Chapter 11 - Practice Questions

Multiple Choice
Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) The exit ramp you want to use is entirely blocked by traffic. You should
   a. use the next exit ramp.
   b. stop on the expressway until the exit ramp is clear.
   c. slow and join the overflow traffic.
   d. pull onto the shoulder and wait until the ramp is clear.

2) When passing on the expressway, you should always
   a. change lanes and then signal.
   b. signal if anyone is close to you.
   c. decelerate to complete the pass.
   d. signal and check traffic behind.

3) Stopping on an acceleration lane can cause
   a. a rear-end collision.
   b. a head-on collision.
   c. expressway traffic to stop.
   d. a side-swipe collision.

4) If you enter an expressway entrance ramp that you do not want, you should
   a. back up and leave the entrance ramp.
   b. turn around on the entrance ramp.
   c. continue onto the expressway and use the next exit ramp.
   d. make a U-turn to leave the ramp.

5) Velocitation means
   a. the same as highway hypnosis.
   b. thinking the car is traveling slower than it really is.
   c. reducing speed when exiting.
d. using cruise control to maintain a steady speed.

6) A wolf pack on an expressway is a
   a. bunch of vehicles.
   b. bunch of wild dogs.
   c. widely scattered group of cars.
   d. driver alone in traffic.

7) If the entrance ramp enters the expressway from the left, you should realize a greater potential for conflict because you will be entering
   a. after coming to a complete stop.
   b. the slowest lane on the expressway.
   c. from the right.
   d. a higher speed traffic lane.

8) A characteristic of expressways that helps to prevent head-on collisions is the
   a. median or barrier between opposing lanes of traffic.
   b. higher number of roadside hazards.
   c. higher speed limits.
   d. wide expressway shoulders.

9) The expressway is defined as a
   a. high-speed privately owned highway.
   b. road designed for express transport.
   c. form of improved rural highway.
   d. limited-access or controlled-access highway.

10) If the expressway has three lanes going in your direction, you should change
    a. more than one lane at a time.
    b. several lanes at a time if exiting.
    c. only when you are going to exit.
    d. only one lane at a time.
11) If you miss the exit you want, you
a. should make a U-turn and return to the exit.
b. can stop and back up to the exit.
c. must go on to the next exit.
d. should stop on the shoulder or median and back up to the exit ramp.

12) A predictable traffic flow is a safety factor on an expressway. However, you should always be alert for
a. drivers who make sudden stops or attempt to back up.
b. signs indicating cross traffic ahead.
c. drivers who use cruise control.
d. traffic that moves at your speed.

13) The acceleration lane is where you usually can
a. expect others to yield right of way.
b. adjust your speed to the flow of traffic.
c. maintain a steady speed.
d. accelerate regardless of traffic flow.

14) If your vehicle becomes disabled on an expressway, you should
a. never stop until off the expressway.
b. pull onto the shoulder or median.
c. slow down and use emergency flashers.
d. drive slowly on the shoulder.

15) When you encounter large trucks on the expressway, you should
a. drive between the trucks for safety.
b. keep the trucks from passing you.
c. follow the trucks closely.
d. avoid driving between two trucks.

16) Express lanes
a. have many entrances and exits.
b. have few entrances and exits.
c. are used for trucks and RVs.
d. are designed for use during heavy fog or snow.

17) If there are signal lights on the entrance ramp, you
a. must wait for a green light.
b. can treat the red light as an advisory traffic control.
c. do not have to stop for the red light.
d. must stop if any light is on.

18) Expressway collisions tend to be more serious than those on other types of roads because
a. expressway speeds are higher.
b. a median strip is present.
c. expressways have more hazards.
d. there are so many traffic conflicts.

19) Assume that the common speed on the expressway is above the posted speed limit. You should
a. drive at the common speed.
b. drive at the posted speed.
c. drive at a speed between the posted speed and the common speed.
d. drive at a speed so you force the other drivers to slow down.

20) Passing on an expressway is usually safer than on a two-lane highway because
a. there is little threat of a head-on collision.
b. passing is seldom done on expressways.
c. expressway speeds are higher.
d. you cannot pass on a two-lane highway.

21) To drive safely on an expressway, you should be willing to
a. drive at an uncomfortable speed.
b. cooperate with other drivers.
c. accept frequent rest stops.
d. drive long distances without rest.

22) Traffic is heavy on the expressway and you cannot find a gap as you attempt to enter expressway traffic. How should you warn a driver behind you?

a. Pull onto the shoulder.
b. Turn on your right-turn signal.
c. Flash your brake lights.
d. Turn on your emergency flashers.

23) In order to avoid conflicts when traffic is heavy in the right lane, use the

a. center or left lane.
b. the right lane and drive slower.
c. center line to straddle and keep people away.
d. far left lane.

24) As you drive on an expressway, you may be lulled into

a. a feeling of power.
b. highway hypnosis.
c. velocitation.
d. a hallucinogenic state.

25) If the acceleration lane is short, you will need

a. a longer gap to enter traffic.
b. more clear space ahead of your car.
c. a shorter gap to enter traffic.
d. a gradual steering motion.

26) Why are expressways safer than other types of roads?

a. Cross traffic is eliminated.
b. There is more traffic on expressways.
c. There is no division of opposing lanes of traffic on the expressway.

d. Average speed is higher on expressways.

27) Higher speeds on the expressway, multiple lanes to watch, and heavier volumes of traffic
a. prohibit identification of hazards.
b. have no effect on the Identify step.
c. make the Identify step more difficult.
d. ease identification of hazards.

28) When driving a truck or towing a trailer, you should
a. drive in any available lane.
b. usually use the center lane.
c. drive in the fastest lane.
d. generally use only far right lanes.

29) If there is no gap in traffic as you are attempting to enter the expressway, you must
a. cause other drivers to yield to you.
b. stop on the median and wait for a gap.
c. enter the expressway at a slow speed.
d. slow or stop before entering the acceleration lane or expressway.

30) For a long trip on an expressway, you
a. should pack a big lunch so you will not have to stop for food.
b. should plan for fuel, food, and rest.
c. can increase air pressure in tires.
d. must check oil and coolant levels only after driving a few miles.

31) Under normal driving conditions, your following distance when traveling at 55 mph on the expressway should be
a. less than two seconds.
b. three or four seconds.
c. a minimum of three seconds.
d. a maximum of three seconds.

32) A yellow X on an overhead signal above your lane indicates
a. the lane is now closed to traffic.
b. you are going the wrong way.
c. the lane will be closed farther ahead.
d. you are in an express lane.

33) The main factors in determining your speed on an acceleration lane are
a. the amount and speed of traffic on the acceleration lane and expressway.
b. weather conditions and traffic controls.
c. following distance and traffic flow.
d. roadway surface and pedestrian traffic.

34) When you enter an expressway from the left you
a. should watch for slow vehicles coming from behind.
b. need to slow down.
c. might have difficulty checking for traffic over your right shoulder.
d. do not need to take special precautions.

35) On an expressway, an overhead sign with a yellow panel indicates
a. a stopping lane.
b. an exit lane.
c. an entrance lane.
d. a merging lane.

36) A minimum speed limit is
a. intended to keep traffic from moving too slowly.
b. the basic speed limit.
c. intended to control drivers regardless of weather conditions.
d. the same as the maximum speed limit.

37) When there is a speed limit sign on an exit ramp, you
a. should not exceed the posted speed.
b. exit the expressway at the posted speed on the entrance ramp.
c. can exceed the posted speed limit under certain driving conditions.
d. should drive slower than the posted speed.

38) How should you select a gap in expressway traffic on the left?
a. Stop and identify a proper gap.
b. Glance in your right outside mirror and over your right shoulder.
c. Glance in the left outside mirror and over your left shoulder.
d. Slow down in the acceleration lane.

39) If you are continually being passed on the right and the left while driving in the center lane at 55 mph, you should
a. move to the lane on your left.
b. move to the lane on your right.
c. stay in the center lane.
d. accelerate to the common speed.

40) If an expressway lane is closed for construction, you
a. use only lanes open for traffic.
b. use the shoulder as a driving lane.
c. use the median as a driving lane.
d. drive at any speed you feel proper.

41) What colors are the wrong way or do not enter signs?
a. red and white
b. yellow and black
c. white and black
d. green and yellow

42) The expressway interchange differs from a normal intersection because
a. opposing lanes of traffic mix together in the interchange.
b. interchanges have traffic signals.
c. the interchange requires a full stop at the stop sign.
d. vehicles can enter and leave an expressway without interfering with the flow of traffic.

43) When a side road forms a T intersection with an expressway, it is called a
a. cloverleaf interchange.
b. trumpet interchange.
c. diamond interchange.
d. club interchange.

44) When is it permissible to back up on an entrance ramp or on an expressway?
a. never
b. when traffic is slow
c. when no police cars are visible
d. only when you see a gap in traffic

45) If the entrance ramp enters the expressway from the left, you will enter the
a. center lane on the expressway.
b. expressway from a stopped position.
c. left expressway lane.
d. interchange from the right.

46) How can you distinguish between an entrance ramp and an exit ramp?
a. Entrance ramps are always on your right.
b. The entrance ramp has an enter sign.
c. Exit ramps are always on your right.
d. The exit ramp has a WRONG WAY or DO NOT ENTER sign.

47) When the expressway is wet or slippery, your following distance should be
a. decreased to less than two seconds.
b. the same as on dry roadways.
48) When passing on the expressway, it is generally safer to pass
   a. from any available lane.
   b. on the right.
   c. on the left.
   d. in the center lane.

49) The area in an expressway entrance ramp where you increase speed to that of expressway
    traffic is the
   a. deceleration lane.
   b. median lane.
   c. acceleration lane.
   d. entrance lane.

50) When you move into the deceleration lane, you should
   a. accelerate to exit ramp speed.
   b. slow to the exit ramp speed.
   c. shift into neutral.
   d. stop in the deceleration lane.