
CA Motorcycle License Permit Practice Test

1. What are the requirements for wearing a helmet?

- A. Passengers only are required to wear helmets.
- B. All motorcycle riders and passengers are required to wear helmets at all times.
- C. Helmets are not required while driving on city streets.

2. Grabbing the front brake or jamming down on the rear brake:

- A. Can cause the brakes to lock.
- B. Is the best way to stop in an emergency.
- C. Is the best way to slow down when the streets are wet.

3. Passengers on motorcycles should:

- A. Put their feet on the ground when the motorcycle is stopped.
- B. Not ride without a back rest.
- C. Should sit as far forward as possible without crowding you.

4. When riding with a group of motorcyclists, a staggered formation:

- A. Is recommended at all times.
- B. Should not be used when entering or exiting a highway.
- C. Should be used when riding on curves.

5. Eye protection:

- A. Is not needed if your motorcycle is equipped with a windshield.
- B. Is only needed when riding in bad weather.
- C. Should give a clear view to either side.

6. A primary cause of single vehicle motorcycle collisions is:

- A. Motorcyclists' tendency to drive too fast for weather conditions.
- B. Motorcyclists running wide in a curve or turn and colliding with the roadway or a fixed object.
- C. Motorcyclists running off the road while trying to avoid a collision with another vehicle.

7. The best lane position for a motorcycle:

- A. Is in the left part of the lane, next to the center line.
- B. Is in the right part of the lane, next to the curb.

C. Can vary depending on road and/or traffic conditions.

8. When riding at night you should:

- A. Move closer to the vehicle in front of you to use its lights to see farther down the road.
- B. Keep driving at your normal speed because slowing down would increase the chance of being struck from behind.
- C. Reduce your speed because it is harder to see something lying in the road.

9. You should operate the engine cut-off switch and pull in the clutch when:

- A. The throttle is stuck and you can't free it.
- B. You start to lose control in a curve.
- C. The motorcycle starts to wobble.

10. To operate a moped you must have at least a _____ license.

- A. Class M1
- B. Class M2
- C. Class C

11. Upshifting or downshifting in a curve:

- A. Should only be done if it can be done smoothly.
- B. Is better than shifting before the curve.
- C. Is the best way to control your speed.

12. To avoid confusing other drivers you should:

- A. Increase the following distance between your motorcycle and the vehicle in front of you if you are being tailgated.
- B. Make sure your turn signal turns off after you finish a turn.
- C. Use your horn only in emergency situations.

13. _____ is a major factor in collisions caused by motorcycles.

- A. Following too closely
- B. Lane sharing
- C. Not being seen by other drivers

14. If your motorcycle starts to wander back and forth while riding over metal bridge gratings you should:

- A. Downshift immediately to a lower gear to improve traction.
- B. Proceed in a zig-zag pattern until you cross the bridge.
- C. Relax, stay on course and ride straight across.

15. If you must carry a load it should be:

- A. Either over or in front of the rear axle.
- B. Carried on the gas tank in front of the driver.
- C. Piled up against a sissy bar or frame on the back of the seat.

16. Grabbing the front brake or jamming down on the rear brake:

- A. Can cause the brakes to lock.
- B. Is the best way to stop in an emergency.
- C. Is the best way to slow down when the streets are wet.

17. What is the best way to stay out of trouble while riding a motorcycle?

- A. To see it coming by looking well ahead.
- B. By avoiding high density traffic areas.
- C. By increasing the following distance between your motorcycle and the vehicle in front of you.

18. A motorcycle rider has an advantage over an automobile driver when passing parked vehicles because:

- A. A motorcycle can accelerate faster than a car.
- B. A motorcycle rider can avoid the problems of opening doors and people stepping out from between vehicles by driving in the left part of the lane.
- C. Motorcycles have a shorter stopping distance.

19. Brightly colored, reflective helmets and clothing:

- A. Should only be worn while riding at night.
- B. Can make motorcycle riders easier to see.
- C. Do not increase a motorcycle rider's safety.

20. To execute a turn safely a motorcycle rider should always:

- A. Lean the motorcycle in the direction of the curve or turn.
- B. Slow down in the turn.
- C. Turn using the handle bars only.

Answer Keys

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