

Question 1

Question: Open the car bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check the engine has the correct level.

Answer: Identify the engine coolant tank and check the minimum and maximum level indicator displayed on the side of the tank. If the coolant is below the minimum mark, more coolant will need to be added. To do this, unscrew the tank cap when the engine is cold and pour in coolant until the maximum mark is reached.

Question 2

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

Answer: Identify the brake fluid reservoir tank and check the brake fluid level against the minimum/maximum level indicator.

Question 3

Question: Open the car bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Answer: Identify the dipstick, remove the dipstick and wipe clean the end where the minimum and maximum level indicator is and fully reinsert. Remove once again and check the oil level against the minimum and maximum markings.

Question 4

Question: Open the car bonnet, identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you check the level.

Answer: Identify reservoir tank, lift off cap and make a visual check of level as there are no external markings on windscreen washer reservoirs. Check reservoir regularly.

Question 5

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

Answer: If the steering becomes heavy, the power assisted steering may be faulty. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made:

1. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained whilst the engine is started, should result in slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate.
2. Turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assisted steering is functioning correctly.

Question 6

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

Answer: Press the horn and listen.

Question 7

Question: Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on the car.

Answer: Whilst pressing the brake pedal make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc. or ask someone to help (you can ask the examiner to help here).

Question 8

Question: Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

Answer: As you move off operate brakes, they should not feel spongy and the car should not pull to one side.

Question 9

Question: Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

Answer: Turn on lights (turn ignition if necessary), walk around car and check that the lights are on.

Question 10

Question: Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working correctly.

Answer: Activate the hazard warning lights and walk around the car to see if all the indicators are working correctly.

Question 11

Question: Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how the tyre pressures should be checked.

Answer: Information will be found using the car manufacturer's manual. Check the tyre pressures by using a reliable pressure gauge when the tyres are cold. Don't forget the spare and remember to refit the valve caps.

Question 12

Question: Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear; make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.

Answer: Apply the parking brake 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.

Question 13

Question: Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

Answer: The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable.

Question 14

Question: Tell me how you would check the tyres to show that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

Answer: A safe tyre will have no cuts or bulges. The tread depth should be at least 1.6mm across the central 3/4s of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

Question 15

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

Answer: Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

Question 16

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

Answer: Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. The engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

Question 17

Question: Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

Answer: Warning light should illuminate on dashboard if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.

Question 18

Question: 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.

Answer: Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

Question 19

Question: Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit vehicle).

Answer: Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check that the warning light is on. Explain that fog lights must only be used in foggy conditions, when visibility is reduced to less than 100 metres and they must be turned off when the fog disperses.