

The following 10 questions are taken from a total of 84 questions in the *Chauffeurs' Examination Questions* (in later years to be known as a driver's license test) in the 1917 *"Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia"* (in later years to be known as a Motor Manual.) See if you can get an 80% to pass and keep your license.

- 1) Which of the following vehicles usually doesn't have the right of way in large cities?
 - A) Mail Wagons
 - B) Loaded Trucks
 - C) Bicycles
 - D) Emergency Wagons

- 2) What is your spark lever for?
 - A) Turning the spark on or off
 - B) Controlling the electricity to the lights
 - C) Controlling the timer on the magneto
 - D) Sending Morse code

- 3) Which is not listed as required equipment on your vehicle?
 - A) 2 side lamps
 - B) 1 tail lamp
 - C) 4 wheel brakes
 - D) 2 license number plates

- 4) How would you ascertain the amount of gasoline in your tank at night?
 - A) Look at the gas gauge
 - B) Ask your passenger to read the gas gauge
 - C) Measure it with a stick or rule
 - D) Ask the gas station attendant

- 5) If your car caught fire which of the following should you not do?
 - A) Turn off the gas supply pipe
 - B) Smother the flames with sand
 - C) Spray water on the fire
 - D) Smother the flames with your coat

- 6) Which is not the road and street speed laws of most cities?
 - A) Not allowed to run over 30 mph outside the city
 - B) 4, 6, or 8 mph in the city
 - C) Basic rule of 55 mph
 - D) Use judgment

- 7) What is the penalty under law for any person driving in an intoxicated condition?
 - A) \$500 fine
 - B) 1 year in jail
 - C) Felony; revoke license perhaps
 - D) Required community service

- 8) Should you be going north and wish to turn west, which of the following is not required?
- A) Slow to 4 mph
 - B) Hold your hand out the side of your car
 - C) Blow your horn
 - D) Keep northeast of the center of the crossing
- 9) Which is not a precaution to be taken when taking a car out?
- A) Licenses plates in place
 - B) Tires properly inflated
 - C) Pack a lunch
 - D) Check the water, gas and oil
- 10) Which is not a recommendation if you are following a car and it suddenly swung around in your course?
- A) Slow up or stop
 - B) Blow your horn
 - C) Shout at the other driver
 - D) Hold out your hand as a warning to anyone behind you

I am sure you have figured out by now that the correct answer in each question is “C”. Did you get an 80% to keep your driver’s license? Now think of answering 84 questions like this.

A couple of quick comments about some of the questions:

#2, There were also question about, What is the gas lever?, What is your accelerator for?, What is your clutch for?, What should the position of the speed lever be when starting the car?, and so on.

#3, Under required equipment. Brakes were not mentioned at all.

#4, It was recommended that you hold the flame of the match away from the stick or rule while “Sticking your tank”.

#7, Hit and run was also listed as a Felony with a “revoked license perhaps.”

