



THE 70 MOST COMMON

# G1 EXAM QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS SO YOU'LL KNOW WHAT  
TO EXPECT ON THE BIG DAY



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**1. In a vehicle with manual transmission, when descending a steep hill, a good safe-driving practice is to**

**GEAR DOWN AND ALLOW THE ENGINE TO ASSIST IN BRAKING.**

In a vehicle with manual transmission, try shifting into a lower gear going down long, steep hills. This will help control your speed and you won't have to brake as sharply. Downshift before starting downhill since it may not be possible once you are going downhill.

**2. What must you do when the driver of another vehicle gives a signal that he wants to overtake and pass your vehicle?**

**GIVE WAY AND DO NOT INCREASE YOUR SPEED UNTIL THE OVERTAKING VEHICLE HAS PASSED YOUR VEHICLE.**

If another driver gives a signal that s/he wants to overtake and pass your vehicle, give way and do NOT increase speed until the overtaking vehicle has passed your vehicle.

**3. When a streetcar is stopped to pick up or discharge passengers and there is a safety island, what does the law require you to do?**

**PASS WITH CAUTION AND BE READY TO STOP IF A PEDESTRIAN MAKES SUDDEN OR UNEXPECTED MOVES.**

Stay at least two metres behind the rear doors where passengers are getting off or on. This rule does NOT apply at stops where an area has been set aside for streetcar passengers or there is a safety island. Always pass these areas at a reasonable speed and be prepared for pedestrians to make sudden or unexpected moves.

**4. Never change lanes in traffic without**

**GIVING PROPER SIGNAL AND LOOKING TO MAKE SURE THE MOVE CAN BE MADE SAFELY.**

Before changing lanes, you must always give proper signal and look to make sure the move can be made safely.

**5. There are two lines in the centre of the road to divide traffic. One is a solid line; the other is a broken line. The line closest to oncoming traffic is broken, but the line on your side of the road is solid. What does the solid line mean?**

**IT IS UNSAFE TO OVERTAKE AND PASS.**

A solid line in the described situation means that it is unsafe to overtake and pass.

**6. When the driver of another vehicle is about to overtake and pass your vehicle, you must**

**MOVE TO THE RIGHT AND ALLOW SUCH VEHICLE TO PASS.**

If another driver is about to overtake your vehicle, you should move to the right and let them pass.

**7. If you receive a call while driving and you do not have a passenger who can take the call, you should**

**PULL YOUR VEHICLE OVER AND PARK TO USE YOUR CELL PHONE.**

Make it a habit to pull over and park to use your cell phone, have a passenger take the call, or let it go to voice mail. If you must use a cellular phone when driving, you must use it hands-free.

**8. If you are involved in an accident in which some one is injured, you must.**

**REPORT THE ACCIDENT AT ONCE TO THE NEAREST PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER.**

If you are involved in an accident in which someone is injured, you must report the accident at once to the nearest provincial or municipal police officer.

**9. If you become very tired while driving, you should STOP AND REST.**

If you become very tired while driving, you should always stop and rest.

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**10. Upon approaching a yield sign, what does the law require you to do?**

**SLOW DOWN, STOP IF NECESSARY, AND YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

When approaching a yield sign you must always slow down, come to a full stop if necessary, and yield the right-of-way.

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**11. As a GI driver, you must be accompanied by a fully licensed driver with at least \_\_\_ of driving experience.**

**FOUR YEARS**

Ontario drivers with a Class GI licence must practice with a qualified accompanying driver. Your accompanying driver must be the only person in the front seat with you at all times while driving. They must be an experienced driver, with a good driving record and at least four years of driving experience.

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**12. A school bus with red signal lights flashing is stopped ahead of you. What does the law require you to do when meeting or overtaking the bus?**

**STOP UNTIL THE BUS PROCEEDS OR THE SIGNAL LIGHTS ARE NO LONGER FLASHING.**

You must stop whenever you approach a stopped school bus with its upper alternating red lights flashing, regardless of whether you are behind the bus or approaching it from the front.

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**13. Why is it necessary to look over your shoulder when changing lanes?**

**THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A BLIND SPOT IN YOUR MIRRORS, NO MATTER HOW YOU ADJUST THEM.**

It is necessary to look over your shoulder when changing lanes as there is always a blind spot in your rearview mirrors, no matter how you adjust them.

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**14. If you come up on several snowplows clearing a freeway, you should NOT**

**TRY TO PASS BETWEEN THEM.**

The question is about what you should NOT do. On freeways, several snowplows may be staggered across the road, clearing all lanes at the same time by passing a ridge of snow from plow to plow. Do not try to pass between them. This is extremely dangerous because there is not enough room to pass safely, and the ridge of wet snow can throw your vehicle out of control.

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**15. If the signal light changes from green to amber as you approach an intersection, what should you do?**

**STOP. IF A STOP CANNOT BE MADE SAFELY, PROCEED WITH CAUTION.**

If the light changes to amber when you're approaching it, stop. Only if a stop cannot be made safely, proceed with caution.

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**16. Are drivers responsible for requiring their passengers to buckle up?**

**ONLY IF PASSENGERS ARE UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE**

If the passengers are 16 and older, they, not the driver, are responsible for buckling themselves up.

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**17. Choose the correct statement from the following**

**PARKING LIGHTS SHOULD BE USED FOR PARKING ONLY.**

Parking lights are only for parking. In low light, use your headlights, not parking lights..

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**18. When driving in heavy fog, you should use**

**LOW-BEAM HEADLIGHTS.**

If there is a fog warning, delay your trip until it clears, if possible. Use your low-beam headlights. High beams reflect off the moisture droplets in the fog, making it harder to see.

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**19. On a roadway where traffic is moving in both directions, in what position must you be before making a left turn?**

**TO THE RIGHT OF AND AS CLOSE TO THE CENTRE LINE OF THE ROADWAY AS POSSIBLE**

To make a left turn, signal well before the turn and move into the far left lane, but still to the right of the yellow dividing centre line, to make sure you are not blocking the way for the oncoming traffic.

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**20. Which of the following has the right-of-way over all others at an intersection when the signal light is green?**

**PEDESTRIANS CROSSING WITH THE LIGHT**

Pedestrians crossing with the light always have the right of-way over all others at an intersection when the signal light is green.

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**21. You are required to keep a safe distance behind the vehicle in front of you. You should keep at least a \_\_\_ space between your vehicle and the one ahead.**

### **TWO-SECOND**

A safe following distance is at least two seconds behind the vehicle in front of you. This lets you see around the vehicle ahead and gives you enough distance to stop suddenly.

**22. When may you lend your driver's licence to other drivers?**

### **NEVER**

No one else is allowed to use your driver's licence!

**23. It is more dangerous to drive at the maximum speed limit at night than during daytime because**

### **YOU CANNOT SEE AS FAR AHEAD AT NIGHT.**

It is more dangerous to drive at the maximum speed limit at night than during daytime because you cannot see as far ahead at night.

**24. When a red signal light with a green arrow is shown at an intersection, it means**

### **PROCEED IMMEDIATELY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW IF YOU ARE IN THE CORRECT LANE.**

When a green arrow is shown with a red light, you need to proceed immediately in the direction of the arrow if you are in the correct lane.

**25. If two drivers enter an uncontrolled intersection from opposite directions at the same time, one going straight while the other is turning left, which vehicle has the right-of-way?**

### **THE ONE GOING STRAIGHT HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

If two drivers enter an uncontrolled intersection from opposite directions at the same time, one going straight while the other is turning left, the driver going straight has the right-of-way.

**26. When changing lanes on a multi-lane highway, a driver should**

### **CHECK MIRRORS AND SIGNAL BEFORE MOVING LEFT OR RIGHT.**

On multi-lane highways, a driver must check the mirrors first to make sure it is safe to change lanes, signal, and then move to another lane.

**27. When approaching an intersection where a traffic signal light is red and a police officer motions you to go through, you should**

### **OBEY THE POLICE OFFICER'S SIGNAL AND GO THROUGH AT ONCE.**

When police officers are directing traffic, you must follow their directions, even if the directions are different from traffic lights or signs.

**28. When getting out of your car on a busy street, you should open your door**

### **WHEN YOU ARE SURE THAT IT CAN BE DONE SAFELY.**

When getting out of your car on a busy street, you should open your door only when it can be done safely.

**29. Before moving your car from a parked position, you should**

### **CHECK OTHER TRAFFIC, SIGNAL, AND PULL FROM THE CURB WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**

Before moving your car from a parked position, you should check for other traffic, signal, and pull from the curb only when it is safe to do so.

**30. While travelling on a highway, the driver of a motor vehicle is not permitted to carry \_\_\_ in a house or boat trailer.**

### **PERSONS (PASSENGERS)**

You may not carry any person in any trailer (including a house or boat trailer) when it is being towed. (Page 743 of MTO Driver's Handbook).

**31. When approaching a construction area, drivers should**

### **SLOW DOWN AND YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IF NECESSARY.**

When approaching a construction area, drivers should always slow down and yield the right-of-way, if necessary.

**32. If you want to pass a motorcycle, you should**

### **PASS JUST AS YOU WOULD WITH ANOTHER CAR.**

Motorcycles, bicycles, limited-speed motorcycles, and mopeds often need to pull to the left or right side of their lane to avoid dangerous road conditions or to be seen by other drivers. Do NOT take this as an invitation to pass in the same lane. If you do want to pass these vehicles, do so by changing lanes.



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**33. When approaching an intersection, you notice the roadway beyond the intersection is blocked with traffic. In this situation, you should**

**STOP BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION AND WAIT UNTIL TRAFFIC AHEAD MOVES ON.**

When approaching an intersection and you notice the roadway beyond the intersection is blocked with traffic, you should stop before entering the intersection and wait until traffic ahead moves on. If not, the light may turn red for you and green for other vehicles and you will end up blocking the intersection.

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**34. Which of the following statements is NOT true?**

**CYCLISTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING A LEFT HAND LANE WHEN TURNING LEFT.**

When passing a cyclist, allow at least one metre between your car and the cyclist. If the lane is too narrow to share, change lanes to pass the cyclist. Motorcycles, bicycles and mopeds turn left at intersections in the same way as larger vehicles. If you are making a left turn behind one of these vehicles, do not pull up beside it to make your turn at the same time. Stay behind and turn when the way is clear.

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**35. You are approaching the intersection with a flashing red light. You must**

**COME TO A COMPLETE STOP AND PROCEED ONLY WHEN IT'S SAFE.**

You must come to a complete stop at a flashing red light. Move through the intersection only when it's safe. [Flashing Red Light; Traffic Lights; 3. Traffic Signs and Lights; The Official MTO Driver's Handbook]

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**36. On a highway, when may you drive at the maximum speed limit?**

**IF THE CONDITION OF TRAFFIC AND THE HIGHWAY PERMIT SUCH A SPEED TO BE DRIVEN SAFELY**

Obey the maximum speed limit posted on signs along the road, but always drive at a speed that will let you stop safely. This means driving below the maximum speed in bad weather, heavy traffic, or in construction zones.

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**37. When driving on a street designed for two-way traffic, you hear the siren of an emergency vehicle. What does the law require you to do?**

**PULL TO THE RIGHT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND STOP.**

If you hear the siren of an emergency vehicle, pull to the right as far as possible and stop. Don't worry; other drivers will do the same.

**38. You are driving on a wet road and have to make a stop quickly. The best way to do this if your vehicle does not have ABS is to**

**PRESS DOWN ON THE BRAKE PEDAL, RELEASE SLIGHTLY IF THE WHEELS ARE LOCKING UP, AND RE-APPLY.**

Threshold braking should bring you to a reasonably quick controlled stop in your own lane, even in slippery conditions. 7) Brake as hard as you can without locking up or skidding the wheels. 2) Press down on the brake pedal, trying to get as much braking power as possible. 3) Then, if you feel any of the wheels locking up, release the brake pressure slightly and re-apply. Don't pump the brakes. Continue braking this way until you have brought the vehicle to a complete stop..

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**39. Snow removal vehicles on public roadways are equipped with flashing \_\_ lights.**

**BLUE**

Snow-removal vehicles on public roadways are equipped with flashing blue lights that can be seen from 750 metres.

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**40. When a right turn against a red signal light is permitted, what does the law require you to do before entering the intersection and making the turn?**

**STOP, SIGNAL, AND MAKE THE TURN SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER TRAFFIC, INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS.**

In this situation you must stop, signal, and then make the turn so as not to interfere with other traffic, including pedestrians.

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**41. Should your right wheels drop off the roadway, what is the best way to get back on the roadway?**

**TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE GAS PEDAL, AND STEER BACK ONTO THE ROAD WHEN THE VEHICLE HAS SLOWED.**

If your right wheels drop off the roadway, do not make a sharp turn. Instead, take your foot off the gas pedal allowing the vehicle to slow down, and only then steer gently to return back on the road.

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**42. If you miss an expressway exit, what should you do?**

**CONTINUE STRAIGHT AND EXIT AT THE NEXT RAMP.**

Make sure you are not creating a dangerous situation. Continue straight ahead and take the next exit.

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**43. If you are approaching an intersection and the traffic lights are not working, you should**

**TREAT IT AS A FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN.**

During an electrical failure, traffic lights at intersections will not work. Proceed cautiously and use the intersection the same way you would use an intersection with all-way stop signs.

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**44. Overdriving your headlights (when the vehicle in front of you is within your headlights' range) at night is dangerous because**

**YOU CANNOT STOP WITHIN THE DISTANCE THAT YOU CAN SEE.**

Your headlights' range shows an approximate distance that you should keep from the vehicle in front of you. If the vehicle you are following gets into your headlights, it means you are too close and you cannot stop within a safe distance if need be.

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**45. When you are in a roundabout**

**KEEP TO THE RIGHT OF THE CENTRE ISLAND AND DRIVE IN A COUNTER-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR EXIT.**

When you're in a roundabout: - Keep to the right of the centre island and drive in a counter-clockwise direction until you reach your exit; - Don't pass large vehicles or change lanes; - Don't stop inside the roundabout, except to avoid a collision.

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**46. Examples of hands-free devices include**

**A CELL PHONE WITH AN EARPIECE OR HEADSET USING VOICE DIALING, OR PLUGGED INTO THE VEHICLE'S SOUND SYSTEM; A GPS DEVICE THAT IS PROPERLY SECURED TO THE DASHBOARD OR ANOTHER ACCESSIBLE PLACE IN THE VEHICLE, AND A PORTABLE AUDIO PLAYER (I.E. MP3 PLAYER) THAT HAS BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE VEHICLE'S SOUND SYSTEM WITH A PRE-SET PLAYLIST.**

Examples of hands-free devices include all of these options.

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**47. Before leaving your car parked on the right side of the street facing a downgrade, you should**

**TURN YOUR FRONT WHEELS TO THE RIGHT AND SET YOUR PARKING BRAKE.**

When parking facing downhill, turn your front wheels toward the curb. This will keep the vehicle from rolling into traffic if the brakes become disengaged.

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**48. What documents may a police officer require a motor vehicle owner to produce?**

**A VALID DRIVER'S LICENCE, THE MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP DOCUMENT, AND A LIABILITY INSURANCE CARD**

A police officer may require a motor vehicle owner to produce a liability insurance card, vehicle ownership documents, and a valid driver's licence.

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**49. If you are driving and suddenly one of your tires blows out, you should**

**CONCENTRATE ON STEERING, TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE GAS PEDAL TO SLOW DOWN AND BRING THE VEHICLE TO A STOP OFF THE ROAD.**

If one of your tires blows while you're driving, you must focus on steering, take your foot *off* the gas pedal to slow down, and bring your vehicle to a full stop *OFF* the road.

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**50. When it is safe to do so, passing other vehicles on the right side**

**IS PERMITTED WHEN THE STREET OR HIGHWAY HAS TWO OR MORE LANES FOR TRAFFIC IN THE DIRECTION YOU ARE TRAVELLING.**

Most passing is done on the left. You may pass on the right on multilane or one-way roads and when overtaking a streetcar or a left-turning vehicle. Passing on the right can be more dangerous than passing on the left.

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**51. You are driving up to an intersection where there is no signal light or police officer. A pedestrian is in the crosswalk on your side of the street. You should**  
**STOP AND YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE PEDESTRIAN.**

Crosswalks are designated areas that allow pedestrians to safely cross roads where there are no traffic lights. Drivers, including cyclists, must stop and allow pedestrians to cross.

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**52. Hydroplaning occurs during heavy rain when a vehicle's tires ride up above the water on the roadway. To help prevent hydroplaning, you should**

**REDUCE VEHICLE SPEED WHEN DRIVING IN THE RAIN, ENSURE THAT THE TIRES ON YOUR VEHICLE HAVE GOOD TREAD DEPTH AND ARE INFLATED TO THE PROPER TIRE PRESSURE.**

When hydroplaning happens, control becomes very difficult. Make sure you have properly inflated tires with deep tread, and slow down when the road is wet.

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**53. Under what circumstances may a driver's licence be cancelled?**

**FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND OR SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE A DRIVER RE-EXAMINATION, AND FOR POSSESSION OF AN ALTERED DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Your licence can be cancelled under several circumstances, i.e. for failure to attend or satisfactorily complete a driver re-examination, or for possession of an altered driver's licence.

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**54. Using a cellular phone while driving**

**INCREASES THE RISK OF COLLISION.**

Cellular phones can be an important safety aid for drivers, but using a cellular phone while driving takes a driver's attention away from the task of driving and increases the risk of collision.

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**55. Which item are you prohibited from using while driving?**

**A LAPTOP COMPUTER, A HAND-HELD CELL PHONE AND A DVD PLAYER**

Viewing display screens unrelated to driving, such as cell phones, laptop computers, and portable DVD players, is prohibited while driving.

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**56. If someone is tailgating you, what should you do?**

**MOVE INTO ANOTHER LANE WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, SLOW DOWN SLIGHTLY TO INCREASE THE SPACE IN FRONT OF YOUR CAR, OR PULL OVER TO LET THE TAILGATER PASS IF YOU ARE ON A RURAL ROAD.**

While it does not seem logical to slow down, as it will decrease your distance from the tailgater, it will actually allow for more space in front of you. If the car you are following suddenly brakes, you will have enough time to do it gradually, so that the tailgater has some time to slow down, too, without hitting you in the back. On a multilane road, change lanes. On a rural road where passing in the oncoming traffic lane is not permitted, you may have to pull over to let the tailgater pass.

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**57. A flashing green light at an intersection, where turns to the left and right are permitted, indicates that**

**YOU MAY TURN TO THE LEFT, TO THE RIGHT OR PROCEED STRAIGHT THROUGH IF THE WAY IS CLEAR.**

A flashing green light means you're allowed to turn left, right, or go straight if the way is clear.

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**58. In order to get your vehicle out of a skid, you should**

**STEER IN THE DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO.**

Straighten out your steering wheel slowly. Don't turn your steering wheel in different directions while trying to correct the skid; work on one direction at a time. If you've oversteered and the vehicle slides in the opposite direction, repeat the same procedure as before. Always steer in the direction you want to go.

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**59. At night, should you meet another vehicle with blinding bright lights, the safest thing to do is**

**LOOK SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE.**

At night, should you meet another vehicle with blinding bright lights, the safest thing to do is to look slightly to the right-hand side.

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**60. Upon approaching a stop sign, a driver must**

**STOP, AND WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, PROCEED.**

Upon approaching a stop sign, a driver must always come to a full stop, then proceed when it is safe to do so.

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**61. Which of the following classes of vehicles may carry a red light visible from the front?**

**EMERGENCY VEHICLES RESPONDING TO A CALL**

Only emergency vehicles responding to a call may carry a red light visible from the front.

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**62. When a streetcar is stopped to take on or discharge passengers where there is no safety zone, what does the law require you to do before passing the streetcar?**

**STOP 2 METRES (6 FEET) BEHIND THE REARMOST DOOR WHERE PASSENGERS ARE GETTING ON OR OFF, AND PROCEED ONLY WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**

When a streetcar is stopped to take on or discharge passengers, you must stop 2 metres behind the rearmost door where passengers are getting on or off, and proceed only when it is safe to do so.

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**63. At an intersection where there is a flashing amber (yellow) traffic light, you must**

**SLOW DOWN AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION.**

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**64. The two-second rule is used to determine**

**IF YOU ARE FOLLOWING AT A SAFE DISTANCE.**

A safe following distance is at least two seconds behind the vehicle you are following. This lets you see around the vehicle ahead and gives you enough distance to stop suddenly. To estimate the time, wait until the rear end of the vehicle in front of you passes any distinct and fixed point on the roadway (e.g. a road sign, mailbox, line/crack/patch in the road). However, don't take your eyes off the vehicle for more than a second or that would defeat the purpose. As you count to yourself the elapsed time in seconds, the front of your car should pass the same point no less than two seconds later. If the elapsed time is less than this, increase the distance, then repeat the method again until the time is at least two seconds.

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**65. If your brakes fail,**

**TURN ON EMERGENCY FLASHERS, PUMP THE BRAKE PEDAL AND IF THAT DOES NOT HELP, APPLY THE PARKING BRAKE GENTLY BUT FIRMLY.**

Try not to panic, and think quickly. Engage the emergency brakes. Although total brake failure is very rare on modern vehicles, it is still crucial to know what to do should brake failure occur. Try pumping the brake pedal to temporarily restore hydraulic brake pressure. If this does not work, apply the parking brake gently but firmly while holding the release button. It is a good idea for new drivers to practice a parking-brake emergency stop under controlled conditions with a qualified driving instructor.

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**66. The use of alcohol or drugs affects the driver by impairing**

**VISION, JUDGEMENT, AND REACTION TIME.**

The use of alcohol or drugs affects the driver by impairing vision, judgement, and reaction time.

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**67. When approaching a sign that reads "merging traffic," you must**

**ADJUST YOUR SPEED AND POSITION TO AVOID A COLLISION WITH OTHER VEHICLES.**

When approaching the "Merging Traffic" sign, you must always adjust your speed and position to avoid a collision with other vehicles.

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**68. When the traffic signal light facing you is red and you intend to go straight through the intersection, what must you do?**

**STOP; THEN PROCEED ONLY WHEN THE SIGNAL TURNS GREEN AND WHEN THE WAY IS CLEAR.**

When the traffic light is red, you must stop; then proceed only when the signal turns green and when the way is clear.

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**69. When are broken white lines (dashes) used on streets and highways?**

**ON A ONE-WAY STREET OR HIGHWAY THAT HAS MORE THAN ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION**

Broken white lines (dashes) are used on one-way streets and highways when there is more than one lane of traffic moving in the same direction.

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**70. A "No Parking" sign at a certain location means**  
**YOU MAY NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE HERE.**

A "No Parking" sign means that you may NOT park your vehicle here.

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