

250 New York CDL Practice Test Questions: Mastering the Road to Certification

Obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) in New York State is a crucial step for individuals seeking employment in the transportation industry. To ensure success on the official CDL exam, comprehensive preparation is essential. This article presents a collection of 250 practice test questions specifically tailored to the New York CDL knowledge exam. Each question is designed to test your understanding of vital concepts related to driving commercial vehicles. By thoroughly reviewing these practice questions, you will gain the confidence and knowledge necessary to conquer the actual exam and embark on a successful career as a commercial driver.

Section 1: General Knowledge

1. When must you use the headlights on your commercial vehicle?(A)

Only at night (B) Only in rain or fog (C) At all times (D) Only when it's dark



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2. What is the speed limit for commercial vehicles on New York City highways?(A) 45 mph (B) 50 mph (C) 55 mph (D) 60 mph

3. What is the minimum age to obtain a Class A CDL in New York?(A) 18 (B) 21 (C) 25 (D) 30

4. Which of the following is NOT a requirement for obtaining a New York CDL?(A) Passing a written knowledge test (B) Passing a skills test (C) Having a valid driver's license (D) Being a U.S. citizen

5. How often must you renew your New York CDL?(A) Every 2 years (B) Every 4 years (C) Every 6 years (D) Every 8 years

Section 2: Air Brakes

6. What is the primary function of the air dryer?(A) To remove moisture from the air system (B) To adjust the air pressure in the brakes (C) To lubricate the brake components (D) To store compressed air

7. What is the purpose of the quick release valve?(A) To release air from the air tanks (B) To release air from the brake chambers (C) To lock the brakes (D) To engage the parking brake

8. What is the minimum safe air pressure to drive a commercial vehicle with air brakes?(A) 60 psi (B) 70 psi (C) 80 psi (D) 90 psi

9. What is the proper procedure if you experience an air brake system failure while driving?(A) Shift to a lower gear and use the engine brake (B) Apply the parking brake and pull over to the side of the road (C) Continue driving until you can find a mechanic (D) Pump the brake pedal rapidly

10. What is the purpose of the dual air brake system?(A) To provide redundancy in case one system fails (B) To increase the braking power of the vehicle (C) To prevent the brakes from locking up (D) To reduce the time it takes to apply the brakes

Section 3: Combination Vehicles

11. What is the minimum distance you must maintain between your commercial vehicle and the vehicle in front of you when driving in ideal conditions?(A) 1 second (B) 2 seconds (C) 3 seconds (D) 4 seconds

12. What is the maximum speed limit for a combination vehicle with a trailer over 10,000 lbs on New York State highways?(A) 55 mph (B) 60 mph (C) 65 mph (D) 70 mph

13. What is the legal length limit for a commercial vehicle combination in New York City?(A) 53 feet (B) 65 feet (C) 75 feet (D) 85 feet

14. What is the purpose of using a slide fifth wheel when connecting the tractor and trailer of a combination vehicle?(A) To prevent the trailer from rolling forward (B) To allow the trailer to pivot more easily (C) To distribute the weight of the trailer evenly (D) To lock the trailer to the tractor

15. What is the maximum weight limit for a single-axle combination vehicle in New York State?(A) 18,000 lbs (B) 20,000 lbs (C) 22,000 lbs (D) 24,000 lbs

Section 4: Doubles and Triples

16. What is a doubles combination?(A) A combination of a tractor and two trailers (B) A combination of two tractors and one trailer (C) A

combination of a tractor and three trailers (D) A combination of three tractors and two trailers

17. What is the maximum length limit for a doubles combination in New York State?(A) 91 feet (B) 102 feet (C) 113 feet (D) 124 feet

18. What is the maximum weight limit for a triples combination in New York State?(A) 105,500 lbs (B) 115,500 lbs (C) 125,500 lbs (D) 135,500 lbs

19. What is the purpose of using a spreader bar when connecting the trailers of a doubles or triples combination?(A) To prevent the trailers from colliding (B) To distribute the weight of the trailers evenly (C) To allow the trailers to pivot more easily (D) To lock the trailers to the tractor

20. What is the maximum speed limit for a doubles or triples combination on New York State highways?(A) 55 mph (B) 60 mph (C) 65 mph (D) 70 mph

Section 5: Hazardous Materials

21. What is the purpose of the Hazardous Materials Safety Permit?(A) To allow the transportation of hazardous materials (B) To identify the type of hazardous materials being transported (C) To ensure that the driver is properly trained to transport hazardous materials (D) All of the above

22. What is the placard used to identify vehicles transporting radioactive materials?(A) White with three black chevrons (B) White with two red stars (C) Yellow with three black diamonds (D) Orange with four red squares

23. What is the maximum speed limit for a commercial vehicle transporting Class 1 Explosives?(A) 45 mph (B) 50 mph (C) 55 mph (D) 60 mph

24. What must you do if you are involved in an accident involving a vehicle transporting hazardous materials?(A) Notify the emergency responders immediately (B) Remain away from the vehicle (C) Attempt to clean up the spill yourself (D) A and B

25. What is the purpose of a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)?(A) To provide information about the hazards of a chemical (B) To identify the proper procedures for handling a chemical (C) To ensure that a chemical is safe to use (D) All of the above

Section 6: Passenger Vehicles

26. What is the minimum age to operate a school bus in New York State?(A) 18 (B) 21 (C) 25 (D) 30

27. What is the maximum number of passengers you can transport in a 15-passenger van?(A) 12 (B) 14 (C) 16 (D) 18

28. What is the minimum safety distance you must maintain behind a school bus with its red lights flashing?(A) 100 feet (B) 200 feet (C) 300 feet (D) 400 feet

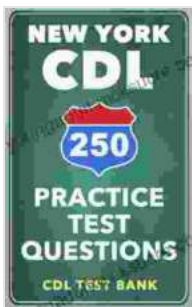
29. What must you do if you see a pedestrian in a crosswalk?(A) Yield until the pedestrian has crossed safely (B) Honk your horn (C) Proceed with caution (D) Speed up to pass the pedestrian

30. What is the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for operating a commercial vehicle in New York State?(A) 0.04% (B) 0.05% (C) 0.08% (D) 0.10%

Section 7: Defensive Driving

31. What is the first step in the defensive driving process?(A) Identify hazards (B) Anticipate hazards (C) React to hazards (D) Avoid hazards

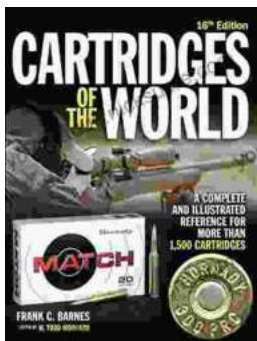
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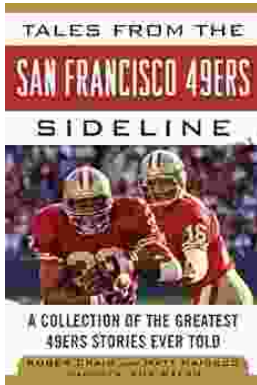
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