

Q Tell me how you'd switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you'd use it/them. You don't need to exit the vehicle.

A: Explain you'd operate the switch (after turning on dipped headlights if necessary) and check the instrument warning light comes on. Explain when fog lights should be used.

Why might it cause danger to keep fog lights on in good conditions?

What other precautions might you take in conditions of poor visibility?

What do these symbols mean?



Q Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you'd know the main beam is on.

A: Explain how to operate the switch (ignition or engine on if necessary) and check that the main beam warning light comes on. If safe, you can demonstrate as you explain - remember to switch off the headlights when no longer needed.

When should you use your main beam headlights?

What dangers can be caused by incorrect use of main beam headlights?

How do 'automatic dim/dip' headlights work?

What do these symbols mean?



The following 'Tell me' questions require you to open the bonnet. You need to know where the bonnet release catch is and how to operate it. If your car has a bonnet prop, be sure to locate it correctly before making any checks. After making under bonnet checks, take care to stow any prop correctly and close the bonnet securely.

Q Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.

A: Open the bonnet and secure it as necessary. Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against minimum and maximum markers. Close the bonnet securely before driving.

Why does the engine need oil?

Why must you not overfill the engine oil?



Q Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

A: Open the bonnet and secure it as necessary. Identify high and low level markings on the header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap and describe how to top up to correct level.

What is engine coolant a mixture of?

What dangers do you need to be aware of when checking or topping up the engine coolant?

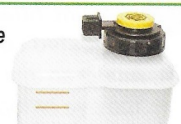


Q Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

A: Open the bonnet and secure it as necessary. Identify the brake fluid reservoir and describe how to top up to correct level.

How would you find out what was the correct brake fluid to use?

Why must you be careful not to contaminate the fluid?



'Show Me' questions are asked whilst you are driving. These are the questions you may be asked with the minimum required for a correct answer. You should only perform the requested safety task when it safe to do so. The examiner will want you to show how you would carry out one of these tasks by asking:

Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen?

A: Operate the rear washer and wiper control. Remember to switch off the wiper when it is no longer needed.

Supplementary questions to discuss with your trainer.

Why is it important to keep washer reservoirs topped up?

How can you ensure washers will not freeze up in winter?

Why is it best not to use wipers on a dry screen?

Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen?

A: Operate the front washer and wiper control. Remember to switch off the wiper(s) when no longer needed.

In addition to questions above:

What should you do if washers and wipers can't clear the windscreen?

How would you know it was time to replace wiper blades?

Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd switch on your dipped headlights?

A: Operate the switch. Check that the relevant instrument panel warning light illuminates. Remember to switch off the dipped headlights when no longer needed.

When should/must you use dipped headlights?

What should you do if one of your headlights fails?

Why is it important to keep headlight lenses clean?

What do these symbols mean?



Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd set the rear demister?

A: Operate the switch and check that it or the relevant instrument panel light illuminates. Remember to switch off the demister when it is no longer needed.

Why is it important to keep the rear screen demisted?

How can you help reduce windscreen misting?

How can 'air conditioning' affect demisting?



Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd operate the horn?

A: Check that you will not cause alarm or confusion to other road users. Operate the horn briefly.

What is the purpose of the horn?

When might you need to use the horn?

When is it unlawful to use the horn?

What could you do as an alternate to using the horn?



Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd demist the front windscreen?

A: Set the controls to maximise warm air flow to the windscreen. Remember to reset the controls when no longer needed.

Why is it important to keep the windscreen demisted?

When should you operate a heated front windscreen?

How can an open window help?



Q When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd open and close the side window?

A: Operate the switch or mechanism as appropriate to open and then close the window.

Why would it be important to know how to open a window?

Why is it important to 'know your vehicle'?

When should you familiarise yourself with the controls of a new/hire/replacement vehicle?