

SAFETY OFFICER'S ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAY CODE QUIZ

I guess it's some time since most of us picked up the Highway Code to refresh our memory? Maybe you think you don't need to as you have a pretty good knowledge of the code and protocols - even if you haven't looked at the code since you passed your test.

Well, let's see how well you do with the following questions! Hopefully it will be a bit of fun and maybe at the end of it you may decide to brush up on the Highway Code and safety issues.

- Q. 1 Do Vehicle & Operator Services Agency Officers have powers to stop vehicles on all roads?
- Q. 2 Do Highways Agency Traffic Officers have powers to stop vehicles on all roads?
- Q. 3 When should you flash your headlights and for what purpose?
- Q. 4 When can you use your horn?
- Q. 5 Unless otherwise instructed, what is the speed limit for cars and motorcycles on a dual carriage way?
- Q. 6 When road conditions are good, should you leave a gap of 2, 3 or 4 seconds between you and the vehicle in front?
- Q.7 At 50mph, what is the guideline stopping distance in metres?
- Q. 8 As your speed doubles, does your braking distance double, treble, or quadruple?
- Q. 9 On roads with double white lines where the line nearest you is solid (unbroken), under what circumstances can you cross the solid white line?
- Q. 10 There are five coloured road studs or cats eyes, can you list them and state where on the carriageway, each is used?
- Q. 11. If a pedestrian has started to cross a road you intend to turn into, who has priority?
- Q. 12 At roundabouts, are the directional lane arrows compulsory when choosing the approach lane? (e.g. the arrows pointing left, right, straight ahead)
- Q. 13 On the motorway, amber flashing matrix signs often display a speed limit. Is this a compulsory speed limit?
- Q.14. If the matrix sign display red flashing lights and contain an X in your lane, what does this mean?

- Q. 15 When entering a motorway via a slip road, there is usually an area dividing the slip road from lane one of the motorway. This area contains chevrons or cross hatchings that are bordered by a solid white line. Can you enter this area when joining the motorway?
- Q. 16 On non motorway roads, there are lane dividers that contain cross hatchings that are bordered by broken white lines. Can you enter the cross hatched area?
- Q.17 Road signs divide into three main types. Circular signs give orders, triangular signs warn, and rectangular signs inform. There are a few exceptions to the shapes (and colours) of which there are two very important exceptions. Can you name them and explain why they are so shaped?
- Q. 18 There are eight road signs that feature animals in the red triangular warning signs. Can you name them?
- Q. 19 What is the background colour of primary route signs?
- Q. 20 What is the background colour of motorway signs?
- Q. 21 What is the colour of non-primary (local) signs?
- Q. 22 Where would you see a St Andrews Cross?
- Q. 23 What is the distance between the 3, 2 and 1 exit warning markers on motorways?
- Q. 24 At 70mph, how many metres do you travel per second, 21, 31, Or 41?
- Q. 25 When joining a motorway via a slip road, should you match your speed to that of the traffic on the motorway, go slower, or go faster?
- Q. 26 When joining a motorway via a slip road, why is it advisable to get onto the motorway at the earliest opportunity?
- Q. 27 What is the law of physics that keeps a moving motorcycle upright, centrifugal, hydroscopic or gyroscopic?
- Q. 28 What is the minimum legal age that a person can ride pillion on a motorcycle?

Hopefully, you've had a bit of fun answering the above questions!

Answers next month – bet you can't wait!!

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