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DRIVING TEST QUESTIONS

Tell Me Questions and Answers

At the start of your driving test, the examiner will ask you one "Tell Me" question. You will need to explain how you would carry out a safety check before driving.

1. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

Answer: Just as you move off, operate the brakes. They should not feel spongy, and the car 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.

Answer: Information will be found using the car manufacturer's guide/manual. Check the tyre pressures by using a reliable pressure gauge 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.

Answer: The head restraint should be adjusted so the centre 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. Note: Some restraints might not be adjustable.

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.

Answer: A safe tyre will have no cuts or bulges on the sides. Legally, the tread depth must be at least 1.6mm across the central ¾ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference and can be measured using a tread depth gauge.

5. Tell me how you'd check that the headlights and tail lights are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle. (This is a 'tell me' question, so you do not need to physically check the lights).

Answer: Explain to the examiner that you would turn on the lights switch, turn on the car ignition if necessary, then walk around the vehicle to check the lights.

6. Tell me how you'd know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

Answer: Warning light should illuminate on the dashboard if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.

7. Tell me how you'd check the direction indicators are working. (This is a 'tell me' question, so you do not need to physically check the indicators).

Answer: Explain to the examiner that you would activate the hazard warning lights and walk around the car to see if all the indicators are working correctly. Note: Operating the hazard warning lights is the preferred method, as the ignition does not need to be turned on.

8. Tell me how you'd check the brake lights are working on this car. (This is a 'tell me' question, so you do not need to physically check the brake lights).

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

9. Tell me how you'd check the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

Answer: If the steering becomes heavy, the power-assisted steering may be faulty. Before starting a journey, two simple checks can be made:

1. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained whilst the engine is started, should result in slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate.
2. Turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power-assisted steering is functioning correctly. Steering should be very easy as the car begins to move off if all is working as it should

10. Tell me how you'd switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you'd use it/them. (No need to exit vehicle)

Answer: Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check that the warning light is on. Explain that fog lights must only be used when visibility is seriously reduced to less than 100 metres (328 feet), and must be turned off when the fog disperses to avoid dazzling other drivers.

11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you'd know the main beam is on.

Answer: Operate the light switch (ignition may need to be switched on or engine started if necessary), activate main beam lights and check the blue main beam warning light is on.

12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Answer: Identify the dipstick, explain that you would remove the dipstick and wipe clean the end where the minimum and maximum level indicator is and fully reinsert. Remove once again and check the oil level against the minimum and maximum markings. If oil levels are low, top up with oil, but be sure not to overfill.

13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

Answer: Identify the engine coolant tank and check the minimum and maximum level indicator displayed on the side of the tank. Explain that if the coolant is below the minimum mark, more coolant (water) will need to be added. To do this, explain that you would unscrew the tank cap when the engine is cold and pour in coolant until the maximum mark is reached.

14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Answer: Identify brake fluid reservoir, check level against high and low markings.

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Show Me Questions

During your driving test, you will be asked one “Show Me” question while driving. You will need to demonstrate how to operate a control safely.

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 operate the horn?**

6. **When it’s safe to do so, can you show me how you’d demist the front windscreen?**

7. **When it’s safe to do so, can you show me how you’d open and close the side window?**