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## CDL General Knowledge Practice Test 4

**151) You must make a very quick stop. You should brake so you:**

- A. Can steer hard while braking hard.
- B. Use the full power of the brakes and lock them up.
- C. Stay in a straight line and can steer.
- D. All the above.

Answer:

**152) While driving, you see a small (1 foot square) cardboard box ahead in your lane. You should:**

- A. Stop and direct traffic around it.
- B. Hit it with your vehicle to knock it off the road.
- C. Steer around it if it is safe to do so.
- D. Aim for it with your left steering tire.

Answer:

**153) Which of these statements about overhead clearance is true?**

- A. You should assume posted clearances are always correct.
- B. A vehicle's clearance can change with the load carried.
- C. If the road surface causes the vehicle to tilt, you should drive close to the shoulder.
- D. Heavy vehicles can always fit under any clearance.

Answer:

**154) When you are on top of a hill and know you will be going down a steep grade, which statement is true?**

- A. Never downshift until you are going down the grade.
- B. Always downshift to a gear lower than you came up the hill before starting down the grade.
- C. Put the vehicle in neutral while going down the grade and use a very heavy pressure on the brake pedal.
- D. Use a steady brake pressure before starting down the grade.

Answer:

**155) You are driving a vehicle with a light load, traffic is moving at 35 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The safest speed for your vehicle in this situation is most likely:**

- A. 30 MPH.
- B. 35 MPH.
- C. 50 MPH.
- D. 25 MPH.

Answer:

**156) What sort of things should you inspect during a trip?**

- A. Gauges, exhaust, lights, cargo, and coupling devices.
- B. Gauges, brakes, lights, pumps, and hoses.
- C. C. gauges, brakes, lights, cargo, and coupling devices.
- D. Gauges, tires, shock absorbers, brake shoes and frame members.

Answer:

**157) When should you downshift your vehicle?**

- A. Before going down hill.
- B. Before entering a curve.
- C. Going up a hill.
- D. All the above.

Answer:

**158) Which item is a key suspension part?**

- A. Tie rod.
- B. Drag link.
- C. Pitman arm.
- D. None of the above.

Answer:

**159) What factors determine a persons blood alcohol content?**

- A. How much alcohol you drink.
- B. How fast you drink.
- C. How much you weigh.
- D. All the above.

Answer:

**160) Perception distance is?**

- A. The distance traveled from the time your brain tells your feet to move from the accelerator until your foot is actually pushing the brake pedal.
- B. The distance traveled from the time your eyes see a hazard until the time your brain recognizes the hazard.
- C. The distance it takes to stop once the brakes are applied.
- D. The time until perception is reached.
- E. None of the above.

Answer:

**161) When driving how far ahead should you be looking?**

- A. One football field.
- B. Two football fields.
- C. 5-10 seconds.
- D. 12—15 seconds.

Answer:

**162) Doubling your speed has what effect on braking distance?**

- A. No difference in stopping distance.
- B. Twice the speed = twice the stopping distance.
- C. Twice the speed = four times the stopping distance.
- D. Twice the speed = eight times the stopping distance.

Answer:

**163) Hazardous material placards are:**

- A. Placed on the front, rear, and both sides of the vehicle.
- B. 10 and 14 inches square.
- C. Turned up right on a point, in a diamond shape.
- D. All of the above.

Answer:

**164) Which of these requires the greater stopping distance?**

- A. A loaded vehicle.
- B. An empty vehicle.
- C. A partially loaded vehicle.
- D. None of the above.

Answer:

**165) You are convicted of speeding in your personal vehicle and issued a ticket. What are your responsibilities to your employer?**

- A. CDL holders must report convictions for traffic violations ( except parking violations ) to employers with in 72 hours.
- B. CDL holders must report convictions for traffic violations ( except parking violations ) to employers with in 3 business days.
- C. CDL holders must report convictions for traffic violations ( except parking violations ) to employers with in 30 business days..
- D. CDL holders must report convictions for all traffic violations including parking violations to employers with in 72 hours

Answer:

**166) Which of the following emergency items are you not required to have available?**

- A. Fire extinguisher.
- B. Spare fuses.
- C. First aid kit.
- D. Warning triangles.

Answer:

**167) Under inflated tires can cause a fire.**

- A. True.
- B. False.

**168) When backing and turning, you should:**

- A. Back and turn towards the driver's side.
- B. Use a helper if possible.
- C. Check your path before you begin backing.
- D. All of the above.

Answer:

**169) Which of the following is a basic step to take after an accident?**

- A. Protect the area.
- B. Notify the authorities.
- C. Care for the injured.
- D. All of the above.

Answer:

**170) Which of the following is not a CDL skills examination?**

- A. Materials handling test.
- B. Pre-trip vehicle inspection.
- C. Basic control skills test.
- D. On road test.

Answer:

**171) What is the minimum number of tie-downs required for a small load?**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer:

**172) How many warning triangles are you required to carry in your vehicle?**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer:

**173) The acronym " GVW " means?**

- A. Government vehicle weight.
- B. Gross variable weight.
- C. Global vehicle weight.

D. Gross vehicle weight.

Answer:

**174) When inspecting brakes components you should pay special attention to:**

- A. Cracked brake drums.
- B. Brake shoes with oil, grease or fluid on the shoes.
- C. Broken, missing, damaged or heavily worn shoes.
- D. All of the above.

Answer:

**175) Battery fluid is classified as a:**

- A. Poison.
- B. Flammable liquid.
- C. Minor fire hazard.
- D. Corrosives.

Answer:

**176) When using a helper to back up, What is the most important hand signal?**

- A. Slow down.
- B. Pull forward.
- C. Come straight back.
- D. Stop.

Answer:

**177) What is the minimum tread depth for a front tire?**

- A. 2/32 of an inch.
- B. 4/32 of an inch.
- C. 6/32 of an inch.
- D. ¼ of an inch.

Answer:

**178) Your vehicle brakes down on an undivided highway. There are no hills or curves with in a mile in either direction. Where should you place the warning triangles?**

- A. a, 100 feet in front, 10 feet behind and 100 feet behind the vehicle.

- B. b. 10 feet, 100 feet and 200 feet behind the vehicle.
- C. c. 100 feet in front, 100 feet and 200 feet behind the vehicle.
- D. d. 100 feet, 200 feet and 500 feet behind the vehicle.

Answer:

**179) A fire extinguisher with a C rating is designed for what type of fires?**

- A. Electrical fires and burning liquids only.
- B. On burning wood, paper and cloth.
- C. Burning liquids only.
- D. All fires regardless of fuel.

Answer:

**180) When transporting cargo, how often should you check your load?**

- A. With in the first 25 miles of the trip and every 100 miles or every 2 hours afterwards, which ever comes first.
- B. With in the first 50 miles of the trip and every 100 miles or every 2 hours afterwards, which ever comes first.
- C. With in the first 25 miles of the trip and every 150 miles or every 3 hours afterwards, which ever comes first.
- D. With in the first 25 miles of the trip and every 200 miles or every 4 hours afterwards, which ever comes first.

Answer:

**181) You should always aim the fire extinguisher at the top of the flames so that the chemicals will fall on to the fire.**

- A. True.
- B. False.

Answer:

**182) How many classes of hazardous materials are there?**

- A. 3
- B. 6
- C. 9
- D. 12

Answer:

**183) When should a driver consider turning off a retarder system on the vehicle?**

- A. During wet and icy road conditions.
- B. When driving through mountainous areas.
- C. When roads are clear and dry.
- D. Driver are not able to turn off retarder system.

Answer:

**184) When caring for an injured person, you should:**

- A. Only move them if they are in danger from fire or traffic.
- B. Apply direct pressure to any wounds.
- C. Keep the injured person warm.
- D. All of the above.

Answer:

**185) Should your vehicle catch fire, it is best to pull into a service station because they have plenty of fire fighting equipment?**

- A. True.
- B. False.

**186) When loading the cargo compartment of a vehicle it is best to place heavy items on the bottom and the light items on top.**

- A. True.
- B. False.

Answer:

**187) What are the three rules for using your turn signals?**

- A. 1. Signal when changing lanes, 2. Signal when turning comers. 3. Make sure the signal turns off after the turn is completed.
- B. 1. Signal early 2. Signal continuously 3. Make sure the signal turns off after the turn is completed. :
- C. 1. Signal when changing lanes, 2. Signal when turning corners. 3. Use arm signals only when its raining,
- D. All of the above.



Answer:

**188) Which item is a key steering system part?**

- A. Torque arm.
- B. Pitman arm.
- C. Leaf spring.
- D. Control arm.

Answer:

**189) Blocking is used to keep the cargo from shifting.**

- A. True.
- B. False.

**190) When fighting an engine compartment fire, it is best to lift the hood in order to target the fire's base.**

- A. True.
- B. False.

Answer:

**191) Reaction time or distance is?**

- A. The distance traveled from the time your brain tells your foot to move from the accelerator to actually pushing on the brake pedal.
- B. The distance traveled from the time your eye see a hazard until the time your brain recognizes the hazard.
- C. The distance it takes to stop your vehicle.
- D. The distance you travel from the time you perceive a hazard until the vehicle comes to a stop.

Answer:

**192. What is the major cause of most serious skids?**

- A. Turning too sharply.
- B. Locking up the wheels.
- C. Driving too fast for road conditions.

Answer: C

**193. What is the only way to stop a front wheel skid?**

- A. Turn harder and brake harder.
- B. Stop turning and brake harder.
- C. Let the vehicle slow down. Stop turning and stop braking so hard.

Answer: C

**194. If you think that a tire has blown out, what should you do in stopping?**

- A. Hold the steering wheel firmly. Do not touch the brakes until the vehicle has slowed down when you can brake very gently.
- B. Hold the steering wheel firmly. Use hard braking to get off the highway as soon as possible and stop.
- C. Hold the steering wheel loosely. Use hard braking to stop.

Answer: A

**195. What is something that you must do when using a fire extinguisher to fight a fire?**

- A. Stay downwind.
- B. Aim at the base of the fire.
- C. Aim at the top of the fire.

Answer: B

**196. As a driver for what are you responsible regarding your cargo?**

- A. Inspecting your cargo, knowing that your cargo is securely tied down or covered, recognizing overloads and poorly balanced loads.
- B. Inspecting your cargo and keeping rainwater from getting under the pallets.
- C. Shifting your cargo at state lines and sliding your fifth wheel.

Answer: A

**197. How often should cargo inspections be made?**

- A. After every break during driving.
- B. Once each hour.
- C. Every 25 miles.

Answer: A

**198. What is important about the center of gravity of a load?**

- A. A high center of gravity keeps you from seeing back of your trailers.
- B. A high center of gravity means you are more likely to tip over.
- C. A high center of gravity means you may not clear certain overpasses.

Answer: B

**199. What can happen if you don't have enough weight on the steering axle?**

- A. This will make the vehicle easier to control in turns.
- B. This can make the vehicle easier to steer straight.
- C. This can make the vehicle harder to steer.

Answer: C

**200. What is the minimum distance between tie downs to prevent shifting of cargo?**

- A. Every six feet.
- B. Every ten feet.
- C. Every eighteen feet.

Answer: B