

CAR TESTS – Safety check questions for car tests.

1) Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and TELL me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe that you would check the oil level against the maximum/minimum markers.

2) Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and TELL me how you would check the engine has the correct level.

Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap and describe how to top up to correct level.

3) Open the bonnet, identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and TELL me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

Explain that the reservoir is positioned out of view so you would have to top up the reservoir regularly.

4) Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and TELL me how you would check that you have a sufficient level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.

5) TELL me how you check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors etc., or ask someone to help you.

6) TELL me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressure when the tyres are cold, don't forget the spare tyre, remember to refit the valve caps.

7) TELL me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

No cuts and bulges, there must be AT LEAST 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

8) TELL me how you would check the footbrake is working on this car.

Choose a safe spot, apply the footbrake to slow the car; if vehicle pulls to one side or the brakes feel spongy / slack, then consult a garage immediately.

9) TELL me how you would adjust the head restraint to provide the best possible protection in the event of an accident.

Explain that the middle of the head restraint should be set at eye-level and should be as close to the back of your head as is comfortable. Also show the examiner where you would press the button to adjust it.

10) TELL me how you would know if there was a problem with the anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Explain that a warning light would appear if there was a problem.

11) TELL me how you would check the headlights and taillights are working.

Explain that you would turn the headlights and taillights on and walk around the car to check.

12) SHOW me how you would wash the windscreen using the wipers and washers.

Operate the switch, either pulling or pushing the lever depending on whether you are asked to wash the front, or the rear windscreen, or both.

1) SHOW me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

Check is carried out by pressing the horn.

14) SHOW me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

Operate switch, walk around vehicle to check.

15) SHOW me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

Apply the HAZARD WARNING SWITCH and check functioning of all indicators.

16) SHOW me how you would switch on the rear fog-lights and explain when you would use them.

Operate switch and explain that you would use them when visibility is reduced to less than 100m.

17) SHOW me how you would switch the headlights from dipped beam to main beam and explain how you would know they are on from within the car.

Turn dipped-lights on and then push lever to trigger the main beam. Explain that you know they are on because of the blue light on the dashboard (do not switch to main beam until it is clear in front of you).

18) SHOW me how you would adjust the demisters for front and rear windows.

Demonstrate by using appropriate switches.

19) SHOW me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear.

Demonstrate by applying parking brake and explain that when it is fully applied it secures itself / meets resistance, and is not at the end of the working travel (not loose all the way back to the end).

20) SHOW me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

Explain that before the car has been started, the steering feels heavy if the wheel is turned slightly. Then explain that when the car has been started the steering should become light as the system begins to operate. Then SHOW him (but before you start the engine DO SAFETY CHECKS esp. neutral).

21) SHOW me how you would check the brake lights.

If there are no reflections, then ask the examiner to go to the rear of the car and check the lights whilst you push the brake pedal.