



# Test Prep

**CDL**

**Commercial Drivers Licence**

**QUESTION & ANSWERS**

**Sections**

1. General Knowledge
2. Air Brakes
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## Exam A

### QUESTION 1

What is the most important reason for doing a vehicle inspection?

- A. To save you money by preventing costly repairs
- B. Safety for yourself and other road users
- C. Federal and state laws require you to inspect your vehicle
- D. To insure that you will achieve the best gas mileage

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The answer is: safety for yourself and other road users. Although A, C, and D are valid reasons, the primary goal of a vehicle inspection is to insure safety.

### QUESTION 2

When backing your vehicle, which of the following is NOT recommended

- A. Back as slow as possible
- B. Back towards the right side
- C. Use the lowest reverse gear
- D. Back and turn towards the driver's side

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The answer is: Back towards the right side. When backing your vehicle you should always back and turn towards the driver's side, even if it means going around the block to put your vehicle in the right position. Backing towards the right side is very dangerous because you cannot see well.

### QUESTION 3

It is important for driving safety to always be looking ahead. Which of the following is NOT a recommended time/distance that you should be looking ahead?

- A. About 12-15 seconds
- B. About one block for city driving
- C. About 1/4 mile for open highway driving
- D. About 5 car lengths on the highway

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is: About 5 car lengths. It is important to look ahead about 12-15 seconds to insure you have adequate time to stop or change lanes if necessary. 12 to 15 seconds is equivalent to about one city block or 1/4 mile on the open highway. Looking ahead 5 car lengths (about 70 feet) will not give you adequate time to react.

### QUESTION 4

You are driving a 40 foot truck at 35 MPH, how much space (in seconds) should you keep in front of you?

- A. 3 seconds
- B. 4 seconds
- C. 5 seconds
- D. 6 seconds

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is: 4 seconds. To calculate your space required, use the following formula: If going under 40 MPH, use 1 second for each 10' of vehicle length. If going over 40 MPH, use the same formula but add 1 second. In this scenario, a 40' truck requires 4 seconds, and you don't need to add an additional second, because you are traveling under 40 mph.

#### **QUESTION 5**

The act of operating a motor vehicle in a selfish, bold, or pushy manner, without regard for the rights or safety of others is known as?

- A. Defensive driving
- B. Road rage
- C. Aggressive driving
- D. Distracted driving

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is: Aggressive driving. An aggressive driver is only concerned with their driving and not others on the road. Road rage differs from aggressive driving because with Road Rage, the driver shows intent to harm others.

#### **QUESTION 6**

You should check your tires every \_\_\_\_ or every \_\_\_\_ when driving in very hot weather.

- A. 1 hour, 50 miles
- B. 2 hours, 100 miles
- C. 3 hours, 200 miles
- D. 5 hours, 250 miles

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** General Knowledge

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is: 2 hours, 100 miles. Hotter temperatures increase air pressure. If you check your tires and they are too hot to touch, you should remain stopped until they cool off. Overheated tires may blow out or catch fire.

#### **QUESTION 7**

Which of the following factors is NOT used to determine your safe speed when going down a long steep downgrade?