

CDL THEORY TEST

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