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You do not have to stop, but you must slow down and carefully check for other vehicles at

- A. Railroad crossings
- B. Drawbridges that do not have a traffic light or traffic control attendant
- C. Crossings marked as exempt or abandoned
- D. None of the above

## **ANSWER: C**

## **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: Crossings marked as exempt or abandoned. At railroad crossings and drawbridge crossing that do not have a traffic light or traffic control attendant you must stop your bus. You do not have to stop (but must slow down and check for

# **QUESTION NO: 2**

Front wheel brakes are good under all conditions.

- A. True
- B. False

#### **ANSWER: A**

# **QUESTION NO: 3**

If you are lowering the landing gear of a loaded trailer, you should

- A. Lift the trailer off of the fifth wheel
- B. Lower the landing gear until it makes firm contact with the ground
- C. Turn the crank in low gear a few extra turns after firm contact with the ground
- D. Turn the crank in high gear a few extra turns after firm contact with the ground

#### ANSWER: C



# **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: Turn the crank in low gear a few extra turns after firm contact with the ground. If you turn the crank in low gear a few extra turns, it will lift some weight off the tractor which will make it easier for you to unlatch the fifth.

# **QUESTION NO: 4**

The movement of liquid in a partially filled tanker truck is known as what?

- A. Surge
- B. Rolling
- C. Outage
- D. Baffle

# **ANSWER: A**

#### **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: Surge. Liquid surge is caused by the movement of liquid in partially filled tanks. Abrupt start, stops or lane changes will increase the effects of liquid surge.

# **QUESTION NO: 5**

Common medicines for colds can make you sleepy.

- A. True
- B. False

#### ANSWER: A

# **QUESTION NO: 6**

How can you avoid the effects that wet brakes can cause?

- A. Slow down.
- **B.** Gently put on the brakes. This presses linings against brake drums or discs and keeps mud, silt, sand, and water from getting in.
- C. Place transmission in a low gear.
- **D.** Increase engine rpm and cross the water while keeping light pressure on the brakes.
- E. When out of the water, maintain light pressure on the brakes for a short distance to heat them up and dry them out.



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## ANSWER: F

# **QUESTION NO: 7**

Which of the following will affect the stopping power of spring brakes?

- A. Road conditions
- **B.** Proper adjustment
- **C.** Modulating control valve position (if equipped)
- D. All of the above

#### ANSWER: D

# **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: All of the above. Road conditions (e.g., slippery, icy etc.) always effect stopping power. Spring brakes need to be properly adjusted in order to work right. A modulating control valve is a control handle (on some vehicles) that

# **QUESTION NO: 8**

Where will you find shut off valves on doubles and triples?

- A. Emergency air lines
- B. Service air lines
- C. Trailer brake system only
- D. [\*]Both service and emergency air lines

# **ANSWER: D**

# **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: Both service and emergency air lines. Shut-off valves (sometimes referred to as cut-out cocks) are located at the back of trailers used to tow other trailers. They are used for both the service and emergency air lines.

## **QUESTION NO: 9**

All vehicles with air brakes must have a low air pressure warning signal.



A. True B. False C. Only some vehicles **ANSWER: A QUESTION NO: 10** How often should you drain air tanks? A. Every 3 hours or 200 miles B. Every 4 hours or 250 miles C. Drain your air tanks at the end of each working day D. Once a week is sufficient E. None of the above ANSWER: C **QUESTION NO: 11** Why should you be in the proper gear before starting down a hill? A. You will not be able to shift into a lower gear once you are going down the hill. B. Because you will need to be in the same gear at the bottom of the hill. C. It is the law in most states. D. There is no need to do this. **E.** Because the clutch is made to be used on even surfaces. **ANSWER: A QUESTION NO: 12** 

What is the most important reason for doing a vehicle inspection?

A. To save you money by preventing costly repairs



- B. Safety for yourself and other road users
- C. Federal and state laws require you to inspect your vehicle
- **D.** To insure that you will achieve the best gas mileage

## **ANSWER: B**

# **Explanation:**

The answer is: safety for yourself and other road users. Although A, C, and D are valid reasons, the primary goal of a vehicle inspection is to insure safety.

# **QUESTION NO: 13**

You are driving a 40 foot truck at 35 MPH, how much space (in seconds) should you keep in front of you?

- A. 3 seconds
- B. 4 seconds
- C. 5 seconds
- D. 6 seconds

#### **ANSWER: B**

#### **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: 4 seconds. To calculate your space required, use the following formula: If going under 40 MPH, use 1 second for each 10' of vehicle length. If going over 40 MPH, use the same formula but add 1 second. In this scenario, a 40' truck requires 4 seconds, and you don't need to add an additional second, because you are traveling under 40 mph.

#### **QUESTION NO: 14**

Where must you keep shipping papers describing hazardous materials?

- A. Within 100 feet of the hazardous materials at all times.
- **B.** With the bills of lading.
- **C.** In a pouch on the drivers door, or in clear view with in immediate reach while the seat belt is fastened while driving, On the drivers seat when out of the vehicle
- **D.** In a pouch on the drivers door, or the over head compartment above the drivers seat only.
- E. None of the above!



# **ANSWER: C**

# **QUESTION NO: 15**

What is the fastest and best way to recognize that your trailer has started to skid?

- A. Feeling your steering wheel shake
- B. Listening for the distinctive skidding sound
- C. Seeing it in your mirrors
- **D.** Feeling your vehicle pull to the side

# **ANSWER: C**

## **Explanation:**

The correct answer is: See it in your mirrors. The best and earliest way to determine that your trailer has started to skid is by seeing it in your mirrors. You should check your mirrors regularly, especially after applying the brakes hard.