



Údarás Um Shábháilteacht Ar Bhóithre  
Road Safety Authority



## Example Questions for the Road Safety Authority Stage 1 Theory Test

### NOTES ON TEST

- There will be a short introduction which will set out full instructions for the test.
- The questions will be posed one at a time on a computer screen
- The 80 generic questions must be completed before proceeding on to the 20 category specific questions relating to each of your choice of membership, i.e. Motorcycles, Buses, and Trucks etc.

### CHOOSE ONE CORRECT ANSWER

1. On the Driving Test Report form, the pink area relates to
  - (A) No faults.
  - (B) Grade 1, minor faults.
  - (C) Grade 2, more serious faults.
  - (D) Grade 3, dangerous faults.
2. Which of the following is NOT included under Secondary Controls?
  - (A) Temperature controls
  - (B) Air vents
  - (C) Head rests
  - (D) Air-intake control
3. The height of the lettering on an L-plate must be at least
  - (A) 5 cm.
  - (B) 10 cm.
  - (C) 15 cm.
  - (D) 20 cm.

4. When presenting a vehicle for a driving test, the insurance disc must be
- (A) Not more than 10 days out of date.
  - (B) Not more than 20 days out of date.
  - (C) Not more than 30 days out of date.
  - (D) Current on the date of the test.



5. This hand signal means the driver is
- (A) Slowing down.
  - (B) Turning right.
  - (C) Turning left.
  - (D) Going straight ahead.
6. The typical stopping distance on a dry road at 50 km/h is approximately
- (A) 3 metres.
  - (B) 13 metres.
  - (C) 25 metres.
  - (D) 35 metres.
7. A turbocharger's air pump is driven by
- (A) Exhaust gases.
  - (B) The crankshaft.
  - (C) The camshaft.
  - (D) A fan belt.
8. 'Maximum Authorised Mass' means
- (A) Weight as specified by the manufacturer.
  - (B) Unladen weight.
  - (C) Maximum permitted load weight.
  - (D) Unladen weight plus the weight of the passengers.

9. In general, a rider should position the machine in the centre of the lane when
- (A) Going straight ahead.
  - (B) Making a left-hand turn.
  - (C) Making a right-hand turn.
  - (D) Parking the machine.
10. If the rear wheel skids whilst accelerating, the rider should
- (A) Change to a higher gear.
  - (B) Ease off the accelerator.
  - (C) Change to a lower gear.
  - (D) Apply the rear brake.
11. For test purposes, the Category BE reverse manoeuvre is a
- (A) Left-hand corner.
  - (B) Right-hand corner.
  - (C) Straight line.
  - (D) Choice of left-hand corner or right-hand corner.
12. The maximum permitted distance between a towing vehicle and a trailer is
- (A) 2.5 metres.
  - (B) 3.5 metres.
  - (C) 4.5 metres.
  - (D) 5.5 metres.
13. For test purposes, a Category C vehicle that was first registered after 1-1-04 must have
- (A) A closed box body.
  - (B) A flat body.
  - (C) A closed box body at least as wide and as high as the cab.
  - (D) Either a closed box body or a flat body.
14. The maximum permitted weight of an articulated vehicle with air suspension and 6 axles is
- (A) 38,000 kg.
  - (B) 40,000 kg.
  - (C) 42,000 kg.
  - (D) 44,000 kg.
15. A rear load projecting overhang must be marked by a red flag when it exceeds
- (A) 1.5 metres.
  - (B) 1 metre.
  - (C) 0.75 metres.
  - (D) 0.50 metres.

16. On a three-lane approach to a roundabout, a driver intends to take the first exit. The driver should approach in
- (A) The right-hand lane.
  - (B) The left-hand lane.
  - (C) The middle lane.
  - (D) Any lane which is free of traffic.
17. Which of the following should a driver do if a mobile phone rings when driving?
- (A) Inform the caller that the call will be returned later.
  - (B) Answer the call as normal.
  - (C) Reduce speed and answer the call.
  - (D) Pull in and stop to answer the call.
18. An ADI trainee licence is valid for a maximum of
- (A) Six months.
  - (B) Twelve months.
  - (C) Eighteen months.
  - (D) Twenty four months.
19. Left foot braking is advisable in an automatic car only when
- (A) Driving downhill.
  - (B) Driving in the rain.
  - (C) Stopping in an emergency.
  - (D) Manoeuvring.
20. Coasting affects the vehicle by
- (A) Increasing the braking effect of the engine compression.
  - (B) Eliminating the braking effect of the engine compression.
  - (C) Overheating the tyres.
  - (D) Overheating the engine.