

At the start of the practical test candidates are asked two questions, '**one show me**' and '**one tell me**'. One or both questions answered incorrectly will result in one driving fault (i.e. minor fault) being recorded.

There are a total of 9 '**tell me**' questions and 10 '**show me**' questions all shown below with the appropriate answer.

## Tell me questions

**1.** Open the bonnet, identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and **tell me** how you would check the windscreen washer level?

Open the bonnet, identify reservoir and explain how to check level.

**2.** **Tell me** how you would check that the brakes are working correctly before starting a journey?

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side when you brake.

**3.** **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 or bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference. Remember your spare tyre.

**4.** **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 pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget the spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

**5.** **Tell me** how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working? (no need to exit vehicle)

(Stay in the car and turn on ignition if necessary) Explain: Operate switch and then walk around vehicle. (You do not need to leave the car to check the lights).

**6.** **Tell me** how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted to provide the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eyes or top of the ears, The restraint should be as close to the back of the head as comfortably possible. (Not all restraints are adjustable).

**7.** **Tell me** how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.

The warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system.

**8.** 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?

Open the bonnet identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe checking of oil level against the max/min markers. (With engine cold remove dipstick wipe clean re-insert and then remove again check oil level)

**9.** 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?

Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap and describe how to top up to the correct level. Radiators are only opened with a cold engine.

## **Show me questions**

**10.** Open the bonnet, **show me** how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid?

Open the bonnet, identify brake fluid reservoir and explain how to check level against high/low marker.

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

After starting the engine two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, 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.

**12. Show me** how you would check that the direction indicators are working?

Switch on the indicators or hazard warning switch and checking functioning of all indicators (Turn on ignition if necessary).

**13. Show me** how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear?

Demonstrate by applying the parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures the car and is not at the end of its working travel. Keep your foot on the footbrake.

**14. Show me** how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car? (I can assist you, and if you need to switch on the ignition, please don't start the engine)

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

**15. Show me** how you would switch on the rear fog lights and explain when you would use them.

(Stay in the car) Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use. (Highway Code rule 226)

**16. Show me** how you clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.

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

**17. Show me** how you would check if the horn is working (off road only)

Sound the horn by using the appropriate device (turn on ignition if necessary)

**18. Show me** how you would set the demister controls to controls to clear both front and rear windows effectively,

Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. (Don't forget the rear heated window), Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

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

Explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside your car. Operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary) check for the main beam warning light.