



Motorcycle Permit Practice Test

- 1) In a normal turn, the rider should:
 - a) lean in the opposite directions to the motorcycle
 - b) lean in the same direction as the motorcycle
 - c) sit upright
- 2) Failure to cancel a turn signal is most likely to:
 - a) keep others from seeing your break light
 - b) cause others to follow too closely
 - c) cause other drivers to pull into your path
- 3) All of the following apply to carrying passengers safely except:
 - a) avoid any unnecessary motion or talk
 - b) instruct passengers to get on the motorcycle after the engine has started
 - c) operated at a somewhat higher speed to adjust for the added weight of the passenger
- 4) On a wet road, generally the most slippery part of the lane is:
 - a) the center of the lane
 - b) the right wheel track
 - c) the left wheel track
- 5) When the motorcycle is stopped, a passenger should:
 - a) place both feet on the ground
 - b) place the same foot on the ground that the operator does
 - c) keep both feet on the footpegs
- 6) When riding in unfamiliar cycle, you should:
 - a) keep to the right side of the lane
 - b) allow extra stopping distance
 - c) keep to the left side of the lane
- 7) When motorcyclists ride in groups, the pace should be set by:
 - a) the group leader
 - b) other vehicles
 - c) the tailender
- 8) Unless otherwise directed by signs or pavement marking:
 - a) park parallel to the curb
 - b) park on a sidewalk when space permits
 - c) you must angle the motorcycle out from the curb
- 9) You are being passed by a car on a two-lane road, you should move forward:
 - a) the far right part of your lane
 - b) the center part of your lane
 - c) the far left of your lane
- 10) When riding over loose gravel or sand on the road, you should:
 - a) downshift for more power
 - b) avoid sudden or quick movement
 - c) slow down by using the rear brake only
- 11) Convex mirrors make vehicles look:
 - a) closer than they are
 - b) farther away than they are
 - c) the distance they really are
- 12) When riding in a staggered formation, you should change into a single line when:
 - a) turning corners
 - b) traffic is heavy
 - c) stopping at an intersection
- 13) All of the following can best allow you to ride safely over most obstacles you would find on the highway except:
 - a) holding onto the grips tightly
 - b) rising slightly on the footpegs
 - c) shifting your weight as far back as you can
- 14) When crossing a bridge with a metal grating, you should:
 - a) ride straight across
 - b) weave back and forth across it
 - c) walk the cycle across it
- 15) To avoid panic stops or sudden swerves you should do all of the following except:
 - a) look over or through the car in front of you for cars turning ahead
 - b) change lanes frequently to see ahead
 - c) check the roadside for cars leaving the curb
- 16) A passenger should sit behind the operator:
 - a) as far away as possible
 - b) as close as possible
 - c) wherever the passenger feels comfortable
- 17) When riding in traffic at night, one way to locate bumps in the road is to:
 - a) put your headlights on high beam
 - b) watch the taillights of the car ahead
 - c) look down at the road 10 feet ahead of you
- 18) Motorcycle operators are required to use signals
 - a) when driving in heavy traffic
 - b) only at stop lights
 - c) for all turns and stops
- 19) The best thing you can do to make the motorcycle visible to oncoming drivers is:
 - a) to move from one side of the lane to the other to attract attention
 - b) to keep the headlight on at all times
 - c) position yourself in the left-center of your lane and remain there
- 20) An operator should talk to a passenger:
 - a) to warn him of sudden movements of the motorcycle
 - b) to give reassurance
 - c) whenever he has something to say
- 21) When riding at night your following distance should be:
 - a) about the same as during the day
 - b) somewhat less distance than during the day
 - c) more distance than during the day
- 22) When riding in heavy bumper to bumper traffic you should:
 - a) keep well behind the car ahead when you are stopped
 - b) maintain a center lane position
 - c) share lanes with cars to relieve congestion
- 23) When you slow down for a stop, you should:
 - a) downshift just before stopping
 - b) downshift after stopping
 - c) begin to downshift as you slow down
- 24) Which of the following is required as protective equipment for a motorcyclist?
 - a) face shield or goggles
 - b) riding gloves
 - c) leather ankle and skin protectors
- 25) If you have a blowout, you should hold onto the handgrips lightly and:
 - a) brake lightly on the when with the good tire
 - b) slowly ease off the throttle
 - c) turn quickly off the road
- 26) When following a car at a safe distance, you should position the motorcycle where you can see the:
 - a) car's left sideview mirror
 - b) car's inside rearview mirror
 - c) driver's hand on the wheel

27) A passenger should hold on to:

- a) the seat
- b) the backrest
- c) the operator

28) Most collisions between cars and motorcycles happen:

- a) at intersections
- b) on the open road
- c) in parking lots

29) At night the item most visible to drivers following you is:

- a) a white helmet
- b) the cycle's taillight
- c) a reflective vest

30) On a paved two lane road, sand and gravel are most likely to collect:

- a) in the center of the lanes
- b) near the side of the road
- c) in the center of the road

31) Which of the following is required on all motorcycles in New York State?

- a) a stop lamp
- b) reflectors on the handlebars
- c) automatic turn signals

32) What is the only effective way to reduce your blood alcohol content (BAC)?

- a) taking a shower
- b) allow your body time to get rid of the alcohol
- c) drinking coffee

33) What effect does drinking alcohol and taking a prescription drug or over the counter medication have

- a) the drugs could cancel out the alcohol
- b) the combination could multiply the effects of the alcohol
- c) there is no effect

34) The cables, hydraulic lines and controls on the motorcycle should be checked:

- a) at least every two weeks
- b) at least once a month
- c) before each ride

35) In New York State, what BAC (blood alcohol content) is equal to being intoxicated?

- a) 0.08
- b) 0.05
- c) 0.20

36) Blood alcohol content (BAC) depends mostly on the amount of alcohol you consume and:

- a) your age
- b) how much you eat before drinking
- c) your body weight

37) On a high crowned road (high in the middle) you reduce speed:

- a) more for a curve to the left
- b) only when entering the turn
- c) more on a right curve

38) To handle a high speed wobble:

- a) don't fight the wobble; apply the brakes
- b) don't fight the wobble; stay off the brakes
- c) fight the wobble; stay off the brakes

39) To turn a corner at high speed, you should lean:

- a) less than you would at low speed
- b) more than you would at low speed
- c) the same as you would at low speed

40) In order to adjust to problems ahead when following a car, you should look:

- a) at the car ahead
- b) over, or through, the car ahead
- c) to the left side of the car ahead

41) Which of the following will not assist in making safe turns?

- a) leaning with the motorcycle
- b) keeping both hands on the grips during the turn
- c) changing gears while making the turn

42) When an operator uses "highway pegs" rather than regular pegs, it takes:

- a) the same time to brake
- b) more time to brake
- c) less time to brake

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44) Which of the following practices is recommended for operating a motorcycle?

- a) keep constant speed as you drive over loose gravel
- b) generally brake both wheels for a safe stop
- c) brake both wheels while you are in turn

45) One difference between a sport bike & a cruiser:

- a) no difference at all
- b) you turn more with your body on a sport bike by leaning
- c) the clutch works differently on a cruiser

46) People driving under the influence of alcohol are

- a) every driver's problem, whether they drink or not
- b) more dangerous for motorcyclists
- c) only a danger to themselves

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48) How do the recommended following distances for a motorcycle operator generally compare with those for the operator of a car

- a) motorcycles should always try to pass the car
- b) motorcycles should stay equal distance
- c) motorcycles should stay farther behind

49) The sign "steel dock bridge" warns the motorcyclist that the road on the bridge will:

- a) not be plowed when it snows
- b) have a very hard ice surface in the winter
- c) be hazardous at normal driving speeds

50) If you are being chased by a dog:

- a) kick it away
- b) swerve around the animal
- c) approach the animal slowly, and then speed up

ANSWER KEY

1. A	2. C	3. C	4. A	5. C	6. B	7.C	8.C	9.B	10.B
11. B	12.A	13.C	14.A	15.B	16.B	17.B	18.C	19.B	20.A
21.C	22.B	23.B	24.C	25.B	26.B	27.C	28.A	29.C	30.B
31.A	32.B	33.B	34.C	35.A	36.C	37.A	38.B	39.B	40.B
41.C	42.B	43.B	44.B	45.B	46.A	47.B	48.B	49.B	50.C