

Tell Me Questions

Unless examiner says “open the bonnet”. You do not need to leave the vehicle or demonstrate. You just tell the examiner.

- 1. Tell me how would you use the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use them?** Operate Switch (Turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check if the warning light is on. Explain if the visibility was seriously reduced (Below 100metres) you would use them.
- 2. Tell me how would you check if the brake lights are working?** Advise that you would (turn on the ignition if needed) then press the brake pedal and look for reflections of windows or doors. If unsure you would ask someone to check.
- 3. How would you know there was a problem with your ABS (Anti-lock Braking System)?** A warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the ABS.
- 4. Tell me how would you check the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey?** If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. To test this, as soon as you move off you can turn the steering wheel. This will give you immediate indication if the power assisted steering is working.
- 5. Tell me how you'd check the indicators are working?** Explain you'd (turn on the ignition if needed) operate the switch (Hazard lights) and walk around the vehicle to check.
- 6. Tell me how you would check if the headlights and tail lights are working?** Explain you'd (turn on the ignition if needed) operate the switch and walk around the car to check.
- 7. Tell me how you'd check the tyres to ensure they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road?** 1.6mm tread depth across the central three quarters breadth of the tyre, and around the entire outer circumference of the tyre.
- 8. Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in 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 and as close to the back of the head as comfortable.
- 9. Tell me where you'd find the information for the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked?** Manufactures guide, Use a reliable tyre pressure gauge. Check and adjust the pressure when the tyres are cold.

- 10. Tell me how you'd check the brakes are working before a journey?** Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. They should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.
- 11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and how you'd know the main beam is on?** (Turn on the ignition if needed) Operate switch, Check with main beam warning light.

You must open the bonnet and then tell the examiner for the following:

- 12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check if the engine has sufficient engine oil?** Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe you would check level of oil against the minimum and maximum markers.
- 13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check if the engine has sufficient engine coolant?** Identify the high and low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to the correct level.
- 14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid?** Identify reservoir, check levels against high and low markings.

Show Me Questions

All Show me questions start with "When it's safe to do so can you show me"...

1. How you wash and clean the rear windscreen?
2. How you wash and clean the front windscreen?
3. How you'd switch on your dipped headlights?
4. How'd you'd set the rear demister?
5. How you'd operate the horn?
6. How'd you demist the front windscreen?
7. How you'd open and close the side window?

You'll be asked 2 vehicle safety questions during your car test. The examiner will ask you one "tell me" question at the start of your test and one whilst you're driving.