- A. No, they must give you 14 days to comply
- B. Yes, the vehicle is seized until proof is shown
- C. Yes, unless you pay an immediate penalty deposit
- D. No, they usually issue a producer notice

30. You don't display a tax disc. How do police or cameras check if your motorcycle tax is valid?

- A. By stopping you to ask for a paper receipt
- B. By scanning the barcode on your licence plate
- C. By checking the digital database
- D. By verifying the tax status on your insurance



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1. D — Pull into a passing place

On a single-track road, if a vehicle is following closely, you should pull into a passing place to let them pass. This removes the pressure of the tailgater and reduces the risk of a collision caused by their impatience.

2. C — Give way to avoid a collision

The Highway Code does not give anyone an automatic right of way; it only advises when you should give way. Even if you have priority, you must stop or slow down if it helps to prevent an incident.

3. B — Continue through before pulling over

Never stop in a junction where you might block the emergency vehicle's path. It is safer to continue across the junction and then pull over safely once you are clear of the intersection and any potential hazards.

4. A — Drop back to leave a safety gap

Prioritise safety over reacting to provocation. Dropping back increases your safety buffer and removes you from the immediate conflict. Engaging with an aggressive driver increases the risk of road rage and distraction.

5. D — Improve your view ahead

On a left-hand bend, moving slightly to the left can increase your view ahead and make you more visible to others. Good positioning allows you to see hazards earlier, but you must avoid crossing into oncoming traffic.

6. C — Check for other emergency vehicles

Emergency vehicles often travel in convoys. After one has passed, remain alert and check carefully for others following behind before you move back into the traffic flow. Do not assume the road is clear immediately.

7. B — Increase the gap in front of you

If you are being tailgated, you should increase the gap to the vehicle in front. This creates a safety buffer, allowing you to brake more gently if traffic slows, which reduces the risk of the tailgater hitting you.

8. A — Tap the brake pedal gently

Touching the brake pedal gently lights up your brake lights, giving an early warning to the driver behind. This signals your intention to slow down before you apply full braking force, helping the tailgater react in time.

9. D — When you have stopped safely

Never endanger yourself to report an incident. Wait until you have pulled over in a safe place and switched off your engine before contacting the police or noting down details. Focusing on driving is your primary responsibility.

10. C — Stop if they enter the road

Children can be unpredictable and may step into the road without looking. You should reduce your speed and be ready to stop immediately. Anticipating their actions allows you to react safely to any sudden movements.



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11. B — Only if it is safe and necessary

You should only reverse if it is safe and necessary to create a gap for the emergency vehicle. Reversing blindly or onto pavements creates significant danger for pedestrians and other road users. Often, the emergency driver will find a way around you without you needing to move. The other options suggest unsafe or automatic reactions that could lead to a collision.

12. A — Avoid making eye contact

The safest response is to ignore the gesture and avoid making eye contact. Engaging with an aggressive driver by looking at them, gesturing back, or sounding your horn can escalate the situation into road rage, increasing the risk of a collision. Focus on creating space and distancing yourself from the aggressor.

13. D — When it is safe and legal

You should allow a tailgater to pass only when it is safe and legal to do so. While it is important to remove the pressure of a tailgater, you must not put yourself in danger by speeding, pulling onto a verge, or braking unexpectedly. Wait for a clear, legal opportunity to let them overtake or pull over safely.

14. C — After checking mirrors

Even in stressful situations, you must follow the Mirrors-Signal-Manoeuvre routine. Checking mirrors first ensures you know it is safe before you signal or move. Acting on instinct without checking mirrors or signaling simultaneously with the manoeuvre increases the risk of colliding with other road users you haven't seen.

15. B — Reduce speed in advance

Anticipating high-risk areas like busy market towns requires reducing your speed well in advance. This gives you more time to react to pedestrians, traffic congestion, or sudden hazards. Simply maintaining the limit or focusing on a single element (like parked cars) is insufficient for the complex environment of a busy town.

16. A — It is dangerous and illegal

Brake checking is extremely dangerous and can lead to rear-end collisions. Legally, it can be prosecuted as careless or dangerous driving. Your priority should be safety, not punishing other drivers. The other options distract from the primary legal and safety consequences of this aggressive behavior.

17. D — Stay calm and do not obstruct

When others move aside for an emergency vehicle, your role is to stay calm and ensure you do not obstruct the new path being created. You should yield safely if possible, but never mount the pavement or break traffic laws. Following the ambulance or trying to speed up creates additional hazards.

18. C — Other traffic may not see them

Waving a pedestrian across is dangerous because you cannot control or see all other traffic. A vehicle overtaking you or approaching from another direction might not see the pedestrian, leading to a collision. It is safer to wait patiently and let the pedestrian make their own decision based on all available information.

19. B — Brake or steer to avoid it

Your immediate goal is to avoid a collision. Focus on braking or steering to make space. Secondary actions like sounding the horn or looking for witnesses divert your attention from the critical task of vehicle control.

20. A — To be seen by the cyclist

Positioning your motorcycle to maximise visibility helps vulnerable road users, like cyclists, see you clearly. If you are hidden behind other vehicles or positioned poorly, they may pull out into your path. Good positioning communicates your presence and intentions effectively without needing aggression.



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21. D — Produce them at a police station within seven days

If you cannot show your documents immediately, the officer issues a form (HO/RT1). You must then take the documents to a police station of your choice within seven days to avoid prosecution. You do not need to post them or provide digital copies.

22. C — It is up to the police officer's discretion

While many officers may accept digital evidence, it is not a legal right. They can still issue a producer notice requiring you to present the original documents at a station within seven days. Digital copies are not automatically equivalent to originals.

23. B — You, the rider

As the rider, you are strictly liable for riding without insurance. You must verify the owner's policy explicitly covers you (e.g., as a named driver) before riding; relying on the owner's verbal assurance is not a defence.

24. A — Damage to the lamp post only

Third-party insurance is the legal minimum. It covers liability for injury to others and damage to their property (the lamp post), but provides no financial cover for your own vehicle, medical costs, or equipment.

25. D — It has not been substantially changed

Vehicles built or first registered more than 40 years ago are exempt from MOT testing, provided no 'substantial changes' (like replacing the chassis or engine with modern alternatives) have been made in the last 30 years.

26. C — Only to a pre-booked MOT appointment

The only exceptions for riding without a valid MOT are driving to a pre-booked MOT test or to a garage for repairs required by a failed test. General riding or unbooked trips are illegal.

27. B — Three years after first registration

A new vehicle requires its first MOT test three years after the date it was first registered. The registration certificate (V5C) shows this date. Subsequent tests are required annually. It is not based on mileage or manufacture date.

28. A — Stored safely inside your home

You should keep the V5C document safely at home. Carrying it on the motorcycle could allow a thief to fraudulently transfer ownership if the bike is stolen.

29. D — No, they usually issue a producer notice

Immediate seizure usually applies if the officer suspects no insurance or licence exists at all. However, simply not carrying documents normally results in a 'producer' (HO/RT1), giving you seven days to prove legality.

30. C — By checking the digital database

Physical tax discs are no longer issued. Enforcement is handled through Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and police checks against the DVLA's digital database to confirm payment. Carrying a receipt or certificate is not required.



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