



California Driver's Exam (Practice Version)

From the 2017 California driver handbook

How it works:

There is a total of 36 Questions and you **can only get 6 wrong to pass** if you're a first time driver. If you get more than six wrong, go back and review the California Driver handbook.

The mobile version of this test shows the answers on the right side of the page. If you want to take the exam without the answers displayed, download the desktop version and take it on a computer.

TIP: Treat this as if it were the real exam. Take your time thinking about the question. Often times, the answers are worded in a strange way that can trick you into choosing the wrong one. Good luck!

Correct
Answer

1. Drivers are required to obey instructions from:

- Security guards patrolling parking lots
- Flaggers (signal persons) at construction sites
- Other drivers whose vehicles are broken down on the roadway

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2. California's "Basic Speed Law" says you must:

- Keep your speed close to that of other traffic
- Always drive at the posted speed limit
- Never drive faster than is safe for current conditions

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3. Driving under the influence of any medication which impairs your driving is permitted:

- Under no circumstances
- If it is prescribed by a physician
- If you don't feel drowsy

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4. For which of the following traffic lights must you always stop your vehicle ?

- Solid red lights, flashing red lights and blacked out traffic signals
- Solid red lights, flashing red lights and yellow lights
- Solid red lights, red arrows and flashing yellow lights

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5. You are driving on a city street and see an emergency vehicle with flashing lights behind you. What should you do?

- Drive to the right edge of the road and slow down
- Stay in your lane, slow down, and let it pass
- Drive to the right edge of the road and stop

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6. It is illegal for a person 21 years of age or older to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) that is _____ or higher.

- 0.10% -- One tenth of one percent
- 0.05% -- five hundredths of one percent
- 0.08% -- Eight hundredths of one percent

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7. You must notify the DMV within 5 days if you:

- Sell or Transfer your vehicle
- Paint your vehicle of a different color
- Are cited for a traffic violation

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8. You may drive in a bike lane:

- No more than 200 feet before making a right turn whenever bicyclists are not present
- If you drive slower than 15mph

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9. Tailgating other drivers (driving too close to their rear bumper):

- Can frustrate other drivers and make them angry
- Reduces collisions by preventing from being "cut off"
- Cannot result in traffic violation

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10. Smoking inside a vehicle when a person younger than 18 years of age is:

- Legal, if it is your child
- Illegal at all times
- Not restricted by law

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11. If you are riding in a vehicle equipped with a lap belt and also a separate shoulder belt, you are:

- Required to use both the lap and shoulder belts
- Only required to use the shoulder belt
- Only required to use the lap belt

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12. You are involved in a minor collision at an intersection. There are no injuries and very little vehicle damage. You should:

- Move your vehicle out of the traffic lane, if possible
- Not move your vehicle for any reason
- Leave your vehicle in the traffic lane until law enforcement arrives

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13. A solid yellow line next to a broken yellow line means that vehicles:

- In both directions may pass
- Next to the broken line may pass
- Next to the solid line may pass

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14. What is the benefit of a space cushion around your vehicle ?

- It inflates to protect you from injury in case of a collision
- Other drivers can 'cut' in front of you, improving traffic flow
- If another driver makes a mistake, you have time to react

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15. If your cell phone rings while you are driving and you do not have a hands-free device you should:

- Answer the call because it may be an emergency
- Let the call go to voicemail
- Check the incoming number before answering the call

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16. You want to park uphill on a two-way road and there is no curb. Which way do you turn your front wheels?

- Left towards the center of the road
- Right towards the side of the road
- So they face straight ahead

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17. A flashing yellow traffic signal at an intersection means:

- Stop. Yield to all cross traffic before crossing in the intersection
- You should treat the signal like a stop sign
- Slow down and be alert at the upcoming intersection

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18. When driving on a multilane street with two way traffic:

- You should drive ahead or behind the other vehicles
- It is safest to drive in the lane next to the center line
- Drive alongside the other vehicles so the drivers can see you

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19. Backing your vehicle is:

- Dangerous if you have a helper
- Only dangerous in large vehicles
- Always dangerous to do

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20. You must yield to a pedestrian using a white cane or guide dog:

- Only when a guide dog is leading the person across the street
- At all times
- Only is a crossing guard is present

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21. Blocking an intersection during "rush hour" traffic is not permitted:

- Unless you have the right of way or a green light
- Under any circumstances, even if your light is green
- Unless you entered the intersection on a green light

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22. You are driving on the freeway behind a large truck. You should drive:

- Closer behind the truck than for a passenger vehicle
- Farther behind the truck than for a passenger vehicle
- To the right side of the truck and wait to pass

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23. You reach an intersection with stop signs on all four corners at the same time as the driver on your left. Who has the right of way?

- The driver on your left has the right-of-way
- Whoever if signaling to make a turn has the right-of-way
- You have the right-of-way

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24. To turn left from a one-way street with multiple lanes onto a two way street, start the turn in:

- Any lane available
- The far left lane
- The lane closest to the middle of the street

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25. While all the following are dangerous to do while driving, which is also illegal?

- Adjusting your outside mirrors
- Reading a road map
- Listening to music through a set of dual headphones

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26. If there is no crosswalk and you see a pedestrian crossing your lane, you should:

- Stop and let the pedestrian finish crossing
- Make sure the pedestrian can see you before proceeding
- Cautiously drive around the pedestrian

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27. The yellow signs means:



- The road ahead has many curves
- The road ahead may be slippery
- There is a sharp curve in the road ahead

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28. To see vehicles in your blind spots, you should check:

- Over your shoulders
- The outside rearview mirror
- The inside rearview mirror

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29. If a traffic signal light is not working, you must:

- Slow down or stop, only if necessary.
- Stop, then proceed when safe.
- Stop before entering the intersection and let all other traffic go first.

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30. Always use your seat belt:

- Unless the vehicle was built before 1978.
- Unless you are in a limousine.
- When the vehicle is equipped with seat belts.

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31. When you drive through a construction zone, you should:

- Decrease your following distance
- Pass the construction zone carefully and not "rubberneck".
- Slow down to watch the workers

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32. To make a right turn at the corner, you:

- Should only merge into the bicycle lane if you stop before turning
- May not enter the bicycle lane.
- Must merge into the bicycle lane before turning.

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33. A flashing red traffic light at an intersection means:

- Stop before entering
- Stop and wait for the green light
- Slow down before entering

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34. You are on the freeway and traffic is merging into your lane. You should:

- Make room for the merging traffic, if possible
- Assert your right of way by driving faster
- Always slow down and maintain your position

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35. When parking next to a curb, you should use your turn signals:

- Only when pulling away from the curb
- When pulling next to or away from the curb
- When pulling next to, but not away from the curb

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36. A freeway on-ramp is marked with this white sign. Which of the following vehicles may use this lane?



- A carpool van containing only the driver
- A sport utility vehicle containing an adult, child and family pet
- A convertible with an adult and two children

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End of Exam

How did you do?

Good job on taking this practice exam. Practicing will only better prepare you for the real deal.

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