

Real Driving Skill Is Based On Knowledge

Are You "In The Know?"

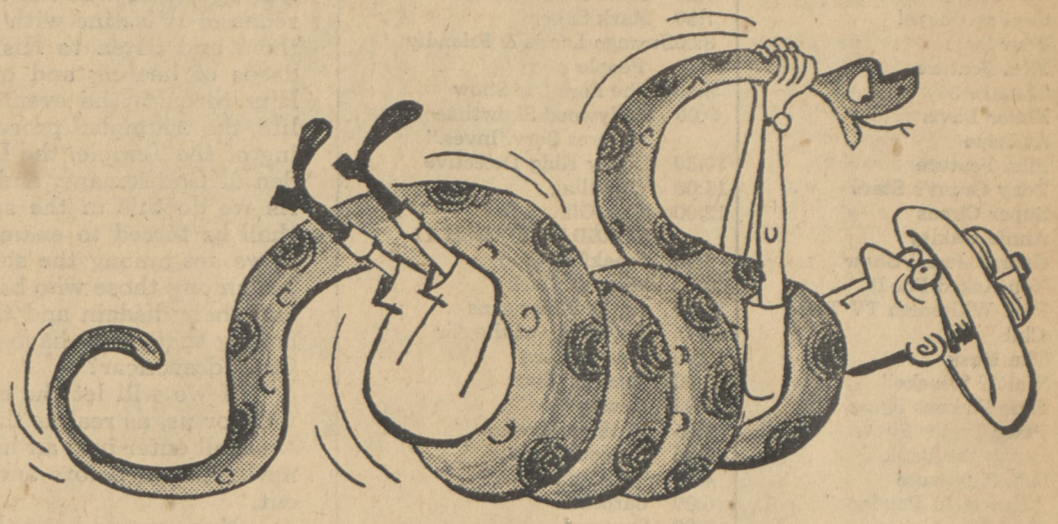
What are the differences between the expert driver and the amateur? For one thing the expert is really well informed about driving, while the amateur has a great deal yet to learn. Here is a test of your driving knowledge. Based on the Knowledge Test for Automobile Drivers published by the Center for Safety Education of New York University, it covers a few of the many important things a driver must know to be an expert. Take it and see how you rate.

Directions: Read each of the following statements carefully. Four possibilities for completing each statement are given. Select the one that you think completes the statement most correctly and place that number in the square.

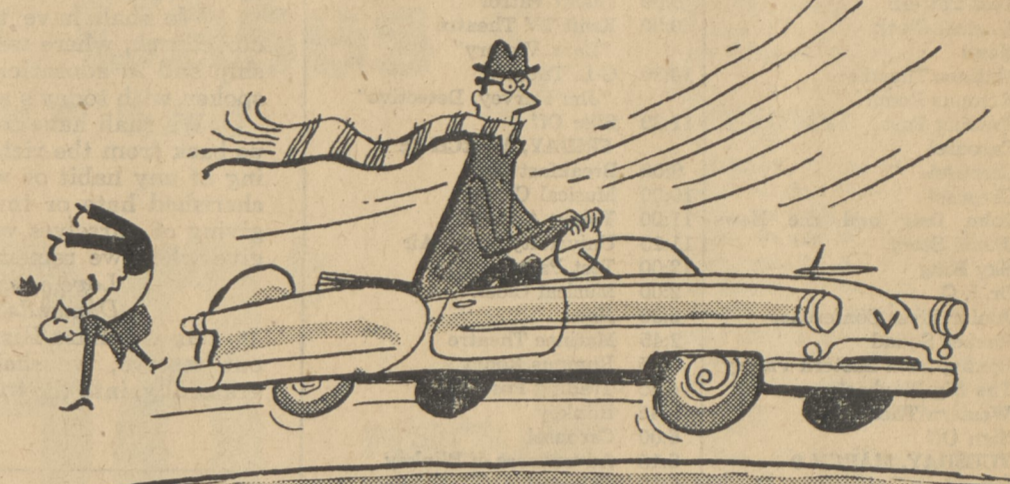
1. Most traffic accidents are the result of:
 - (1) Mechanical defects in automobiles (2) Defects in the road (3) Errors in drivers' judgment (4) Adverse weather conditions
2. A good driver, suddenly finding the foot brakes not functioning, will attempt to control the car for stopping by:
 - (1) Turning off ignition (2) Pushing the clutch pedal down and letting it up, repeating this several times (3) Driving onto the shoulder of the road to slow down the car (4) Double-clutching the gear into second position and using engine compression.
3. When ascending a hill behind a transport truck, you should:
 - (1) Stay far enough behind the truck so that it does not block your view of oncoming traffic (2) Stay close to the rear of the truck so that no other car from behind can get in between you and the truck (3) blow your horn (daytime) or flick your lights (night time) to let the truck driver know you wish to pass (4) Speed up and make a quick pass around the truck
4. When driving around a curve on the highway you should:
 - (1) Accelerate at the beginning of the curve and apply the brakes just before reaching the straightaway (2) Slow down before reaching the curve, depress the clutch, and coast around the curve (3) Slow the car down with the engine before reaching the curve, start around the curve, and accelerate just before reaching the straightaway (4) Start into the curve at the speed the car is traveling and apply the brakes only if necessary
5. In crossing trolley car tracks on a wet street, you should:
 - (1) Turn gradually across the tracks (2) Cut across the tracks at a wide angle (3) Drive on the tracks before crossing them (4) Make it a practice never to cross trolley tracks on wet days
6. If the minimum stopping distance of a car traveling at 20 miles per hour is 40 feet, at 40 miles per hour it would be:
 - (1) 60 feet (2) 75 feet (3) 80 feet (4) 115 feet
7. You are driving at the speed limit and a driver behind sounds his horn and starts by. You should:
 - (1) Decrease your speed slightly and give way to him (2) Block him to let him know he is already driving at the speed limit (3) Speed up to get out of his way (4) Let him by and then overtake him
8. Night traffic on the roads is much less than day traffic; but night accidents in proportion to the traffic are far more numerous than day accidents. The main reason is:
 - (1) Visibility is poor (2) Drunken drivers are more numerous (3) Pedestrians walk on the wrong side of dark roads (4) People drive faster at night than during the day
9. For safety when driving through an intersection, you should:
 - (1) Glance right and then left in approaching the intersection (2) Look into the mirror to see how close you are being followed (3) Glance left and then right in approaching the intersection (4) Keep your eyes straight ahead to see what dangers you might face
10. If steam forms on the inside of the windshield, you should:
 - (1) Increase your speed by ten miles per hour (2) Stop every mile and wipe it off (3) Open a window slightly (4) Wipe it off frequently while driving
11. When the right wheels of your car slip off the edge of the pavement, you should:
 - (1) Slow down gradually until you can steer back onto the pavement at a convenient place (2) Turn back onto the pavement quickly before your car has lost any of its momentum (3) Apply the brakes quickly in order to keep from rolling over into a ditch (4) Turn off the ignition, coast to a stop, and then back up onto the pavement
12. You are driving on a snow-covered road and have to make a stop quickly. The best way to do this is to:
 - (1) Slam the brakes on hard (2) Roll down the window and signal (3) Turn off the ignition and apply the hand brake (4) Pump the brake pedal
13. In bringing a car to a complete non-emergency stop from a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour, you should:
 - (1) Depress the clutch and brake pedals at the same time (2) Depress the clutch pedal first and then depress the brake pedal (3) Depress the clutch and brake pedals together and then place the gear shift lever in neutral (4) Depress the brake pedal first and depress the clutch pedal later
14. Most automobile skids are the result of:
 - (1) Under-inflated tires (2) Too much snow or ice on the road (3) Over-inflated tires (4) Driving too fast on slippery road surfaces
15. A red signal that flashes on and off, on and off, means:
 - (1) Stop (2) Slow down (3) Blow the horn (4) Shift to second gear
16. In preparation for a right turn the most important thing for you to do is:
 - (1) Drive in the extreme right lane (2) Check your mirror for conditions in the rear (3) Blow your horn lightly (4) Give a hand signal
17. When driving in a fog at night you will have the best possible visibility by using:
 - (1) The upper headlight beam (2) The lower, or passing, headlight beam (3) The parking lights (4) No lights at all
18. When driving behind a school bus which makes a sudden stop, you should:
 - (1) Slow down and pass if no children cross the road (2) Pass the bus, sounding your horn as you go by (3) Bump into the bus lightly (4) Stop behind the bus and wait for it to proceed before you start up again
19. Your car (A) is being overtaken by another car (B) on a two-lane road. Just as the overtaking car draws up alongside yours, its driver, seeing that an oncoming car (C) is near, starts to drop back into line again. You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:
 - (1) Accelerating (2) Applying the brakes (3) Keeping your speed constant (4) Blowing your horn as a danger signal
20. In the situation above (19) you are driving car (C). You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:
 - (1) Blowing your horn (2) Keeping your speed constant (3) Moving toward the center of the road to scare car (B) back into line (4) Applying the brakes

Key for Scoring:

- 1-3; 2-4; 3-1; 4-3; 5-2;
 6-4; 7-1; 8-1; 9-3; 10-3;
 11-1; 12-4; 13-4; 14-4; 15-1;
 16-1; 17-2; 18-4; 19-1; 20-4.



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Driving fast on icy streets!

Icy streets are much more dangerous than anacondas. In the first place, anacondas live in South America, so you're not likely to meet up with them.

Whereas icy streets are all over the place here in North America, in Winter. Winter brings us other nasty hazards, too, like blinding sleet and snow and long hours of darkness.

What's the same way to handle the situation?

We suggest you winter-ize your driving thinking, along with your car. All it costs you is a little thought, which seems a small price to pay for the privilege of going on living. Just a few things to keep in mind:

Drive at slower speeds. Treacherous winter going often makes the safe speed far lower than the legal limit posted for dry, clear weather.

Use tire chains to increase control of your car on ice and snow, and to shorten the distance required for safe, sure stops.

Keep bright at night. Winter means less daylight, extra hours of driving in the dark. Make up for it by extra alertness at the wheel. Keep that windshield free from streaks and traffic grime. Make sure your headlights are bright and that your defroster and windshield wipers are working.

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