

DID YOU KNOW???

TEST YOUR VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW I.Q. – 2018

An annual winter feature of the weekly “Did You Know” articles is a 20-question quiz on vehicle and traffic law (VTL) and traffic control devices (TCDs). The first 10 questions are true/false and questions 11-20 are multiple choice. The answers will be found in next week’s article and will include references for the answers. Try the quiz and see how much you know (or don’t know) about VTL and TCDs.

True or false

1. A “two way left turn” lane (center turn lane) may be used to turn left from a street or road entering the street or road you want to turn into.
2. NYS VTL requires pedestrians to walk facing oncoming traffic and bicyclists to ride on the right with traffic.
3. A school bus with students aboard cannot legally exceed 55 mph even on an interstate highway.
4. At an intersection controlled by a stop sign, if there is no stop bar and no painted crosswalk, you must stop at the stop sign.
5. You may legally cross a double solid line when passing a bicyclist riding on the shoulder if it is safe to do so.
6. A driver facing a flashing red left turn arrow may proceed with caution with the left turn after having first stopped before entering the intersection.
7. A driver facing a steady red arrow may turn in the direction indicated by the arrow after having come to a complete stop.
8. If bused to school, young children must be picked up in front of their house.
9. Where sidewalks are provided and they may be used with safety, it is illegal to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
10. It is illegal for a pedestrian to cross a roadway at other than an intersection.

Multiple choice questions

11. A conviction for texting while driving carries: a) 0, b) 2, c) 3, d) 5 driver violation points.
12. If facing a blinking yellow left turn arrow, it means: a) don’t turn – the yellow arrow is about to turn red, b) you may turn left only if it is safe to do so, c) you must wait for a green light to make a left turn, d) trucks only may turn left
13. At a signalized intersection, you are facing a green light and want to turn left, but there is a string of oncoming traffic. You should: a) stop at the stop bar and wait, b) go straight so as not to hold up traffic behind you, c) turn right and then make a U-turn, d) proceed into the intersection and wait for a break in oncoming traffic or the light to change, then complete your left turn.
14. What vehicle(s) may display a flashing blue light? a) volunteer fireman’s car, b) member of a volunteer ambulance service, c) rear protection for a police vehicle, d) 1st vehicle in a funeral procession.
15. How far in advance of a lane change or turn must you begin to signal: a) 200 feet, b) 100 feet, c) 50 feet, d) before entering the intersection or changing lanes.

16. Full headlights (not parking lights or daytime running lights) are required by law:
a) 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, b) when wipers are on, c) whenever visibility is less than 1000 feet, d) all of these.
17. Parking is prohibited: a) within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, b) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, c) on a crosswalk, d) on a sidewalk, e) where prohibited by an official sign, f) all of these.
18. Which of the following is NOT a permitted use of hazard (4-way) flashers: a) when the vehicle is stopped or disabled on a public highway, b) to warn drivers of following vehicles of a traffic hazard ahead, c) when you are speeding, d) when the signaling vehicle itself may constitute a traffic hazard?
19. Which three of the following five conditions are U-turns prohibited: a) upon any curve or upon the approach to, or near the crest of a grade where such motor vehicle cannot be seen by another driver within 500 feet, b) within a school zone, c) on any roadway with a speed limit over 40 mph, d) where official signs prohibit U-turns, e) on a highway with 4 or more lanes?
20. An "area" speed limit, such as for a village, cannot be less than: A) 20 mph, B) 25 mph, C) 30 mph?

How do you think you did? The answers to these 20 questions along with references will be in next week's article on V & T Law and traffic safety.