

Michigan Permit Test Questions and Answers

Original practice questions based on the official Michigan driver manual. Not real test questions.

30 practice questions with an answer key, plus the Michigan numbers people forget. Every answer comes from What Every Driver Must Know, published by the Michigan Secretary of State (michigan.gov/sos), and the Michigan State Police impaired driving page. Check the current manual before test day.

Numbers to know

Topic	Rule
Segment 1 state exam (teens)	80 questions drawn from a state pool. 70% to pass.
Adult knowledge test (18+)	Free at an SOS office or \$6.50 online. Has an operator section and a road sign section.
School bus	Stop at least 20 feet back when red overhead lights flash. Not required on the other side of a divided highway.
Railroad	Stop 15 to 50 feet from the tracks when a train is coming.
No parking	15 feet from a hydrant, 30 feet from a stop sign or traffic light, 50 feet from a railroad rail. Within 12 inches of the curb.
Passing	Back in your lane before 200 feet of oncoming traffic. No passing within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing, bridge or tunnel.
Emergency vehicles	Passing a stopped one: 10 mph below the limit and move over if safe. Moving one: stay 500 feet back.
Speed	25 mph in subdivisions. 55 mph on other roads unless posted. Freeways 70 max, 55 min.
Following distance	3 to 4 seconds. 6 or more in poor conditions.
Headlights	Half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise. No high beams within 500 feet of oncoming traffic.
Alcohol	0.08 for drivers 21 and older. Tougher penalties at 0.17.
Phone	Hands-free law. \$100 fine for a first hand-held violation.
Teens	Level 1 at 14 years 9 months. 50 hours (10 at night). Level 2: no driving 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

How to use this sheet

1. Read the numbers table first.
2. Answer all 30 questions with no notes.
3. Grade yourself and reread the manual for every miss.
4. Try again two days later. Aim for 27 or better.

Practice questions (30)

Circle one answer for each question. The answer key is at the end.

1. A school bus ahead has its red overhead lights flashing. You must stop at least:

- A. 10 feet away
- B. 15 feet away
- C. 20 feet away
- D. 50 feet away

2. A school bus with red lights flashing is on the other side of a divided highway. You:

- A. Must stop
- B. Do not need to stop
- C. Must slow to 10 mph
- D. Must honk

3. A train is coming. You must stop no closer than 15 feet and no farther than how far from the tracks?

- A. 20 feet
- B. 30 feet
- C. 50 feet
- D. 100 feet

4. You may not park within how many feet of a fire hydrant?

- A. 10 feet
- B. 15 feet
- C. 20 feet
- D. 30 feet

5. You may not park within how many feet of a stop sign or traffic light?

- A. 15 feet
- B. 20 feet
- C. 30 feet
- D. 50 feet

6. You may not park within how many feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing?

- A. 15 feet
- B. 30 feet
- C. 50 feet
- D. 100 feet

7. When parked at a curb, your wheels may be no more than how far from it?

- A. 6 inches
- B. 12 inches
- C. 18 inches
- D. 24 inches

8. When you pass, you must return to your lane before you get within how far of oncoming traffic?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 200 feet
- C. 300 feet
- D. 500 feet

9. You may not pass within 100 feet of:

- A. A gas station
- B. An intersection, railroad crossing, bridge, viaduct or tunnel
- C. A bus stop
- D. A parked car

10. You are passing a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights flashing. You must:

- A. Keep your speed
- B. Slow to at least 10 mph below the limit and move over a lane if it is safe
- C. Stop completely
- D. Use your horn

11. How far behind a moving emergency vehicle with lights and siren must you stay?

- A. 100 feet
- B. 200 feet
- C. 300 feet
- D. 500 feet

12. Unless posted otherwise, the maximum speed on a Michigan freeway is:

- A. 55 mph
- B. 65 mph
- C. 70 mph
- D. 75 mph

13. The speed limit in a platted subdivision is:

- A. 15 mph
- B. 20 mph
- C. 25 mph
- D. 35 mph

14. The manual recommends a following distance of:

- A. 1 to 2 seconds
- B. 3 to 4 seconds
- C. 8 to 10 seconds
- D. One car length per 20 mph

15. Right after it starts to rain, roads are most slippery for about:

- A. The first 5 minutes
- B. The first half hour
- C. The first 3 hours
- D. The whole day

16. Headlights must be on from:

- A. Sunset to sunrise
- B. A half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise
- C. One hour after sunset only
- D. Only when it rains

17. It is illegal to use high beams within how far of an oncoming vehicle?

- A. 200 feet
- B. 300 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 1,000 feet

18. A deer runs onto the road in front of you. The manual says to:

- A. Swerve hard to miss it
- B. Brake firmly, hold the wheel and stay in your lane
- C. Speed up
- D. Flash your high beams and keep going

19. When you enter a roundabout, you yield to:

- A. Traffic approaching from the right
- B. Traffic approaching from the left
- C. Nobody
- D. Only trucks

20. At a four-way stop, who goes first?

- A. The largest vehicle
- B. The driver who arrived and stopped first
- C. The driver on the left
- D. The driver going straight

21. At a T-intersection with no signs or signals, you must yield to:

- A. Vehicles on the through road
- B. Nobody
- C. Vehicles turning left only
- D. Vehicles behind you

22. A flashing red overhead light means:

- A. Slow down
- B. Stop
- C. Speed up
- D. Yield only to trucks

23. Construction warning signs are usually:

- A. Round and white
- B. Diamond-shaped, black on orange or yellow
- C. Blue squares
- D. Green rectangles

24. For a driver 21 or older, it is a crime to drive with a BAC of:

- A. 0.02 or more
- B. 0.05 or more
- C. 0.08 or more
- D. 0.10 or more

25. Michigan's high-BAC law adds tougher penalties at a BAC of:

- A. 0.10 or more
- B. 0.12 or more
- C. 0.15 or more
- D. 0.17 or more

26. The fine for a first hand-held phone violation is:

- A. \$25
- B. \$50
- C. \$100
- D. \$500

27. Keep at least how much space between your breastbone and the steering wheel air bag?

- A. 2 inches
- B. 5 inches
- C. 10 inches
- D. 20 inches

28. A Level 2 driver may not drive between:

- A. 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- B. 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- C. Midnight and 5 a.m.
- D. 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

29. Before the driving skills test, a Level 1 teen must log at least:

- A. 30 hours with 2 at night
- B. 40 hours with 5 at night
- C. 50 hours with 10 at night
- D. 65 hours with 10 at night

30. To pass the Segment 1 state exam, a teen needs at least:

- A. 60%
- B. 70%
- C. 80%
- D. 90%

Answer key

1. C. Stop at least 20 feet from a school bus with red overhead lights flashing.
2. B. You do not need to stop for a bus on the other side of a divided highway.
3. C. Stop between 15 and 50 feet from the tracks.
4. B. Michigan uses 15 feet from a fire hydrant.
5. C. Stay at least 30 feet away.
6. C. Stay at least 50 feet from the nearest rail.
7. B. Park no more than 12 inches from the curb.
8. B. Be back in your lane before you are within 200 feet of an oncoming vehicle.
9. B. No passing within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing, bridge, viaduct or tunnel.
10. B. Slow to at least 10 mph below the posted limit and move over if traffic and conditions allow.
11. D. Stay at least 500 feet behind it.
12. C. The freeway maximum is 70 mph and the minimum is 55 mph unless posted.
13. C. Subdivisions and condominium complexes are 25 mph.
14. B. Keep 3 to 4 seconds, and 6 seconds or more in poor conditions.
15. B. The first half hour of rain is the most slippery, so at least double your following distance.
16. B. Use headlights from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and whenever visibility is low.
17. C. Do not use or flash high beams within 500 feet of an oncoming vehicle.
18. B. Do not veer for deer. Brake firmly and stay in your lane.
19. B. Vehicles entering yield to traffic approaching from the left. Never turn left to enter.
20. B. The first to arrive and stop goes first. If two arrive together, the driver on the left yields to the driver on the right.
21. A. Yield the right of way to vehicles on the through road.
22. B. Treat it as a stop: come to a complete stop first.
23. B. Construction warning signs are diamond-shaped with black lettering on orange or yellow.
24. C. Michigan's adult limit is 0.08.
25. D. Enhanced penalties apply at 0.17 or higher.
26. C. A first offense is \$100. Later offenses are \$250.
27. C. Sit at least 10 inches from the center of the steering wheel.
28. B. Level 2 drivers may not drive from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. unless an exception applies.
29. C. Log at least 50 supervised hours, including 10 at night.
30. B. A score of at least 70% is required.