

Questions and answers

- 1. Why is a STOP sign octagonal and a YIELD sign triangular?**
To be able to recognise them in snow conditions.
- 2. What do white horizontal lines in the centre of the road mean?**
You treat them like a traffic island, you do not enter (this ghost island)
- 3. What does a broken white line in the centre of the road mean? You may overtake if it is safe to do so.**
You may overtake if it is safe to do so.
- 4. If there are two parallel lines in the centre of the road, one continuous and one broken, which one would you obey?**
You obey the line on your side of the road.
- 5. What rules apply to a box junction?**
You must not enter unless your way ahead is clear with the exception of turning right, when you can enter and wait in the box if you are not obstructing other traffic.
- 6. What is the acceptable tyre thread depth?**
1.6mm Min.
- 7. What is the Motorway speed limit?**
120 K.P.H.
- 8. What is the national general speed limit?**
100 K.P.H. for cars.
- 9. When can you cross a continuous white line?**
To avoid an obstruction, for access, or if there is a broken white line on your side of the continuous white line.
- 10. Describe the road markings for NO ENTRY?**
A continuous white line with a broken line behind it.
- 11. At a junction with roads of equal importance to whom should you give way?**
Traffic on the right and traffic already turning.
- 12. Name three people in authority for whom you must stop?**
A Garda, a school warden or a person in charge of animals.

13. What does an amber traffic light mean?

Stop, unless you are too close to stop safely behind the white line.

14. At a junction when traffic lights are not working to whom would you give right of way?

You should give way to traffic on the right and traffic already turning.

15. When can you overtake on the left?

When the driver in front of you is turning right, when you intend to turn left, when the vehicles in the lane on your right are moving slower than the vehicles in your lane in queuing traffic?

16. What does a green traffic light mean?

Go, providing the junction is clear.

17. At a junction when traffic lights are not working to whom would you give right of way?

Traffic on the right and traffic already turning.

18. If you saw a red triangle on the road what would it mean?

That there is an obstruction on the road ahead.

19. What position would you take up for a right turn in a one way street?

The extreme right and lane

20. What is the safe distance to drive from the car in front of you?

Allow 1 metre for each M.P.H. (mile per hour), double that for wet roads, four times that for icy roads or observe the "two second rule".

21. Where should you not overtake?

At a bend, a junction, the brow of a hill, a humpback bridge, at a continuous white line or anywhere your view of oncoming traffic is restricted.

22. When can you cross a continuous white line?

You can cross the line in order to avoid an obstruction, for access, or if there is a broken white line on your side of the continuous white line.

23. Where should you not park?

Near a bend, the brow of a hill, a humpback bridge, at a continuous white line, where your vehicle would obstruct a sign, at an entrance, at a bus stop, opposite another vehicle on a narrow road or a taxi rank.

24. How close to a junction can you park?

5 Metres

25. What position would you take up for a right turn at the end of a one way street?

You would take up position in the extreme right hand lane.

26. What is the legal parking distance from the kerb?

The legal parking distance is 45 centimeters, or 1.5 Ft.

27. What do white zig-zag lines on the road mean?

A Zebra Crossing is ahead, no overtaking and no parking.

28. Where should you not park?

You should never park near a bend, the brow of a hill, a humpback bridge, at a continuous white line, where your vehicle would obstruct a sign or entrance.

29. What do a double yellow line mean?

No parking at anytime.

30. What does a single yellow line mean?

No parking at certain times, (generally during working hours).

31. What do two broken parallel lines in the centre of the road mean?

There will be one or two continuous white lines ahead.

32. What is aquaplaning?

Aquaplaning is when a film of water builds up between the tyres and the road and one's steering and braking is affected.

33. What does a broken yellow line mean?

A broken yellow line means the edge of the roadway, (hard shoulder).

34. What is a clearway?

Stopping and parking is prohibited, (except by buses or taxis) for a period indicated on the sign.

35. What should you do if you are dazzled by the lights of an oncoming vehicle?

Slow down and stop if necessary.

36. When driving at night when should you dip your headlights?

- (a) When meeting on-coming traffic.
- (b) When following close behind another vehicle.
- (c) On continuously lit roads.
- (d) At the beginning and end of lighting up hours, i.e. dawn and dusk.
- (e) Or in fog or snow.
- (f) When you're approaching a junction.

37. Name the restrictions in relation to the use of the horn?

It must not be used between the hours of 11.30p.m. and 7.00a.m. in a built up area, except in an emergency.

38. What does the island in the centre of a pedestrian crossing mean?

Each side of the island is a separate crossing.

39. How would you know a zebra crossing at night?

By the yellow flashing beacons.

40. At a STOP sign which has no white line where would you stop?

At the STOP sign.

41. When can you overtake on the left?

When the driver in front of you is turning right, when you intend to turn left, when the vehicles in the lane on your right are moving slower than the vehicles in your lane.

42. What do white diagonal lines in the centre of the road mean?

They should be treated like a traffic island and not enter the space between the lines.

43. If there are two parallel lines in the centre of the road, one continuous and one broken, which one would you obey?

You should always obey the line nearest you.

44. Where should you not overtake?

You should never overtake at a junction, the brow of a hill, a bend, a humpback bridge, at a continuous white line or anywhere your view of oncoming traffic is restricted

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