

SCHOOL BUS THEORY ASSESSMENT

1. The maximum speed limit for a school bus transporting pupils is:
 - a. 65 mph
 - b. 60 mph
 - c. 55 mph
 - d. The posted speed limit

2. Air leakage with the engine stopped and the air pressure at governor cut out shall not exceed the following rates: with brakes released (static test) _____ PSI per minute. With brakes applied (applied test) _____ PSI per minute.
 - a. 1 / 2 PSI
 - b. 2 / 2 PSI
 - c. 2 / 3 PSI
 - d. 3 / 4 PSI

3. A driver shall not drive when his/her ability to operate a vehicle safely is adversely affected by:
 - a. Fatigue
 - b. Illness
 - c. Any other cause
 - d. All of the above

4. At a minimum, school buses shall carry one or two fire extinguishers having an aggregate rating of not less than:
 - a. 4BC
 - b. 6BC
 - c. 8BC
 - d. 3A40BC

5. A school bus shall not be put in motion until:
 - a. All passengers are seated
 - b. The doors are closed
 - c. Headlamps are lighted
 - d. All of the above

6. School bus evacuations shall be conducted:
 - a. Every six (6 months)
 - b. Every year
 - c. Every two (2) years
 - d. Never

7. The driver of a school bus shall operate the flashing red signal (cross-over) lamps:
 - a. At times when children (12th grade or below) are loading or unloading and crossing the highway upon which the school bus is stopped.
 - b. When escorting pupils who attend an "elementary" school
 - c. At all times when loading or unloading students unless the stop is exempt from the use of red-lights
 - d. None of the above

8. All school bus stops made for receiving and discharging pupils shall be designated by the:
 - a. California Highway Patrol
 - b. California Department of Education
 - c. School District Superintendent
 - d. All of the Above

9. A collision between a vehicle and any pupil or the bus driver while the pupil or driver is crossing the highway when the school bus flashing, red signal (cross-over) lamps are required to be operated is classified as a:
 - a. School bus accident
 - b. Non school bus accident
 - c. School bus accident only if the student was involved
 - d. School bus accident only if the driver was involved.

10. The driver of a school bus shall not driver more than _____ hours within a work period or drive after _____ consecutive hours have elapsed since first reporting for duty:
 - a. 8 / 12
 - b. 10 / 16
 - c. 12 / 15
 - d. 14 / 18

11. Unless the driver of a school bus or SPAB is the mechanic charged with the care and maintenance of the bus, the driver shall not make any repairs of the bus or its equipment except:
 - a. Emergency repairs on the road
 - b. Minor repairs
 - c. Only mechanics can make the repairs
 - d. All of the above

12. When a pupil is aboard, the driver of a school bus shall not leave the driver's compartment without first:
 - a. Stopping the engine and effectively setting the parking brakes
 - b. Removing the ignition keys which shall remain in the driver's possession
 - c. Placing the transmission in first, reverse park or neutral for automatic transmissions that do not have a park position
 - d. All of the above

13. The driver of a school bus, SPAB bus, or youth bus shall not eject any school pupil unless the pupil is given into the custody of
 - a. Transportation supervisor
 - b. Peace officer
 - c. School official
 - d. Parent, or any person designated by the parent or school

14. When can strobe lights legally be used?
 - a. When the visibility is less than 500 feet
 - b. When the visibility is less than 400 feet
 - c. When the visibility is less than 300 feet
 - d. When the visibility is less than 250 feet

15. A 81-passenger school bus is required to carry a first aid kit of what size?
 - a. 10 units
 - b. 16 units
 - c. 24 units
 - d. 48 units

16. Tires on a school bus shall not be used due to the following conditions:
 - a. Unrepaired fabric breaks
 - b. Exposed or damaged cords
 - c. Bumps, bulges, or knots due to internal separation
 - d. All of the above

17. A driver who encounters adverse driving conditions and cannot because of those conditions, safely complete the run within the maximum driving time may be permitted to drive an additional _____ hours in order to complete that run
 - a. 0
 - b. 1
 - c. 2
 - d. 4

18. A driver who encounters an emergency situation while on an activity trip that could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the beginning of the trip, and because of that emergency cannot safely complete the run within the maximum driving time, may be permitted to drive an additional _____ hours in order to complete that run:
- 0
 - 2
 - 4
 - Unlimited, provided the run could have been completed within the maximum driving time absent the emergency situation.
19. When approaching an intersection at the same time as another driver, when should you proceed through the intersection:
- After stopping completely behind the limit line
 - When it is safe to proceed
 - Only after all other vehicle have proceeded
 - Both A and B
20. When approaching a school bus stop, you should bring the school bus to a full stop with the front bumper at least _____ feet away from students at the designated stop. Is there are difference between the law (what we teach) and the Commercial Vehicle Handbook with DMV?
- 15 feet, DMV says 10 feet
 - 10 feet, DMV says 12 feet
 - 12 feet, DMV says 10 feet
 - 15 feet and 15 feet
21. While approaching a railroad crossing, you may activate your hazard lights approximately _____ feet before the crossing:
- 100
 - 200
 - 300
 - 500
22. The Department of Education's Training Certificate, Form T-01 is at all times the property of the:
- California Highway Patrol
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Motor Vehicles
 - State of California

23. All school bus applicants and all applicants employed for compensation by another for the purpose of driving a motor vehicle on the highway shall be at least:
- 18 years old
 - 21 years old
 - 23 years old
 - 25 years old
24. Recapped or retreaded tires shall not be used on a school bus except on the:
- Tag wheels
 - Rear wheels
 - Front wheels
 - Recaps or retreads shall not be used
25. The CHP Motor Carrier inspector signed the vehicle inspection certificate on 12-17-20. When is the last day you can operate this bus:
- 1-17-21
 - 12-17-17
 - 1-17-22
 - 12-17-22
26. In order to maintain a California Special Driver Certificate, school bus drivers who have failed to take the first aid examination at the CHP office are required to possess a valid first aid card for:
- 2 years
 - 3 years
 - 5 years
 - Duration of the certificate
27. A school bus stop may not be closer than _____ feet to the nearest rail of any railroad crossing:
- 50 feet
 - 100 feet
 - 200 feet
 - 500 feet
28. A Type I School Bus is designed to carry:
- 16 passengers and the drivers
 - Not more than 16 passengers and the driver
 - More than 16 passengers and the driver
 - Not more than 20 passengers and the driver if the vehicle has a gross weight rating of 10,000 lbs or less.

29. If the driver of a bus exceeds the manufacturers recommended RPM governor speed, the automatic transmission will:
- Not shift
 - Up shift
 - Downshift
 - Shift to neutral
30. The driver of a school bus shall ensure the headlamps are lighted:
- Whenever pupils are aboard
 - Whenever the bus is in motion
 - Whenever the bus is in motion and pupils are aboard
 - Whenever adverse weather conditions exists and during hours of darkness
31. Type I and Type II school buses are required to have all the mirrors listed below except:
- Left side flat mirror
 - Right side flat mirror
 - Cross-over mirror
 - Left and right side convex mirrors
32. Four way flashers (hazard lights) on a school bus are permitted when:
- Disabled or parked off the roadway but within 10 feet of the roadway
 - Approaching, stopped at or departing from a railroad grade crossing
 - To warn other motorists or pedestrians on a roadway during a backing maneuver
 - All of the above
33. Students should approach the bus to board only when:
- Signaled by the driver
 - Once the bus has stopped
 - The red lights have been activated
 - The entrance door has been opened
34. A Type II School Bus is designed to carry:
- Only 16 passengers including the driver
 - More than 16 passengers and the driver
 - Not more than 16 passengers and the driver
 - Not more than 16 passengers including individuals confined to wheelchairs.
35. During the hours of darkness, the driver shall ensure that the interior of the bus is sufficiently lighted:
- Whenever deemed necessary
 - When passengers enter and exit the vehicle
 - When the driver observes any hanky panky
 - Both A and B

Answer Key:

1. C
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. A
10. B
11. A
12. D
13. D
14. A
15. C
16. D
17. C
18. D
19. D
20. C
21. B
22. D
23. A
24. B
25. C
26. D
27. C
28. C
29. B
30. B
31. D
32. D
33. D
34. C
35. D