

# **SHOW AND TELL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

At the start of your practical driving test, the examiner will check your driving licence and your eye sight, and will then ask you two of the questions listed below. If you get one or both of these questions wrong, you will receive one driver fault.

**Q.1. Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.**

**A.** Make sure there are no cuts or bulges in the tyre walls, and a minimum of 1.6mm of tread depth across the central  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

**Q.2. Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.**

**A.** Look in the manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

**Q.3. Tell me how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working. (No need to exit vehicle)**

**A.** Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), then walk round vehicle

**Q.4. Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.**

**A.** Apply the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators. (you may need to switch the ignition on, do not start engine)

**Q.5. Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine)**

**A.** Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help. (You may need to switch ignition on, do not start the engine)

**Q.6. Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them.**

**A.** Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Use them when visibility is less than 100 metres.

**Q.7. Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car**

**A.** Switch headlights on (with ignition on if necessary), operate main beam switch and check with main beam warning light

**Q.8. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.**

**A.** Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

**Q.9. Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear; make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle**

**A.** Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying parking brake (handbrake) so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

**Q.10. Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.**

**A.** If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

**Q.11. Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash**

**A.** The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part or centre of the head restraint is at eye level, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable

**Q.12. Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).**

**A.** Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).

**Q.13. Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers**

**A.** Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

**Q.14. Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens**

**A.** Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration

**Q.15. Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system**

**A.** Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system

**Q.16. Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.**

**A.** Open bonnet, Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.

**Q.17. Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.**

**A.** Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers and show where oil would be topped up. Engine should be cold and car on a flat surface.

**Q.18. Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.**

**A.** Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level. Engine should be cold and car on a flat surface.

**Q.19. Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.**

**A.** Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.