

## MOTORCYCLE EXAM PREP GUIDE

1. When it is raining, what is the best lane position for a motorcycle?
  - a. Center
  - b. Center or right
  - c. Left or right
  - d. Center or left
  1. When it is raining, you should ride in the **left or right lane positions**. The center lane position may be slippery from the buildup of oil and other vehicle fluids there.
  
2. What is the best formation when riding in a group?
  - a. The staggered formation
  - b. None of the above
  - c. Single file
  - d. In pairs
  1. The best formation when riding in a group is the **staggered formation**. It lets you stay close together while still maintaining an adequate space cushion.
  
3. If your motorcycle is not equipped with a windshield, you must
  - a. wear an approved helmet.
  - b. wear goggles or glasses.
  - c. not ride the motorcycle.
  - d. only ride it during the day.
  1. If your motorcycle is not equipped with a windshield, **you must wear goggles, glasses, or (best of all) a face shield** to protect your eyes. (A shatter-resistant face shield will protect your entire face, including your eyes.)
  
4. How many lane positions are available to a motorcycle in one lane of traffic?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  1. There are **3 lane positions** available to a motorcycle in one lane of traffic: 1 (left), 2 (center), and 3 (right).

5. What should you do to avoid colliding with a vehicle cutting in?



- a. Brake abruptly while swerving
- b. Grab at the front brake
- c. Swerve into the left lane

1. Sometimes you may not have enough room to stop, even if you use both brakes properly. An object might appear suddenly in your path or the vehicle ahead might stop abruptly. The only way to avoid a collision may be to turn quickly or swerve around it. In this situation, the best course of action would be to **swerve into the left lane.**

6. You should check your mirrors when you are

- a. going to slow down.
- b. about to change lanes.
- c. stopped at an intersection.
- d. in any of the above situations.

1. You should check your mirrors when you are **going to slow down, about to change lanes, or stopped at an intersection.**

7. To help maintain balance in a turn, you should

- a. maintain or increase your speed.
- b. drag your inside foot for support.
- c. maintain or decrease your speed.
- d. drag your outside foot for support.

1. To help maintain balance in a turn, you should **maintain or increase your speed.** Motorcycles are less stable at slower speeds.

8. The best path through a curve



- a. may not follow the curve of the road.
- b. is to stay in the center lane position.
- c. is on the outside of the curve.
- d. is on the inside of the curve.

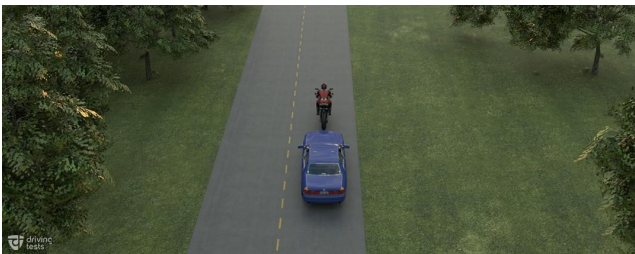
1. The best path through a curve **may not follow the curve of the road**. Change your lane position as needed to help you.

9. Increase your visibility at an intersection by

- a. riding in the staggered formation.
- b. choosing the most visible lane position.
- c. coming to a complete stop.
- d. looking in your mirrors.

1. Increase your visibility at an intersection by **choosing the most visible lane position** so that drivers will be able to see you.

10. What is the best way to deal with tailgaters?



- a. Pull over and stop.
- b. Increase your speed.
- c. Call the police.
- d. Encourage them to pass you.

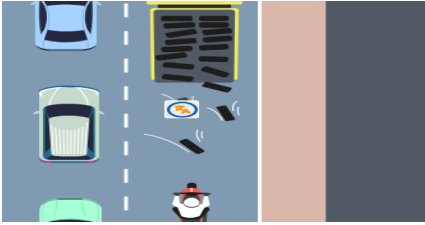
1. The best way to deal with tailgaters is to **encourage them to pass you**.

11. The best way to cross an unavoidable obstacle on the road is to

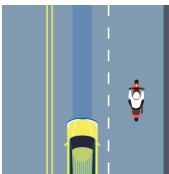


- a. cross it at a 45-degree angle.
  - b. walk your motorcycle across it.
  - c. cross it at a 90-degree angle.
  - d. put your feet down for support.
1. The best way to cross an unavoidable obstacle on the road is to approach it head-on; that is, at a **90-degree angle**. If that is not possible, cross it at an angle of at least 45 degrees.
12. You are considered legally intoxicated if your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is \_\_\_\_\_ or higher.
- a. 0.01%
  - b. 0.08%
  - c. 0.09%
  - d. 0.05%
1. You are considered legally intoxicated if your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is **0.08% or higher**. Note: An average 180-pound man will reach a BAC of 0.10% after consuming three standard drinks before his liver has started to break down the alcohol. One standard drink equals one 12-ounce can of beer, a one-half glass of wine, or 1.5 ounces of whiskey.

13. As you are riding, an object appears suddenly in your path. What should you do?



- Brake abruptly while swerving
  - Swerve into the left lane
  - Swerve onto the shoulder of the road
    - Sometimes you may not have enough room to stop, even if you use both brakes properly. An object might appear suddenly in your path or the vehicle ahead might stop abruptly. The only way to avoid a collision may be to turn quickly or swerve around it. In this situation, **since there is traffic in the left lane, the safest option would be to swerve onto the shoulder of the road.**
14. Which is the safest braking method?
- Using only the rear brake
  - Using only the front brake
  - Alternating between using the front brake and the rear brake
  - Using both the front and rear brakes at the same time
    - The safest and most efficient braking method is to **use both the front and rear brakes at the same time.**
15. When you are being passed from behind,

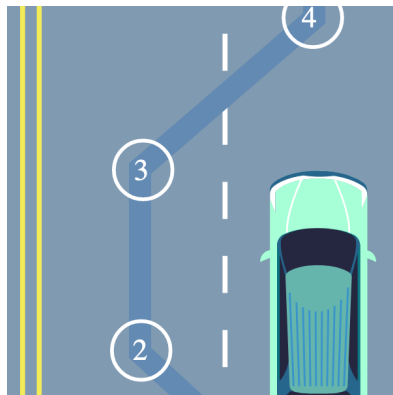


- stay in the center portion of your lane.
- move into the portion of the lane farthest from the passing vehicle.
- Accelerate.
- move to the left portion of your lane.
  - When you are being passed from behind, **stay in the center portion of your lane.** Riding close to the passing vehicle could put you in a hazardous situation.

16. During normal turns, the rider should lean in the opposite direction of the motorcycle.
- both the rider and motorcycle should remain upright.
  - the rider should remain upright while leaning the motorcycle.
  - the rider should lean with the motorcycle.
1. During normal turns, the **rider should lean with the motorcycle**. In slow turns, the rider should remain upright while the motorcycle leans.

17. When parking against the curb, you should park at a \_ angle.
- 130-degree
  - 45-degree
  - 25-degree
  - 90-degree
- i. When parking against the curb, you should **park at a 90-degree angle**.

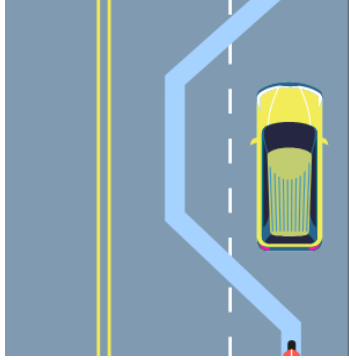
18. What should you do on Step 3 of passing?



- 19.
- Cancel the signal
  - Signal right
  - Signal left
  - Use your horn
1. When passing, signal left, and when safe, move into the left lane and accelerate. On Step 3, signal right, and complete mirror and head checks before returning to your original lane and then cancel the signal. Remember, passing must be completed within posted speed limits, and only where permitted.

20. Which of the following surfaces provide little traction for motorcycles?

- a. Wet pavement
  - b. Gravel roads
  - c. Snow
  - d. All of the above
1. **Snow, wet pavement, and gravel roads** provide little traction for motorcycles.
21. Reflective clothing is important for safety
- a. in day and night.
  - b. in rural areas only.
  - c. in urban areas.
  - d. at night.
1. Reflective clothing is **important for safety in both day and night**. You should wear bright, reflective clothing at all times.
22. What portion of a traffic lane does a motorcycle need to operate safely?
- a. A third of a lane width
  - b. Half a lane width
  - c. A quarter of a lane width
  - d. A full lane width
1. A motorcycle, like any other vehicle, requires a **full lane width to operate safely**.
23. A safe space cushion between you and the vehicle ahead of you is at least \_\_\_\_ seconds.
- a. 2
  - b. 5
  - c. 4
  - d. 3
1. A safe space cushion between you and the vehicle ahead of you is at least **3** seconds.
24. If you are about to slow down where others may not expect it, you should
- a. use your front brake only.
  - b. use your signal lights.
  - c. use the left lane position only.
  - d. flash your brake light.
1. If you are about to slow down where others may not expect it, you should **flash your brake light**.
25. Which portion of the lane should you be in before starting to pass?



26.

- a. The left portion of the lane, as close as possible to the vehicle you are going to pass
- b. The center portion of the lane at a safe following distance
- c. The left portion of the lane at a safe following distance
- d. The right portion of the lane at a safe following distance
  1. Passing and being passed by another vehicle is not much different than with a car. However, visibility is more critical. Before starting to pass, **ride in the left portion of the lane at a safe following distance** to increase your line of sight and make you more visible. Signal left and check for oncoming traffic. Use your mirrors and turn your head to look for traffic behind.

27.

- Under Illinois law, motorcycle riders are
- a. not required to wear a helmet.
  - b. required to wear a helmet only at night.
  - c. are required to wear a helmet at all times.
  - d. required to wear a helmet in designated areas.
    1. Under Illinois law, motorcycle riders are **not required to wear a helmet**. However, it's a good idea to always wear one while riding, because it can reduce the chance of serious head injury in an accident.



28. What is the proper way to swerve?
- Press the handlegrip in the direction opposite to the one in which you want to swerve.
  - Pull the handlegrip in the direction opposite to the one in which you want to swerve.
  - Pull the handlegrip in the direction in which you want to swerve.
  - Press the handlegrip in the direction in which you want to swerve.
    - The proper way to swerve is to **press the handlegrip in the direction in which you want to swerve** and lean with the motorcycle.
29. When you are sitting properly on a motorcycle, your arms are used mostly for
- Steering.
  - holding yourself up.
  - Braking.
  - hand signals.
    - When you are sitting properly on a motorcycle, your arms are **used mostly for steering**, not for holding yourself up.
30. Most motorcycle crashes occur
- on multilane highways.
  - with riders who have been riding for less than 6 months.
  - when changing lanes.
  - with riders who have been riding for more than 6 months.
    - Most motorcycle crashes involve riders who have been riding motorcycles for **less than 6 months**.
31. You are entering a turn. If you need to shift gears, you should do it
- at any time.
  - before entering the turn.
  - after completing the turn.
  - after entering the turn.
    - When entering a turn, if you need to shift gears, you should do it **before the turn if possible**. This will help keep the turn smooth and stable. A sudden change in power to the rear wheel can cause a skid.

32. The rear brake is controlled by
- the right hand lever.
  - the left hand lever.
  - the right foot pedal.
  - the left foot pedal.
1. The rear brake is controlled by the **right foot pedal**.
33. To help absorb the shock of riding over large obstacles, you should
- apply the front brake.
  - increase the throttle.
  - rise slightly off the seat.
  - pull in the clutch.
1. To help absorb the shock of riding over large obstacles, you should **rise slightly off the seat** and let your knees and elbows absorb more of the shock.
34. Which colors of clothing increase your visibility to other vehicle operators?
- Green
  - Orange
  - Yellow
  - All of the above
1. **Green, yellow, and orange** clothing increase your visibility to other vehicle operators.
35. When approaching an intersection, you should choose a lane position to
- increase your speed and pass quickly.
  - increase your visibility to other vehicle operators.
  - reduce your following distance.
  - do all of the above.
1. When you approach an intersection, you should choose a lane position to **increase your visibility** to other vehicle operators.
36. If you lock the rear break on a surface with good traction,
- Release the rear brake and reapply
  - Release the rear brake and use the front break.
  - You can keep it locked until you come to a complete stop.
  - Release both breaks and coast to a stop.
1. If you lock the rear break on a surface with good traction, you can **keep it locked** until you

come to a complete stop. On the other hand if you lock the front wheel, you should release the front break immediately.

37. You should start the motorcycle with
- Your right wrist low.
  - Your elbow locked.
  - Your hands above your elbows.
  - Your right wrist flat.
    - You should start the motorcycle with **your right wrist flat** to keep yourself from using too much throttle accidentally.
38. The best way to swerve is to
- Avoid breaking and press the handlegrip on the side opposite to the direction in which you want to turn.
  - Avoid breaking and press the handlegrip on the side of the direction in which you want to turn.
  - Break while you are swerving.
  - Pull in clutch and apply the rear break.
    - Best way to swerve is to **press the handlegrip on the side of the direction in which you want to turn**. Never break and swerve at the same time.
39. To avoid lurching while downshifting, what should you do?
- Never shift below second gear?
  - Downshift only if you are an experienced rider.
  - Make sure the motorcycle is traveling slowly enough for the lower gear.
  - Break while shifting.
    - Make sure the **motorcycle is traveling slow enough for the gear you're about to shift into**.
40. How can you stabilize the motorcycle in slow tight turns?
- Remain straight while leaning the motorcycle.
  - Maintain or increase your speed
  - Lean with the motorcycle
  - Lean forward as much as possible.
    - You can keep your **body straight while leaning the motorcycle** into the turn.