

SHOW ME QUESTIONS: These questions require you to demonstrate how to perform basic safety checks.

These are the Questions you may be asked and the minimum required for a correct answer.

Supplementary information which you can discuss with your instructor.

S1 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.

To answer > Identify the dipstick / oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum and maximum markers.

The dipstick is usually brightly coloured for easy identification. The engine should have been off for several minutes and the car parked on a level surface before checking the oil.



S2 Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

To answer > If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.



A fault with power assisted steering may be indicated by a warning light on the instrument panel.

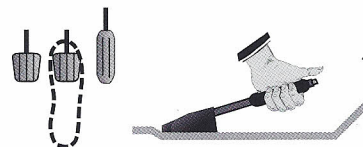
S3 Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

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

The coolant system is pressurised and it can be dangerous to unscrew the filler cap when the engine is hot! It is safest to check the coolant level when the engine is cold.

S4 Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle

To answer > Apply the footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying parking brake so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.



S6 Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

To answer > Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).

Take care not to alarm other road users when making this check.

S7 Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

To answer > Identify the reservoir and check fluid level against high/low markings.

When checking the brake fluid level, be careful not to contaminate the reservoir with dust, dirt or water.

S8 Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

To answer > Operate the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicator lights.

You may need to switch the ignition on to answer this question, but there is no need to start the engine.

S9 Show me how you would check that the brakelights are working on this car.

To answer > Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help (the examiner will offer to help).

You may need to switch the ignition on to answer this question, but there is no need to start the engine.

S14 Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.

To answer > Operate the control to wash and wipe the windscreen.

You may need to switch the ignition on to answer this question, but there is no need to start the engine.

S15 Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.

To answer > Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear the windscreen and windows.

You may need to switch the ignition on to answer this question, but there is no need to start the engine. Opening a window should help screens clear more quickly.

S16 Show me how you would switch on the rear foglight(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (There is no need to exit the vehicle)

To answer > Operate the switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.

Remember that these high intensity lamps can dazzle following drivers. Foglights should only be used when visibility is seriously reduced (less than 100m).



S17 Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car.

To answer > Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

Remember that you can dazzle approaching drivers and those you are following if you don't dip headlights in good time.

