



Show-me-tell-me-questions

These are vehicle safety questions that driving examiners can ask in car driving tests.

Show me questions are the ones, where you need to show how to carry out a safety task while driving.

Tell me questions are the ones, where you need to explain how to carry out a safety task, just at the start of the test.



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Please note: If you get one or both questions wrong, you will receive one driving fault.

TELL ME QUESTIONS

1. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THAT THE BRAKES ARE WORKING BEFORE STARTING A JOURNEY.

Brakes should be tested as you set off. They should not feel spongy or slack and the vehicle should not pull to one side.

2. TELL ME WHERE YOU'D FIND THE INFORMATION FOR THE RECOMMENDED TYRE PRESSURES FOR THIS CAR AND HOW TYRE PRESSURES SHOULD BE CHECKED.

Tyre pressures can be found in the Manufacturer's guide. You should use a reliable pressure gauge, and check and adjust pressures when the tyres are cold. Don't forget the spare tyre and remember to refit the valve caps..

3. TELL ME HOW YOU MAKE SURE YOUR HEAD RESTRAINT IS CORRECTLY ADJUSTED SO IT PROVIDES THE BEST PROTECTION IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH..

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable.

4. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THE TYRES TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT TREAD DEPTH AND THAT THEIR GENERAL CONDITION IS SAFE TO USE ON THE ROAD..

The tyre should have no cuts and bulges. It should have a minimum of 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.



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TELL ME QUESTIONS

5. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THAT THE HEADLIGHTS AND TAIL LIGHTS ARE WORKING. YOU DON'T NEED TO EXIT THE VEHICLE.

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on the ignition if necessary), then walk around the vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).

6. TELL ME HOW YOU'D KNOW IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH YOUR ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM..

A warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system..

7. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THE DIRECTION INDICATORS ARE WORKING. YOU DON'T NEED TO EXIT THE VEHICLE.

Explain you'd operate the hazard warning lights switch (turn on the ignition if necessary), and then walk around the vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).

8. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THE BRAKE LIGHTS ARE WORKING ON THIS CAR..

Explain you'd operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask someone to help.



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TELL ME QUESTIONS

9. TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THE POWER-ASSISTED STEERING IS WORKING BEFORE STARTING A JOURNEY.

If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey, 2 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 functioning.

10. TELL ME HOW YOU'D SWITCH ON THE REAR FOG LIGHT(S) AND EXPLAIN WHEN YOU'D USE IT/THEM. YOU DON'T NEED TO EXIT THE VEHICLE.

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain that you would use them if visibility is reduced to below 100m, also you have to actually operate the switches.

11. TELL ME HOW YOU SWITCHED YOUR HEADLIGHT FROM DIPPED TO THE MAIN BEAM AND EXPLAIN HOW YOU'D KNOW THE MAIN BEAM IS ON.

Operate the switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), and check with the main beam warning light.

12. TO OPEN THE BONNET AND TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THAT THE ENGINE HAS SUFFICIENT OIL..

Identify the dipstick/oil level indicator, describe wiping the dipstick and check of oil level against the minimum and maximum markers.



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13. OPEN THE BONNET AND TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THAT THE ENGINE HAS SUFFICIENT ENGINE COOLANT.


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

14. OPEN THE BONNET AND TELL ME HOW YOU'D CHECK THAT YOU HAVE A SAFE LEVEL OF HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID.

Identify the reservoir, and check the level against high and low markings.



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SHOW ME QUESTIONS

YOU SHOULD BE READY WITH THE QUESTIONS AS YOU WILL BE ASKED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. YOU MUST SELECT A SUITABLE MOMENT WHEN YOU CAN CARRY OUT THE OVERALL TASK SAFELY. IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WHICH SWITCH TO OPERATE, THEN THE EXAMINER WILL ADVISE YOU TO PULL OVER AND SHOW YOU THE RELEVANT SWITCH. THEY MAY ASK YOU TO TRY THAT AGAIN WHILE DRIVING. IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRIORITIZE SAFETY AT ALL TIMES, AS OPERATING A SWITCH INCORRECTLY COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS OR DANGEROUS FAULTS.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REMEMBER THAT THE DRIVING INSTRUCTOR WILL ENSURE THAT YOU ARE WELL-VERSED IN EACH OF THE TASKS BEFORE THE FINAL TEST DAY.

1. **WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU WASH AND CLEAN THE REAR WINDSCREEN?**
2. **WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU WASH AND CLEAN THE FRONT WINDSCREEN?**
3. **WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU'D SWITCH ON YOUR DIPPED HEADLIGHTS?**
4. **WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU'D SET THE REAR DEMISTER?**
5. **WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU'D DEMIST THE FRONT WINDSCREEN?**



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