

Diesel Truck Driver Training School Inc.



Commercial Driver License

Practice Exams

C-3:
COMBINATION VEHICLES TEST

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COMBINATION VEHICLES TEST

1. Compared to a straight truck or bus, there are _____ things to inspect on a combination vehicle.
 - A. Fewer
 - B. The same number of
 - C. More

2. How much space should be between the upper and lower fifth wheel after coupling?
 - A. Just enough to see light through
 - B. None
 - C. About 1/4 inch

3. When backing a tractor under a trailer, you should:
 - A. Always use the lowest reverse gear
 - B. Always approach the trailer at a slight angle
 - C. Do it quickly to ensure that the kingpin is locked into the fifth wheel

4. When you get ready to back under a trailer, you should line up:
 - A. The kingpin with the edge of the driver's side locking jaw
 - B. The left rear outer dual wheel with the kingpin
 - C. Directly in front of the trailer

5. The air leakage rate for a combination vehicle (engine off, brakes off) should be less than _____ psi per minute.
 - A. 3
 - B. 2
 - C. 1/2

6. To stop a trailer skid, you should:
 - A. Use the trailer hand brake
 - B. Counter-steer
 - C. Release the service brakes

7. Before you back under a trailer, make sure the:
 - A. Trailer brakes are locked
 - B. Air supply knob is in
 - C. Air brakes are off

8. There are 2 things that a driver can do to prevent a rollover. They are (1) Go slowly around turns; and (2):
 - A. Keep both hands firmly on the steering wheel
 - B. Keep the cargo as close to the ground as possible
 - C. Keep the fifth wheel free play as small as possible

9. After the trailer has been coupled to the tractor, the tractor protection control valve should be placed in the _____ position.
 - A. Down
 - B. Up
 - C. Normal

10. When uncoupling a trailer, after you have shut off the trailer air supply and locked the trailer brakes, you should:
 - A. Back up gently to ease pressure on the fifth wheel locking jaws and then apply the tractor parking brakes
 - B. Begin to lower the trailer landing gear
 - C. Immediately put on your tractor parking brakes

11. After you lock the kingpin into the fifth wheel, you should check the connection by:
 - A. Pulling forward 30 feet, turning right and left
 - B. Pulling the tractor ahead sharply to release the trailer
 - C. Pulling the tractor ahead gently with the trailer brakes locked

12. If you cannot make a turn without entering another traffic lane, you should:
 - A. Turn wide before you start your turn
 - B. Turn wide as you complete your turn
 - C. Not make the turn – go to another place where you will not have to cross into another lane

13. Loss of air pressure in the emergency line causes:
 - A. The relay valve to close
 - B. The trailer's emergency brakes to come on
 - C. An increase in air pressure to the service line

14. You have coupled with a semitrailer. Where should you put the front trailer supports before driving away?
 - A. Raised 1/2 way with the crank handle secured in its bracket
 - B. Fully raised with the crank handle secured in its bracket
 - C. Raised 3/4 way with the crank handle removed

15. In normal driving, some drivers use the hand valve before the brake pedal to prevent a jackknife. Which of these statements is true?
- A. It should not be done
 - B. It results in less skidding than using the brake pedal alone
 - C. It is the best way to brake and keep the truck in a straight line
16. The tractor protection valve will close and the trailer emergency brakes will come on immediately when there is a major leak in the _____ brake line.
- A. Parking
 - B. Service
 - C. Emergency
17. You have a major leak in the service line and you put on the brakes. Service air pressure will escape and cause the:
- A. Trailer tank pressure to be lost
 - B. Trailer emergency brakes to come on
 - C. Tractor spring brakes to lock on
18. What will happen if the air lines are crossed when you hook to an old trailer?
- A. If the trailer has no spring brakes, you could drive away but you would not have trailer brakes
 - B. The hand valve will apply the tractor brakes instead of the trailer brakes
 - C. The brake lights will not come on when you press the brake pedal
19. Why should you lock the tractor glad hands to each other (or dummy couplers) when you are not towing a trailer?
- A. The connected brake circuit becomes a back-up air tank
 - B. If you didn't, you could never build system pressure
 - C. It will keep dirt and water out of the lines
20. You have pushed in the trailer supply valve. You should not move the tractor until the whole air system is:
- A. At normal pressure
 - B. Empty
 - C. Between 60 and 80 psi

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ANSWER KEY FOR COMBINATION VEHICLE TEST

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