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driving school

## TAKING YOUR DRIVING TEST

- Eye test
- Road worthiness and car maintenance questions
- Test period: 35 - 38 minutes
- Two manoeuvres
- Possible e-stop

## KEY POINTS: DRIVING

- Drive safely and positively
- Do not rush
- Do not look at the examiner's test report sheet
- Clarify examiner's directions if required
- Never assume that you have failed
- Concentrate until the end of your test

## KEY POINTS: MANOEUVRES

- Welcome them and focus upon observations
- Correct any control errors
- Do not hit the kerb
- Complete the manoeuvre

## END OF TEST

WAIT FOR THE EXAMINER TO TELL YOU THE RESULT

**PASS:** examiner will complete your licence form

**FAIL:** examiner will explain your serious faults  
Your instructor can listen to the examiner's debrief

# Safety Check Questions

**Q1** Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil?

**A1** Identify dipstick/ oil level indicator, describe check level against the minimum/ maximum markers.

**Q2** Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level?

**A2** Identify high/low markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

**Q3** Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tells me how you would check the windscreen washer level?

**A3** Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.

**Q4** Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid?

**A4** Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.

**Q5** Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car?

**A5** Operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, ect or ask someone to help.

**Q6** Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey?

**A6** Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

**Q7** Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked?

**A7** Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget the spare and remember to refit valve caps.

**Q8** Tell me where you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road?

**A8** No cuts or bulges, 1.6 mm of tread depth across the central part of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

**Q9** Show me/ explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

**A9** If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is working.

**Q10** Show me how you would check that the headlights and taillights are working.

**A10** Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary) walk around vehicle.

**Q11** Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

**A11** Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.

**Q12** Show me how you would check that the horn is working (Off road only)

**A12** Check is carried out by using the control (Turn on ignition if necessary).

**Q13** Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

**A13** Demonstrate by applying the parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and it is not at the end of the working travel.

# MAKING PROGRESS

## WHY MAKE PROGRESS?

- To arrive safely on time
- To meet other road user expectations
- To drive to speed limits
- Not to delay others unnecessarily
- Avoidance of possible road rage

## WHERE ARE YOU DRIVING?

Town, Rural, Dual Carriage Way  
Motor Way, Familiar Route, New Route

## FACTORS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

- Plan for your journey
- Weather
- Traffic volume
- Time of day
- Road width and surface
- Road works
- Passengers
- Length of journey
- Your personal circumstances
- Your vehicle performance
- Speed limits for other vehicles
- Other road users
- Unexpected delays
- Traffic signs

## HAZARD MANAGEMENT

- Type of hazard
- Speed on approach
- Speed through
- Speed on exiting

## EXAMPLE OF MAKING PROGRESS

TRAFFIC LIGHTS: **PREPARE ON AMBER** AND **MOVE AWAY ON GREEN**