

PRACTICE EXAM 21: TEXAS CDL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE SIMULATION (100 QUESTIONS)

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

1. CDL review item 1: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the main purpose of a pre-trip inspection.

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

2. CDL review item 2: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: During a walk-around inspection, what should a driver check for under the vehicle.

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

3. CDL review item 3: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should cargo be checked after beginning a trip.

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

4. CDL review item 4: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response to a steering system defect found before departure.

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

5. CDL review item 5: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why must tire condition be inspected before driving.

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

6. CDL review item 6: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do when a brake warning device activates while driving.

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

7. CDL review item 7: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is a safe reason to test service brakes at low speed after moving off.

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

8. CDL review item 8: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Which item should be checked for proper attachment during an exterior inspection.

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

9. CDL review item 9: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver inspect emergency equipment before a trip.

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

10. CDL review item 10: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best action if a required safety item is missing before departure.

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

11. CDL review item 11: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is checking fluid levels part of a pre-trip inspection.

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

12. CDL review item 12: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should you look for when checking a vehicle's lights.

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

13. CDL review item 13: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver inspect coupling components on a combination vehicle.

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

14. CDL review item 14: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the purpose of checking a vehicle's mirrors before moving.

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

15. CDL review item 15: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: When should a driver report a safety defect found on a vehicle.

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

16. CDL review item 16: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver check wheel and rim condition.

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

17. CDL review item 17: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should be checked on a trailer's landing gear before travel.

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

18. CDL review item 18: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should you do if you find a serious defect that makes the vehicle unsafe.

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

19. CDL review item 19: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why are seat belts important in commercial vehicles.

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

20. CDL review item 20: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best reason to keep the windshield and mirrors clean.

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

21. CDL review item 21: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the first step in managing space ahead.

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

22. CDL review item 22: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is following distance important for a CMV.

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

23. CDL review item 23: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: When driving at night, what should a driver do with speed.

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

24. CDL review item 24: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is a safe response when a driver is being tailgated.

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

25. CDL review item 25: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver scan mirrors regularly.

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

26. CDL review item 26: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest approach to a blind spot.

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

27. CDL review item 27: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid sudden steering movements.

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

28. CDL review item 28: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should you do if you are unsure whether there is enough clearance.

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

29. CDL review item 29: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is speed management especially important on curves.

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

30. CDL review item 30: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest way to change lanes in a large vehicle.

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

31. CDL review item 31: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver keep a space cushion to the sides.

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

32. CDL review item 32: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: When should a driver begin slowing for an exit.

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

33. CDL review item 33: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is a key risk of driving too fast for conditions.

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

34. CDL review item 34: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver communicate intentions early.

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

35. CDL review item 35: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do when visibility is reduced by rain or fog.

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

36. CDL review item 36: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is looking well ahead useful before a downgrade.

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

37. CDL review item 37: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response if another driver cuts in closely ahead.

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

38. CDL review item 38: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid backing when possible.

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

39. CDL review item 39: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best practice before backing a CMV.

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

40. CDL review item 40: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do when a hazard requires a quick stop.

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

41. CDL review item 41: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is distraction dangerous for a commercial driver.

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

42. CDL review item 42: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the purpose of selecting a safe speed before a curve.

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

43. CDL review item 43: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do after passing another vehicle.

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

44. CDL review item 44: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver anticipate traffic changes far ahead.

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

45. CDL review item 45: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest action when approaching a work zone.

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

46. CDL review item 46: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid driving beside another vehicle for long.

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

47. CDL review item 47: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best response to a strong crosswind.

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

48. CDL review item 48: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is keeping both hands ready on the wheel important.

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

49. CDL review item 49: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do when entering traffic from a stop.

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

50. CDL review item 50: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why must cargo be secured.

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

51. CDL review item 51: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is a likely effect of cargo shifting during a turn.

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

52. CDL review item 52: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should cargo securement be rechecked during a trip.

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

53. CDL review item 53: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response if cargo has shifted.

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

54. CDL review item 54: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver know the vehicle's height.

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

55. CDL review item 55: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should be considered before crossing railroad tracks.

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

56. CDL review item 56: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why can a high center of gravity be dangerous.

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

57. CDL review item 57: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best way to protect a load during turns.

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

58. CDL review item 58: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should cargo doors be checked before travel.

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

59. CDL review item 59: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the purpose of using adequate cargo restraints.

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

60. CDL review item 60: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is a safe action when loading affects rearward visibility.

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

61. CDL review item 61: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should weight be distributed properly.

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

62. CDL review item 62: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do if a load blocks a required light or reflector.

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

63. CDL review item 63: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is a cargo check especially important after hard braking.

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

64. CDL review item 64: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the first priority during a tire blowout.

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

65. CDL review item 65: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest action if the vehicle begins to skid.

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

66. CDL review item 66: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is hard braking on a slippery surface risky.

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

67. CDL review item 67: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should you do if you smell smoke or see signs of fire.

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

68. CDL review item 68: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest use of warning devices after an emergency stop.

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

69. CDL review item 69: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid using the parking brake to stop a moving vehicle.

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

70. CDL review item 70: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best response when brakes become less effective on a downgrade.

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

71. CDL review item 71: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver plan an escape route.

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

72. CDL review item 72: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response to hydroplaning.

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

73. CDL review item 73: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver use headlights in poor visibility.

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

74. CDL review item 74: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do after stopping for an emergency.

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

75. CDL review item 75: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is fatigue a serious driving hazard.

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

76. CDL review item 76: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response when you feel too tired to drive.

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

77. CDL review item 77: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is alcohol dangerous even before a driver feels obviously impaired.

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

78. CDL review item 78: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest rule for medication and driving.

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

79. CDL review item 79: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver manage emotions while driving.

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

80. CDL review item 80: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best use of a rest break.

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

81. CDL review item 81: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid using a phone while operating a CMV.

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

82. CDL review item 82: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do if a route problem causes stress.

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

83. CDL review item 83: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is maintaining physical health relevant to safe driving.

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

84. CDL review item 84: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response to a conflict with another road user.

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

85. CDL review item 85: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What does defensive driving mean for a CMV driver.

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

86. CDL review item 86: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver plan a trip before departure.

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

87. CDL review item 87: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best reason to check weather before a trip.

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

88. CDL review item 88: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver know bridge and road restrictions on a route.

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

89. CDL review item 89: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest action when a route is unfamiliar.

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

90. CDL review item 90: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is keeping documents organized helpful on a trip.

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

91. CDL review item 91: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do if a vehicle problem develops during the trip.

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

92. CDL review item 92: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver inspect the vehicle after a trip.

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

93. CDL review item 93: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest reason to obey traffic controls in a CMV.

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

94. CDL review item 94: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is maintaining a professional attitude important for CDL drivers.

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

95. CDL review item 95: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the safest response when unsure about a vehicle procedure.

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

96. CDL review item 96: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver remain alert at intersections.

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

97. CDL review item 97: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What should a driver do before descending a long grade.

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

98. CDL review item 98: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why is a complete vehicle stop sometimes necessary before turning.

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

99. CDL review item 99: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: What is the best reason to keep adequate following distance in bad weather.

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

100. CDL review item 100: Select the safest and most accurate response for this driving topic: Why should a driver avoid taking curves at a speed set by nearby cars.

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

PRACTICE EXAM 21: 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 5. B** - Tires affect traction, steering, and stopping is correct because Tires are essential to control and braking. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - Respond safely and investigate the warning is correct because A brake warning may indicate a critical system problem. This response follows the CDL 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.
- 7. A** - To check that the vehicle stops properly is correct because A low-speed test can reveal braking pull or weak response. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.
- 11. B** - Low fluids can damage systems or create hazards is correct because Adequate fluids support safe operation. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.

- 13. C** - They connect the tractor and trailer safely is correct because A faulty coupling can cause trailer separation. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. B** - As required, before operating if unsafe is correct because Safety defects need timely reporting and correction. This response follows the CDL 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. A** - Wheel failures can cause loss of control is correct because Damaged wheels can fail while moving. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - That it is fully raised and secured is correct because Landing gear must not contact the roadway. This response follows the CDL 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. D** - Park the vehicle and have it corrected is correct because Unsafe defects should be corrected before operation. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.
- 21. B** - Look far enough ahead to identify hazards early is correct because Looking ahead creates time to plan. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.
- 24. A** - Brake hard to warn the following driver is correct because Extra space reduces the need for abrupt braking. This response follows the CDL 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.
- 25. D** - To monitor traffic around the vehicle is correct because Mirror checks reveal changes beside and behind the vehicle. This response follows the CDL 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.

26. C - Signal, check mirrors, and verify the space is clear is correct because Blind spots require deliberate observation before moving. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

27. A - They can cause skids, rollovers, or lane departure is correct because Smooth steering preserves traction and vehicle stability. This response follows the CDL 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.

28. B - Proceed slowly and verify before entering is correct because Clearance must be confirmed before committing the vehicle. This response follows the CDL 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. D - 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 response follows the CDL 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. B - Signal early, check mirrors, and move only when clear is correct because A planned lane change protects traffic in blind areas. This response follows the CDL 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. C - It provides an escape path from hazards is correct because Side space gives room to avoid conflict. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Before entering the exit ramp is correct because Reducing speed before the ramp prevents instability. This response follows the CDL 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. D - Reduced control and increased stopping distance is correct because Unsafe speed leaves less margin for hazards. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Other road users need time to respond is correct because Early communication reduces surprises and conflicts. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. B - Ease off and restore a safe following distance is correct because Restoring space is safer than retaliation. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 39. D** - Get out and look if safe to do so is correct because Direct observation helps identify hazards behind the vehicle. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - Brake in a controlled manner while maintaining steering control is correct because Controlled braking and steering help prevent secondary loss of control. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. A** - Return only when the passed vehicle is visible in mirrors is correct because Mirror visibility helps confirm safe clearance. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 44. B** - It allows smooth, early adjustments is correct because Anticipation reduces sudden braking and steering. This response follows the CDL 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. B** - Reduce speed and follow signs and lane guidance is correct because Work zones demand extra attention and controlled speed. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 46. A** - It limits escape space and can hide the vehicle is correct because Avoiding prolonged side-by-side travel preserves options. This response follows the CDL 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.
- 47. D** - Grip the wheel firmly and reduce speed as needed is correct because Wind can push a tall vehicle, so control and speed matter. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - It supports quick, controlled steering corrections is correct because Proper hand control helps manage unexpected movement. This response follows the CDL 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. B** - Wait for a safe gap and accelerate smoothly is correct because A safe gap gives the vehicle time and space to merge. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

- 51. A** - It can change the vehicle's balance and cause loss of control is correct because Shifting weight can destabilize the vehicle. This response follows the CDL 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. D** - Vibration and movement can loosen restraints is correct because Travel forces can change a securement system. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - Stop safely and correct the load before continuing is correct because A shifted load can affect control and must be corrected. This response follows the CDL 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. A** - To avoid striking low clearances is correct because Overhead clearance must be confirmed for the whole vehicle. This response follows the CDL 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. D** - Clearance, traffic conditions, and the ability to cross completely is correct because Never enter unless the vehicle can clear the tracks. This response follows the CDL 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. B** - It increases rollover risk in curves and evasive maneuvers is correct because Higher loads increase stability demands. This response follows the CDL 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. A** - Take turns at a controlled speed is correct because Controlled speed reduces side forces on the load. This response follows the CDL 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. D** - Open or insecure doors can create a road hazard is correct because Secure doors prevent cargo loss and striking hazards. This response follows the CDL 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. C** - To prevent movement under normal driving forces is correct because Restraints must hold the load during braking and turning. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 60. B** - Use properly adjusted mirrors and follow required precautions is correct because Visibility limits require deliberate compensating practices. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.
- 62. C** - Correct the condition before operating is correct because Required lighting and reflectors must remain effective. This response follows the CDL 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. B** - Forces may have shifted or loosened the load is correct because Sudden deceleration can stress securement devices. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Hold the steering wheel firmly and maintain control is correct because Firm steering helps prevent a sudden lane departure. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

65. B - Avoid overcorrecting and regain traction smoothly is correct because Smooth inputs help the tires regain traction. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.

67. A - Stop safely, secure the vehicle, and address the emergency is correct because Fire signs require an immediate, controlled response. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

68. D - Place them as required after securing the vehicle is correct because Visible warnings alert approaching traffic to the hazard. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

69. C - It may cause loss of control or damage is correct because Parking brakes are not a substitute for controlled service braking. This response follows the CDL 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. D - Use a safe speed and appropriate braking strategy early is correct because Early speed control prevents a runaway situation. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

71. B - It provides a safer option if a hazard develops is correct because An escape path can prevent a collision when conditions change. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Ease off the accelerator and avoid sudden inputs is correct because Gentle actions allow tires to regain contact with the road. This response follows the CDL 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. D - They help the driver see and help others see the vehicle is correct because Lighting improves conspicuity when visibility is limited. This response follows the CDL 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. B - Protect the scene and communicate the problem as appropriate is correct because Scene protection reduces risk to the driver and others. This response follows the CDL 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. C - It reduces alertness, judgment, and reaction time is correct because Fatigue affects the decisions and reactions needed for safe driving. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Stop in a safe place and rest is correct because Rest is the reliable response to fatigue. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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.

78. D - Know its effects and do not drive if it impairs you is correct because Some medications can affect alertness and coordination. This response follows the CDL 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. B - Anger and stress can lead to risky decisions is correct because Calm decision-making supports safe control and judgment. This response follows the CDL 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.

80. C - Recover alertness before it becomes a driving hazard is correct because Breaks help drivers maintain the attention needed for safe operation. This response follows the CDL 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. A - Phone use diverts attention from the driving task is correct because A driver needs full attention to recognize and respond to hazards. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. D - Health affects alertness, endurance, and decision-making is correct because Safe driving depends on the driver's ability to stay alert and capable. This response follows the CDL 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. B - Avoid confrontation and focus on safe driving is correct because Escalation creates danger and distracts from vehicle control. This response follows the CDL 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.

85. C - Expecting hazards and preparing safe responses is correct because Defensive driving builds time and space for unpredictable actions. This response follows the CDL 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.

86. B - Planning identifies route, clearance, weather, and stopping needs is correct because Good planning reduces surprises that can pressure unsafe choices. This response follows the CDL 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. D - Weather can change traction, visibility, and route safety is correct because Weather information supports safe route and speed decisions. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. C - It supports compliance and reduces distraction during inspections is correct because Organized records reduce confusion when information is needed. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.

- 91. D** - Respond safely, stop when appropriate, and report the issue is correct because A developing defect can become a serious hazard if ignored. This response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 93. D** - They organize traffic and communicate known hazards is correct because Traffic controls coordinate movement and reduce conflict. This response follows the CDL 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. B** - Professional choices support safety, compliance, and public trust is correct because A professional driver consistently makes safe, lawful decisions. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 95. A** - Stop and obtain reliable guidance before proceeding is correct because Uncertainty about safety procedures should be resolved before action. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 96. C** - Conflicting traffic and changing signals create hazards is correct because Intersections require scanning, speed control, and readiness to yield. This response follows the CDL 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. Use this safety principle consistently on every commercial trip.
- 97. A** - Select a safe speed and appropriate gear before the descent is correct because Preparation before the grade protects braking capacity and control. This response follows the CDL 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. D** - 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 response follows the CDL 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 response follows the CDL 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. B** - CMVs have different weight, handling, and rollover risk is correct because A safe curve speed depends on the CMV, load, and conditions. This response follows the CDL 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.