

# CDL THEORY TEST

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1. To help you stay alert and safe while driving, you should:
  - a. Drink coffee if you get drowsy
  - b. Roll down your windows to get fresh air
  - c. Have a whiskey to brace yourself
  - d. Avoid medications whose warning labels mention drowsiness.
2. Flags or lights are required on projecting loads that extend:
  - a. 56 inches or more beyond the rear body
  - b. 4 or more feet beyond the rear body
  - c. 3 or more feet beyond the rear body
  - d. 6 or more feet beyond the rear body
3. Which of these should you NOT do during a drive wheel skid?
  - a. Countersteer
  - b. Steer into the skid
  - c. Stop braking
  - d. Turn quickly
4. Your safety equipment must include:
  - a. A spare front axle
  - b. Spare electrical fuses, but only if your vehicle has circuit breakers
  - c. Spare brake drums
  - d. Three red reflective triangles to be used as warning devices
5. Retarders:
  - a. Apply braking power to the drive wheels
  - b. Reduce the need to apply the brakes to slow the vehicle
  - c. Reduce wear and tear on the brakes
  - d. Do all of the above
6. If you are involved in a collision, you should:
  - a. Do the best you can to care for injured persons
  - b. Gather appropriate information for a collision report
  - c. Notify the proper authorities
  - d. Do all of the above
7. Where should you place your warning devices, if you must stop on a one-way or divided highway?
  - a. 50 feet, 100 feet, and 150 feet toward approaching traffic
  - b. 10 feet, 100 feet, and 200 feet toward approaching traffic
  - c. 100 feet, 200 feet, and 300 feet toward approaching traffic
  - d. 20 feet, 50 feet, and 100 feet toward approaching traffic
8. Which of these equals the total stopping distance?
  - a. Reaction distance + braking distance
  - b. Reaction distance + braking distance + signal distance
  - c. Perception distance + reaction distance + braking distance
  - d. Perception distance + reaction distance

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9. Which of the following should you NOT do when you are being tailgated?
  - a. Avoid quick changes
  - b. Avoid tricks such as flashing your brake lights
  - c. Speed up
  - d. Increase your following distance
10. At what speed should you test the stopping action of the service brakes?
  - a. 10 mph
  - b. 15 mph
  - c. 2 mph
  - d. 5 mph
11. After your pre-trip inspection, you should inspect your cargo:
  - a. Within 50 miles of the start of the trip
  - b. Within 10 miles of the start of the trip
  - c. Within 25 miles of the start of the trip
  - d. Within an hour after starting the trip
12. Which of the following should you NOT do if you experience a tire failure?
  - a. Apply the brakes hard and immediately
  - b. Hold the steering wheel firmly
  - c. Stay off the brake pedal
  - d. Be aware that a tire has failed
13. Which of these statements is true about the relationship between cargo and height?
  - a. An empty van is lower than a loaded one
  - b. The weight of the cargo changes the vehicles height
  - c. The weight of the cargo does not change a vehicles height
  - d. The height of an empty van is the same as that of a loaded one.
14. What is the safest speed when you are driving in heavy traffic?
  - a. The speed of other traffic (if not illegal or unsafe)
  - b. 15 mph below the speed of other traffic
  - c. The posted speed limit
  - d. As fast as possible, to get out of the way
15. An antilock braking system (ABS) will:
  - a. Not change the way you brake normally
  - b. Let you drive faster
  - c. Shorten your stopping distance
  - d. Increase a vehicles stopping power

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16. The aggregate working load limit of your cargo tiedowns must be at least \_\_\_ times the weight of the cargo.
- Two
  - Four
  - Two and a half
  - One-half
17. One wet roads, you should reduce your speed by:
- One-third
  - One-half
  - 60 percent
  - One-quarter
18. A top-heavy load is dangerous because it can cause
- Damage to the axles or steering
  - A rollover on a curve
  - A rollover if you swerve around a hazard
  - All of the above
19. Within how many days must you notify your employer of any traffic violations (except parking)?
- 30
  - 14
  - 60
  - 10
20. When you back a trailer, you should:
- Turn the steering wheel in the same direction in which you want to go
  - Not pull forward once you have started backing
  - Not bother to correct drift
  - Back in as straight a line as possible.
21. How far ahead do most good drivers look according to the Handbook?
- 5 to 10 seconds
  - 10 to 12 seconds
  - 12 to 15 seconds
  - 7 to 12 seconds

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## Answer Key:

1. D
2. B
3. B
4. D
5. D
6. D
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. D
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. A
15. A
16. D
17. A
18. D
19. A
20. D
21. C