

PRACTICE EXAM 17: TEXAS CDL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE SIMULATION (100 QUESTIONS)

This 100-question practice exam is a study aid based on the Texas CMV Driver's Handbook. Choose the single best answer. Confirm current requirements in the official Texas handbook before testing or operating.

1. CDL safety case 1: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the main purpose of a pre-trip inspection. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Shorten the loading process
- B. Increase fuel use before departure
- C. Warm the engine faster
- D. Find defects before they become road hazards

2. CDL safety case 2: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: during a walk-around inspection, what should a driver check for under the vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Leaks, loose parts, and hanging components
- B. A clean pavement surface
- C. The exact tire brand
- D. The route's weather forecast

3. CDL safety case 3: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should cargo be checked after beginning a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To reduce tire pressure
- B. To confirm it remains secure
- C. To avoid using mirrors
- D. To change the bill of lading

4. CDL safety case 4: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response to a steering system defect found before departure. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Ask a passenger to watch it
- B. Ignore it if the steering wheel turns
- C. Do not operate until the defect is corrected
- D. Drive slowly to the repair shop

5. CDL safety case 5: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why must tire condition be inspected before driving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Tires only affect fuel receipts
- B. Tires affect traction, steering, and stopping
- C. Tire color affects visibility
- D. Tires are checked only after a crash

6. CDL safety case 6: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do when a brake warning device activates while driving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Respond safely and investigate the warning
- B. Pump the brakes repeatedly
- C. Increase speed to clear traffic
- D. Continue until the next scheduled stop

7. CDL safety case 7: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is a safe reason to test service brakes at low speed after moving off. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To verify radio reception
- B. To dry the windshield
- C. To check that the vehicle stops properly
- D. To center the cargo

8. CDL safety case 8: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: which item should be checked for proper attachment during an exterior inspection. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Windshield wiper fluid color
- B. Cab radio preset
- C. Driver's lunch container
- D. Mirrors and their mounting hardware

9. CDL safety case 9: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver inspect emergency equipment before a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It improves engine power
- B. It permits faster loading
- C. It may be needed during an emergency
- D. It replaces required maintenance

10. CDL safety case 10: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best action if a required safety item is missing before departure. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Obtain the item or correct the deficiency
- B. Drive only in daylight
- C. Use the vehicle and replace it later
- D. Borrow another driver's license

11. CDL safety case 11: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is checking fluid levels part of a pre-trip inspection. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Fluid levels determine parking space during normal vehicle operation
- B. Low fluids can damage systems or create hazards
- C. Fluids make cargo lighter during normal vehicle operation
- D. Only mechanics may notice low fluids

12. CDL safety case 12: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should you look for when checking a vehicle's lights. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Only whether the horn works
- B. Whether lights match the paint
- C. Only whether the headlights are bright
- D. Clean lenses, proper operation, and secure mounting

13. CDL safety case 13: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver inspect coupling components on a combination vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They replace cargo securement
- B. They control the cab temperature
- C. They connect the tractor and trailer safely
- D. They determine fuel tax

14. CDL safety case 14: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the purpose of checking a vehicle's mirrors before moving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To make the cab look organized
- B. To reduce engine noise during normal vehicle operation
- C. To measure trailer height during normal vehicle operation
- D. To ensure the driver can see required areas

15. CDL safety case 15: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: when should a driver report a safety defect found on a vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. As required, before operating if unsafe
- B. Only if a customer complains
- C. After washing the vehicle
- D. Only after completing the route

16. CDL safety case 16: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver check wheel and rim condition. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Rims improve fuel grade
- B. Wheel failures can cause loss of control
- C. Rims only affect appearance
- D. Wheel checks are optional in rain

17. CDL safety case 17: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should be checked on a trailer's landing gear before travel. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. That it touches the road lightly
- B. That it is painted evenly
- C. That it holds extra cargo
- D. That it is fully raised and secured

18. CDL safety case 18: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should you do if you find a serious defect that makes the vehicle unsafe. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Ask another driver to follow
- B. Remove the inspection report
- C. Park the vehicle and have it corrected
- D. Drive carefully and monitor it

19. CDL safety case 19: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why are seat belts important in commercial vehicles. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They help keep the driver in position and protected
- B. They reduce cargo weight during normal vehicle operation
- C. They improve tire traction during normal vehicle operation
- D. They replace air bags during normal vehicle operation

20. CDL safety case 20: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best reason to keep the windshield and mirrors clean. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To make the vehicle easier to sell
- B. To preserve visibility of hazards and traffic
- C. To reduce fuel taxes
- D. To keep cargo cooler

21. CDL safety case 21: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the first step in managing space ahead. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Look far enough ahead to identify hazards early
- B. Watch only the hood during normal vehicle operation
- C. Focus on mirrors instead of the road
- D. Follow the vehicle ahead closely during normal vehicle operation

22. CDL safety case 22: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is following distance important for a cmv. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It increases engine power during normal vehicle operation
- B. It lets the driver draft closely
- C. It eliminates mirror checks during normal vehicle operation
- D. Large vehicles need more time and distance to stop

23. CDL safety case 23: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: when driving at night, what should a driver do with speed. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Use the same speed as daytime automatically
- B. Follow tail lights more closely
- C. Drive within the distance visible ahead
- D. Ignore reduced visibility

24. CDL safety case 24: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is a safe response when a driver is being tailgated. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Move toward the road edge abruptly
- B. Brake hard to warn the following driver
- C. Increase space ahead and avoid sudden moves
- D. Speed up beyond safe limits

25. CDL safety case 25: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver scan mirrors regularly. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To monitor traffic around the vehicle
- B. To check cargo paperwork
- C. To avoid looking through the windshield
- D. To count lane markings

26. CDL safety case 26: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest approach to a blind spot. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Assume smaller vehicles will yield during normal vehicle operation
- B. Turn quickly without signaling during normal vehicle operation
- C. Use only the horn during normal vehicle operation
- D. Signal, check mirrors, and verify the space is clear

27. CDL safety case 27: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid sudden steering movements. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They improve braking distance during normal vehicle operation
- B. They can cause skids, rollovers, or lane departure
- C. They help cargo settle during normal vehicle operation
- D. They make mirrors brighter during normal vehicle operation

28. CDL safety case 28: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should you do if you are unsure whether there is enough clearance. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Follow the vehicle ahead exactly
- B. Assume the trailer will fit
- C. Proceed slowly and verify before entering
- D. Speed up to reduce exposure

29. CDL safety case 29: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is speed management especially important on curves. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Curves improve braking traction during normal vehicle operation
- B. Speed has no effect on turning during normal vehicle operation
- C. Higher speed increases the risk of rollover and loss of control
- D. Only cars need to slow for curves

30. CDL safety case 30: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest way to change lanes in a large vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Signal early, check mirrors, and move only when clear
- B. Turn the wheel sharply during normal vehicle operation
- C. Rely on another driver to honk
- D. Drift gradually without signaling during normal vehicle operation

31. CDL safety case 31: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver keep a space cushion to the sides. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It makes turns shorter
- B. It provides an escape path from hazards
- C. It improves radio reception
- D. It allows closer passing

32. CDL safety case 32: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: when should a driver begin slowing for an exit. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. After the ramp begins
- B. Only when the vehicle reaches the stop sign
- C. After passing the ramp
- D. Before entering the exit ramp

33. CDL safety case 33: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is a key risk of driving too fast for conditions. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Reduced control and increased stopping distance
- B. More time to react
- C. Lower rollover risk
- D. Better traction

34. CDL safety case 34: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver communicate intentions early. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It replaces mirror checks
- B. Signals are only for parking
- C. It guarantees others will yield
- D. Other road users need time to respond

35. CDL safety case 35: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do when visibility is reduced by rain or fog. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Maintain normal speed
- B. Follow closer to see tail lights
- C. Slow down and increase following distance
- D. Turn off lights to reduce glare

36. CDL safety case 36: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is looking well ahead useful before a downgrade. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It makes the grade less steep
- B. It helps identify speed-control needs early
- C. It prevents mirror checks
- D. It eliminates the need for brakes

37. CDL safety case 37: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response if another driver cuts in closely ahead. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Accelerate to pass at once during normal vehicle operation
- B. Immediately change lanes during normal vehicle operation
- C. Sound the horn continuously during normal vehicle operation
- D. Ease off and restore a safe following distance

38. CDL safety case 38: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid backing when possible. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Backing has limited visibility and higher collision risk
- B. Backing uses too little fuel during normal vehicle operation
- C. Backing prevents cargo checks during normal vehicle operation
- D. Backing is always illegal during normal vehicle operation

39. CDL safety case 39: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best practice before backing a cmv. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Back quickly to reduce time during normal vehicle operation
- B. Use only the passenger mirror during normal vehicle operation
- C. Get out and look if safe to do so
- D. Rely only on a backup alarm

40. CDL safety case 40: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do when a hazard requires a quick stop. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Close the eyes to reduce distraction
- B. Brake in a controlled manner while maintaining steering control
- C. Swerve first without braking during normal vehicle operation
- D. Shift to neutral immediately during normal vehicle operation

41. CDL safety case 41: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is distraction dangerous for a commercial driver. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It improves concentration
- B. It shortens stopping distance
- C. It makes mirrors unnecessary
- D. It delays detection and response to hazards

42. CDL safety case 42: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the purpose of selecting a safe speed before a curve. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To allow late braking in the curve
- B. To make passing easier during normal vehicle operation
- C. To keep traction and stability through the turn
- D. To avoid using the steering wheel

43. CDL safety case 43: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do after passing another vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Stop in the travel lane during normal vehicle operation
- B. Return only when the passed vehicle is visible in mirrors
- C. Move back immediately after the cab clears
- D. Cut in to block traffic during normal vehicle operation

44. CDL safety case 44: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver anticipate traffic changes far ahead. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It allows smooth, early adjustments
- B. It permits closer following
- C. It replaces use of turn signals
- D. It guarantees right of way

45. CDL safety case 45: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest action when approaching a work zone. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Change lanes without signaling during normal vehicle operation
- B. Ignore workers if cones are present
- C. Maintain normal highway speed during normal vehicle operation
- D. Reduce speed and follow signs and lane guidance

46. CDL safety case 46: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid driving beside another vehicle for long. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It limits escape space and can hide the vehicle
- B. It eliminates blind spots during normal vehicle operation
- C. It improves visibility too much during normal vehicle operation
- D. It reduces wind effects during normal vehicle operation

47. CDL safety case 47: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best response to a strong crosswind. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Steer toward the shoulder sharply during normal vehicle operation
- B. Ignore the wind until a curve
- C. Grip the wheel firmly and reduce speed as needed
- D. Accelerate rapidly during normal vehicle operation

48. CDL safety case 48: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is keeping both hands ready on the wheel important. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It removes the need for seat belts
- B. It supports quick, controlled steering corrections
- C. It replaces mirror checks
- D. It improves fuel economy

49. CDL safety case 49: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do when entering traffic from a stop. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Wait for a safe gap and accelerate smoothly
- B. Use the shoulder as an acceleration lane
- C. Force other vehicles to brake during normal vehicle operation
- D. Enter without signaling during normal vehicle operation

50. CDL safety case 50: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why must cargo be secured. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Cargo securement is only for appearance
- B. Cargo becomes lighter when loose during normal vehicle operation
- C. Unsecured cargo can shift, fall, or affect handling
- D. Only the loader is responsible during normal vehicle operation

51. CDL safety case 51: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is a likely effect of cargo shifting during a turn. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It reduces rollover risk during normal vehicle operation
- B. It makes braking stronger during normal vehicle operation
- C. It improves cornering during normal vehicle operation
- D. It can change the vehicle's balance and cause loss of control

52. CDL safety case 52: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should cargo securement be rechecked during a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It replaces pre-trip inspection
- B. Vibration and movement can loosen restraints
- C. Cargo never changes after loading
- D. It improves route planning

53. CDL safety case 53: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response if cargo has shifted. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Turn sharply to reposition it during normal vehicle operation
- B. Stop safely and correct the load before continuing
- C. Drive faster to settle it during normal vehicle operation
- D. Ignore it if doors are closed

54. CDL safety case 54: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver know the vehicle's height. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To estimate fuel price
- B. To reduce tire wear
- C. To avoid striking low clearances
- D. To select radio stations

55. CDL safety case 55: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should be considered before crossing railroad tracks. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Clearance, traffic conditions, and the ability to cross completely
- B. How fast traffic behind is moving
- C. Only the train's color during normal vehicle operation
- D. Whether the road is dry during normal vehicle operation

56. CDL safety case 56: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why can a high center of gravity be dangerous. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It improves traction during normal vehicle operation
- B. It makes brakes stronger during normal vehicle operation
- C. It shortens the vehicle during normal vehicle operation
- D. It increases rollover risk in curves and evasive maneuvers

57. CDL safety case 57: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best way to protect a load during turns. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Accelerate through the turn
- B. Use sudden steering inputs
- C. Brake hard mid-turn
- D. Take turns at a controlled speed

58. CDL safety case 58: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should cargo doors be checked before travel. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They are checked only at delivery
- B. Doors only affect cab comfort during normal vehicle operation
- C. Open or insecure doors can create a road hazard
- D. Door checks reduce engine heat during normal vehicle operation

59. CDL safety case 59: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the purpose of using adequate cargo restraints. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. To prevent movement under normal driving forces
- B. To make unloading slower
- C. To improve air pressure
- D. To avoid weighing cargo

60. CDL safety case 60: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is a safe action when loading affects rearward visibility. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Remove all mirrors during normal vehicle operation
- B. Use properly adjusted mirrors and follow required precautions
- C. Back faster to reduce blind time
- D. Drive without mirror checks during normal vehicle operation

61. CDL safety case 61: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should weight be distributed properly. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It makes turns tighter during normal vehicle operation
- B. It only changes the vehicle's paint
- C. It eliminates the need for securement
- D. Improper distribution can harm handling, tires, and axles

62. CDL safety case 62: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do if a load blocks a required light or reflector. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Correct the condition before operating
- B. Cover the remaining lights too
- C. Drive only during daylight
- D. Ignore it if the cargo is secure

63. CDL safety case 63: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is a cargo check especially important after hard braking. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Cargo becomes lighter during normal vehicle operation
- B. It is not important until unloading
- C. Forces may have shifted or loosened the load
- D. Braking improves tiedowns automatically during normal vehicle operation

64. CDL safety case 64: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the first priority during a tire blowout. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Shift into reverse during normal vehicle operation
- B. Hold the steering wheel firmly and maintain control
- C. Brake hard immediately during normal vehicle operation
- D. Turn sharply toward the shoulder during normal vehicle operation

65. CDL safety case 65: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest action if the vehicle begins to skid. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Steer rapidly side to side
- B. Accelerate hard
- C. Apply the parking brake
- D. Avoid overcorrecting and regain traction smoothly

66. CDL safety case 66: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is hard braking on a slippery surface risky. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It makes skids impossible during normal vehicle operation
- B. It raises tire pressure during normal vehicle operation
- C. It can lock wheels and reduce steering control
- D. It always improves traction during normal vehicle operation

67. CDL safety case 67: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should you do if you smell smoke or see signs of fire. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Stop safely, secure the vehicle, and address the emergency
- B. Ignore it until the next stop
- C. Drive faster to cool the vehicle
- D. Open the cargo doors while moving

68. CDL safety case 68: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest use of warning devices after an emergency stop. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Throw them from the cab during normal vehicle operation
- B. Place them as required after securing the vehicle
- C. Use them only at night during normal vehicle operation
- D. Place them where traffic cannot see them

69. CDL safety case 69: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid using the parking brake to stop a moving vehicle. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It improves steering during normal vehicle operation
- B. It is designed for all emergency stops
- C. It may cause loss of control or damage
- D. It provides the smoothest stopping during normal vehicle operation

70. CDL safety case 70: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best response when brakes become less effective on a downgrade. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Use a safe speed and appropriate braking strategy early
- B. Turn off the engine during normal vehicle operation
- C. Wait until speed becomes excessive during normal vehicle operation
- D. Shift to neutral during normal vehicle operation

71. CDL safety case 71: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver plan an escape route. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It makes following closer safe during normal vehicle operation
- B. It replaces braking during normal vehicle operation
- C. It guarantees a clear shoulder during normal vehicle operation
- D. It provides a safer option if a hazard develops

72. CDL safety case 72: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response to hydroplaning. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Turn sharply toward the median during normal vehicle operation
- B. Ease off the accelerator and avoid sudden inputs
- C. Accelerate to increase tire grip during normal vehicle operation
- D. Brake hard immediately during normal vehicle operation

73. CDL safety case 73: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver use headlights in poor visibility. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They make braking unnecessary during normal vehicle operation
- B. They help the driver see and help others see the vehicle
- C. They reduce vehicle height during normal vehicle operation
- D. They eliminate the need for wipers during normal vehicle operation

74. CDL safety case 74: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do after stopping for an emergency. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Leave the vehicle in the travel lane
- B. Restart immediately without checking during normal vehicle operation
- C. Protect the scene and communicate the problem as appropriate
- D. Remove all warning devices during normal vehicle operation

75. CDL safety case 75: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is fatigue a serious driving hazard. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It reduces alertness, judgment, and reaction time
- B. It makes speed control easier
- C. It replaces the need for breaks
- D. It improves focus during long trips

76. CDL safety case 76: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response when you feel too tired to drive. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Rely on fresh air alone
- B. Use a phone to stay awake
- C. Increase speed to finish sooner
- D. Stop in a safe place and rest

77. CDL safety case 77: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is alcohol dangerous even before a driver feels obviously impaired. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It can affect judgment and coordination early
- B. It improves night vision
- C. It makes reaction time faster
- D. It prevents fatigue

78. CDL safety case 78: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest rule for medication and driving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Assume all over-the-counter drugs are harmless during normal vehicle operation
- B. Use it only with caffeine during normal vehicle operation
- C. Know its effects and do not drive if it impairs you
- D. Double the dose before a trip during normal vehicle operation

79. CDL safety case 79: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver manage emotions while driving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Anger makes cargo secure during normal vehicle operation
- B. Emotions improve braking distance during normal vehicle operation
- C. Stress removes blind spots during normal vehicle operation
- D. Anger and stress can lead to risky decisions

80. CDL safety case 80: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best use of a rest break. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Use it only to check messages
- B. Recover alertness before it becomes a driving hazard
- C. Skip it to stay on schedule
- D. Use it to drive faster afterward

81. CDL safety case 81: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid using a phone while operating a cmv. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It reduces stopping distance during normal vehicle operation
- B. It makes traffic predictable during normal vehicle operation
- C. It improves mirror scanning during normal vehicle operation
- D. Phone use diverts attention from the driving task

82. CDL safety case 82: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do if a route problem causes stress. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Ignore signs during normal vehicle operation
- B. Make a sudden U-turn during normal vehicle operation
- C. Slow down mentally, reassess safely, and avoid impulsive actions
- D. Follow another vehicle without checking during normal vehicle operation

83. CDL safety case 83: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is maintaining physical health relevant to safe driving. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Health only affects uniform appearance
- B. Health affects alertness, endurance, and decision-making
- C. It replaces trip planning
- D. It has no effect on driving

84. CDL safety case 84: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response to a conflict with another road user. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Avoid confrontation and focus on safe driving
- B. Block the other vehicle
- C. Follow closely to complain
- D. Challenge the other driver

85. CDL safety case 85: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what does defensive driving mean for a cmv driver. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Using the horn instead of mirrors
- B. Expecting hazards and preparing safe responses
- C. Assuming others will always yield
- D. Driving aggressively to control traffic

86. CDL safety case 86: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver plan a trip before departure. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Planning eliminates vehicle inspection during normal vehicle operation
- B. It makes fatigue impossible during normal vehicle operation
- C. It replaces maps and signs during normal vehicle operation
- D. Planning identifies route, clearance, weather, and stopping needs

87. CDL safety case 87: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best reason to check weather before a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It changes the driver's license class
- B. It replaces a pre-trip inspection during normal vehicle operation
- C. Weather can change traction, visibility, and route safety
- D. It determines cargo ownership during normal vehicle operation

88. CDL safety case 88: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver know bridge and road restrictions on a route. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Restrictions can affect whether the CMV can legally and safely pass
- B. They determine radio channels during normal vehicle operation
- C. They only affect passenger cars during normal vehicle operation
- D. Restrictions are optional suggestions during normal vehicle operation

89. CDL safety case 89: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest action when a route is unfamiliar. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Use a plan and slow down early for decisions
- B. Follow signs at the last second
- C. Make sudden lane changes during normal vehicle operation
- D. Rely on memory alone during normal vehicle operation

90. CDL safety case 90: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is keeping documents organized helpful on a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It increases traction during normal vehicle operation
- B. It eliminates stop requirements during normal vehicle operation
- C. It makes cargo lighter during normal vehicle operation
- D. It supports compliance and reduces distraction during inspections

91. CDL safety case 91: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do if a vehicle problem develops during the trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Disable warning indicators during normal vehicle operation
- B. Ignore it until the route ends
- C. Respond safely, stop when appropriate, and report the issue
- D. Increase speed to finish sooner during normal vehicle operation

92. CDL safety case 92: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver inspect the vehicle after a trip. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. The vehicle cannot develop defects while driving
- B. Post-trip checks can reveal defects needing attention
- C. It is only for cleaning
- D. It replaces future inspections

93. CDL safety case 93: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest reason to obey traffic controls in a cmv. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. They organize traffic and communicate known hazards
- B. They are optional when on schedule
- C. They replace safe speed judgment
- D. They apply only to small vehicles

94. CDL safety case 94: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is maintaining a professional attitude important for cdl drivers. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It removes the need for training
- B. It increases vehicle length during normal vehicle operation
- C. Professional choices support safety, compliance, and public trust
- D. It eliminates fatigue during normal vehicle operation

95. CDL safety case 95: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the safest response when unsure about a vehicle procedure. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Guess and continue
- B. Ask a passenger to decide
- C. Use a shortcut without checking
- D. Stop and obtain reliable guidance before proceeding

96. CDL safety case 96: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver remain alert at intersections. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Mirrors are unnecessary there
- B. Conflicting traffic and changing signals create hazards
- C. Speed is less important there
- D. Intersections are safer than open roads

97. CDL safety case 97: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what should a driver do before descending a long grade. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Turn off all lights during normal vehicle operation
- B. Wait until speed rises during normal vehicle operation
- C. Shift to neutral during normal vehicle operation
- D. Select a safe speed and appropriate gear before the descent

98. CDL safety case 98: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why is a complete vehicle stop sometimes necessary before turning. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. It always saves fuel during normal vehicle operation during normal vehicle operation
- B. It may be needed to create a safe turning path and check traffic
- C. It makes mirrors unnecessary during normal vehicle operation during normal vehicle operation
- D. It replaces signaling during normal vehicle operation during normal vehicle operation

99. CDL safety case 99: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: what is the best reason to keep adequate following distance in bad weather. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. Other drivers always move faster
- B. Weather improves braking
- C. Stopping distance and visibility are reduced
- D. Tailgating keeps tires warm

100. CDL safety case 100: A driver must make a careful operating decision. Consider this issue: why should a driver avoid taking curves at a speed set by nearby cars. Which option is the single best answer?

- A. CMVs have different weight, handling, and rollover risk
- B. Following cars improves traction during normal vehicle operation
- C. Cars always travel too slowly during normal vehicle operation
- D. Truck speed is not affected by curves

PRACTICE EXAM 17: ANSWER KEY AND EXPLANATIONS

- 1. D** - Find defects before they become road hazards is correct because It identifies safety defects while the vehicle is still parked. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 2. A** - Leaks, loose parts, and hanging components is correct because Underbody checks can reveal leaks or damaged components. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 3. B** - To confirm it remains secure is correct because Initial movement can loosen cargo restraints. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 4. C** - Do not operate until the defect is corrected is correct because Steering defects can cause loss of directional control. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 5. B** - Tires affect traction, steering, and stopping is correct because Tires are essential to control and braking. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 6. A** - Respond safely and investigate the warning is correct because A brake warning may indicate a critical system problem. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 7. C** - To check that the vehicle stops properly is correct because A low-speed test can reveal braking pull or weak response. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 8. D** - Mirrors and their mounting hardware is correct because Secure mirrors are necessary for visibility. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 9. C** - It may be needed during an emergency is correct because Emergency equipment must be available when needed. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 10. A** - Obtain the item or correct the deficiency is correct because Required safety equipment should be present before travel. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 11. B** - Low fluids can damage systems or create hazards is correct because Adequate fluids support safe operation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 12. D** - Clean lenses, proper operation, and secure mounting is correct because Lights must work and be visible to others. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection,

route planning, and vehicle operation.

13. C - They connect the tractor and trailer safely is correct because A faulty coupling can cause trailer separation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

14. D - To ensure the driver can see required areas is correct because Mirrors must be adjusted before driving. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

15. A - As required, before operating if unsafe is correct because Safety defects need timely reporting and correction. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

16. B - Wheel failures can cause loss of control is correct because Damaged wheels can fail while moving. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

17. D - That it is fully raised and secured is correct because Landing gear must not contact the roadway. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

18. C - Park the vehicle and have it corrected is correct because Unsafe defects should be corrected before operation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

19. A - They help keep the driver in position and protected is correct because Seat belts help prevent ejection and loss of control. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

20. B - To preserve visibility of hazards and traffic is correct because Clear glass and mirrors support early hazard detection. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

21. A - Look far enough ahead to identify hazards early is correct because Looking ahead creates time to plan. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

22. D - Large vehicles need more time and distance to stop is correct because Extra space provides time to react and brake. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

23. C - Drive within the distance visible ahead is correct because Speed must fit the distance the driver can see. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

24. B - Brake hard to warn the following driver is correct because Extra space reduces the need for abrupt braking. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route

planning, and vehicle operation.

25. A - To monitor traffic around the vehicle is correct because Mirror checks reveal changes beside and behind the vehicle. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

26. D - Signal, check mirrors, and verify the space is clear is correct because Blind spots require deliberate observation before moving. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

27. B - They can cause skids, rollovers, or lane departure is correct because Smooth steering preserves traction and vehicle stability. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

28. C - Proceed slowly and verify before entering is correct because Clearance must be confirmed before committing the vehicle. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

29. C - Higher speed increases the risk of rollover and loss of control is correct because CMVs have a high center of gravity and need controlled speed. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

30. A - Signal early, check mirrors, and move only when clear is correct because A planned lane change protects traffic in blind areas. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

31. B - It provides an escape path from hazards is correct because Side space gives room to avoid conflict. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

32. D - Before entering the exit ramp is correct because Reducing speed before the ramp prevents instability. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

33. A - Reduced control and increased stopping distance is correct because Unsafe speed leaves less margin for hazards. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

34. D - Other road users need time to respond is correct because Early communication reduces surprises and conflicts. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

35. C - Slow down and increase following distance is correct because Reduced visibility requires more time and space. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

36. B - It helps identify speed-control needs early is correct because Early recognition allows safe speed selection. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

- 37. D** - Ease off and restore a safe following distance is correct because Restoring space is safer than retaliation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 38. A** - Backing has limited visibility and higher collision risk is correct because Planning reduces the need for a high-risk maneuver. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 39. C** - Get out and look if safe to do so is correct because Direct observation helps identify hazards behind the vehicle. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 40. B** - Brake in a controlled manner while maintaining steering control is correct because Controlled braking and steering help prevent secondary loss of control. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 41. D** - It delays detection and response to hazards is correct because Driving requires continuous attention to changing conditions. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 42. C** - To keep traction and stability through the turn is correct because Speed should be reduced before turning, not during a crisis. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 43. B** - Return only when the passed vehicle is visible in mirrors is correct because Mirror visibility helps confirm safe clearance. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 44. A** - It allows smooth, early adjustments is correct because Anticipation reduces sudden braking and steering. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 45. D** - Reduce speed and follow signs and lane guidance is correct because Work zones demand extra attention and controlled speed. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 46. A** - It limits escape space and can hide the vehicle is correct because Avoiding prolonged side-by-side travel preserves options. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 47. C** - Grip the wheel firmly and reduce speed as needed is correct because Wind can push a tall vehicle, so control and speed matter. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 48. B** - It supports quick, controlled steering corrections is correct because Proper hand control helps manage unexpected movement. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 49. A** - Wait for a safe gap and accelerate smoothly is correct because A safe gap gives the vehicle time and space to merge. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

- 50. C** - Unsecured cargo can shift, fall, or affect handling is correct because Secure cargo protects the vehicle, driver, and public. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 51. D** - It can change the vehicle's balance and cause loss of control is correct because Shifting weight can destabilize the vehicle. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 52. B** - Vibration and movement can loosen restraints is correct because Travel forces can change a securement system. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 53. B** - Stop safely and correct the load before continuing is correct because A shifted load can affect control and must be corrected. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 54. C** - To avoid striking low clearances is correct because Overhead clearance must be confirmed for the whole vehicle. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 55. A** - Clearance, traffic conditions, and the ability to cross completely is correct because Never enter unless the vehicle can clear the tracks. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 56. D** - It increases rollover risk in curves and evasive maneuvers is correct because Higher loads increase stability demands. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 57. D** - Take turns at a controlled speed is correct because Controlled speed reduces side forces on the load. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 58. C** - Open or insecure doors can create a road hazard is correct because Secure doors prevent cargo loss and striking hazards. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 59. A** - To prevent movement under normal driving forces is correct because Restraints must hold the load during braking and turning. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 60. B** - Use properly adjusted mirrors and follow required precautions is correct because Visibility limits require deliberate compensating practices. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 61. D** - Improper distribution can harm handling, tires, and axles is correct because Balanced weight supports stable, legal vehicle operation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 62. A** - Correct the condition before operating is correct because Required lighting and reflectors must remain effective. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

- 63. C** - Forces may have shifted or loosened the load is correct because Sudden deceleration can stress securement devices. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 64. B** - Hold the steering wheel firmly and maintain control is correct because Firm steering helps prevent a sudden lane departure. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 65. D** - Avoid overcorrecting and regain traction smoothly is correct because Smooth inputs help the tires regain traction. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 66. C** - It can lock wheels and reduce steering control is correct because Locked wheels may slide instead of steer. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 67. A** - Stop safely, secure the vehicle, and address the emergency is correct because Fire signs require an immediate, controlled response. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 68. B** - Place them as required after securing the vehicle is correct because Visible warnings alert approaching traffic to the hazard. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 69. C** - It may cause loss of control or damage is correct because Parking brakes are not a substitute for controlled service braking. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 70. A** - Use a safe speed and appropriate braking strategy early is correct because Early speed control prevents a runaway situation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 71. D** - It provides a safer option if a hazard develops is correct because An escape path can prevent a collision when conditions change. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 72. B** - Ease off the accelerator and avoid sudden inputs is correct because Gentle actions allow tires to regain contact with the road. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 73. B** - They help the driver see and help others see the vehicle is correct because Lighting improves conspicuity when visibility is limited. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 74. C** - Protect the scene and communicate the problem as appropriate is correct because Scene protection reduces risk to the driver and others. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 75. A** - It reduces alertness, judgment, and reaction time is correct because Fatigue affects the decisions and reactions needed for safe driving. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 76. D** - Stop in a safe place and rest is correct because Rest is the reliable response to fatigue. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle

operation.

77. A - It can affect judgment and coordination early is correct because Impairment can begin before a person recognizes it. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

78. C - Know its effects and do not drive if it impairs you is correct because Some medications can affect alertness and coordination. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

79. D - Anger and stress can lead to risky decisions is correct because Calm decision-making supports safe control and judgment. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

80. B - Recover alertness before it becomes a driving hazard is correct because Breaks help drivers maintain the attention needed for safe operation. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

81. D - Phone use diverts attention from the driving task is correct because A driver needs full attention to recognize and respond to hazards. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

82. C - Slow down mentally, reassess safely, and avoid impulsive actions is correct because A calm reassessment helps prevent a second error. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

83. B - Health affects alertness, endurance, and decision-making is correct because Safe driving depends on the driver's ability to stay alert and capable. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

84. A - Avoid confrontation and focus on safe driving is correct because Escalation creates danger and distracts from vehicle control. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

85. B - Expecting hazards and preparing safe responses is correct because Defensive driving builds time and space for unpredictable actions. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.

86. D - Planning identifies route, clearance, weather, and stopping needs is correct because Good planning reduces surprises that can pressure unsafe choices. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

87. C - Weather can change traction, visibility, and route safety is correct because Weather information supports safe route and speed decisions. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

88. A - Restrictions can affect whether the CMV can legally and safely pass is correct because Route limits must be considered before entering a restricted area. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

89. A - Use a plan and slow down early for decisions is correct because Preparation gives the driver time to make controlled choices. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.

- 90. D** - It supports compliance and reduces distraction during inspections is correct because Organized records reduce confusion when information is needed. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 91. C** - Respond safely, stop when appropriate, and report the issue is correct because A developing defect can become a serious hazard if ignored. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 92. B** - Post-trip checks can reveal defects needing attention is correct because Identifying defects helps ensure the next trip starts safely. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 93. A** - They organize traffic and communicate known hazards is correct because Traffic controls coordinate movement and reduce conflict. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 94. C** - Professional choices support safety, compliance, and public trust is correct because A professional driver consistently makes safe, lawful decisions. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 95. D** - Stop and obtain reliable guidance before proceeding is correct because Uncertainty about safety procedures should be resolved before action. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 96. B** - Conflicting traffic and changing signals create hazards is correct because Intersections require scanning, speed control, and readiness to yield. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 97. D** - Select a safe speed and appropriate gear before the descent is correct because Preparation before the grade protects braking capacity and control. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 98. B** - It may be needed to create a safe turning path and check traffic is correct because Large vehicles need room and time to complete turns safely. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.
- 99. C** - Stopping distance and visibility are reduced is correct because Poor traction and visibility require more reaction space. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard. Apply this practice consistently during inspection, route planning, and vehicle operation.
- 100. A** - CMVs have different weight, handling, and rollover risk is correct because A safe curve speed depends on the CMV, load, and conditions. This choice follows the safety principle being tested and gives the driver a clear action. The other choices either delay a needed response, rely on guesswork, or introduce an avoidable hazard.