Pick a Word

Use the words in the box below to complete each statement.

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1. Rural roads with more than one lane going in the same direction
2. A vehicle usually identified by an orange triangular sign at the rear
3. Gives suggested travel speed for curve under ideal conditions
4. An additional right lane for slower-moving vehicles
5. A grass, metal, or concrete divider that separates traffic moving in opposite directions
6. The distance you can see ahead in the direction you are looking when driving
7. Sudden rush of water due to excessive rain
8. Series of sharp turns, often found in mountain areas
9. A paved, gravel, or soft area to the left or right of the roadway
10. An area specially designed to slow a vehicle that loses the ability to brake when going down a steep hill

Test Your Knowledge

Check correct or incorrect for each statement below.

1. There are more fatalities in rural driving than in city driving mainly due to the number of hills and curves.
2. When crossing multilane highways, you should treat each side as a one-way street.
3. Lower gears might provide more power while going up steep hills.
4. It is illegal for you to speed up while being passed by another vehicle.
5. The 3-second following distance is the safest space cushion for all types of conditions in rural driving.
6. As you approach a hill in your vehicle, your line of sight becomes shorter.
7. When driving downhill, you should maintain steady pressure on the brake.
8. Move to lane position 1 when you cannot see oncoming vehicles on mountain curves.
9. If caught in a sandstorm and you must drive, use your low-beam headlights.
10. On a divided highway, all vehicles must stop for a loading school bus.
Study the Diagram

While traveling on a two-lane highway, another vehicle decides to pass vehicle A. The pass is safe and legal. Vehicle A is moving at a speed 15 miles under the limit. Starting with position 1, match the letter of each step of the passing maneuver below with the correct vehicle position number.

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A. Check for canceled left signal.
B. Change lanes smoothly.
C. Check rearview mirror for the headlights of vehicle A.
D. Check for canceled right signal; adjust speed.
E. Accelerate to proper speed.
F. Pass vehicle A.
G. Tap horn or flash headlights.
H. Return to right lane.
I. Check rear zones through mirror and mirror blind spot; signal right.
J. Check mirror blind spot; signal left

Identify the Area to Scan

You are driving on the rural highway shown in the picture. Check which visual search area you would scan to identify each of the following.

1. Traffic controls
2. Side road on the right
3. Your speed
4. A car too close in the rear zone
5. Potholes in the roadway
6. Your fuel supply
7. A car in the left-rear zone
8. Oncoming traffic
9. Your headlights on high or low beams
10. Directional changes in the roadway

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List the Potential Conflicts
Study the picture provided. You are the driver of the vehicle behind the truck. Answer the questions to the right.

1. List four potential problems that may change your path of travel.
   a. __________________________
   b. __________________________
   c. __________________________
   d. __________________________

2. What actions might you need to take?
   a. __________________________
   b. __________________________

3. What would you do if a vehicle from behind began to pass you?
   a. __________________________
   b. __________________________

4. What potential problem might the roadway cause in your path of travel?
   a. __________________________

5. Should any of the vehicles shown prepare to pass in this situation?
   a. __________________________

Write Your Decision
Write the missing word or words that complete each statement on the blanks.

1. ____________ 1. Prior to passing, drivers should make sure they can answer yes or no to whether it is legal, if it is ____________, and if it is safe.

2. ____________ 2. Passing is normally not allowed when within 100 feet of a two-lane bridge, a(n) ____________, or an underpass.

3. ____________ 3. After driving through a severe sandstorm, drivers should change the oil, oil filter, and ____________.

4. ____________ 4. Shift to a ____________ gear before starting to drive downhill on a mountain roadway.

Write the Parts of the Procedure
List five parts of the procedure for safely driving around a curve.

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________

Unit 4 Driving in Different Environments   Chapter 15 Driving in Rural Areas
**Use the Pictures**

In each picture below, you are driving vehicle X at 50 mph on a two-lane highway with no oncoming or following traffic. Below each picture, circle the action to take and tell why on the blank lines.

![Image of vehicle X driving on a highway]

1. Why?

2. Why?

3. Why?

4. Why?

**Determine Driver Actions**

The diagram to the right shows a divided multilane highway. The highway has a crossover area for traffic from the east to enter in order for them to travel south.

Vehicle B wants to cross over then turn left.

Vehicles A and D are both traveling northbound.

Vehicles E and F are traveling southbound.

Vehicle C is a tractor-semitrailer that is stalled on the roadway.

Study the diagram. Determine which action (listed below) each vehicle’s driver should take. Write the letter of the vehicle on the blank next to each action.

- 1. Lane change as soon as possible.
- 2. Remain stopped until all northbound traffic clears.
- 3. Get out of the mirror blind spot of the car as soon as traffic clears.
- 4. Establish a 3-second following position.
- 5. Sound the horn.
- 6. Engage the hazard flashers.