

### **Practical Driving Test, Show Me Tell Me Questions**

The 'show me tell me' questions require you to explain to the driving test examiner where and how to check the tyres, brakes, fluid levels, lights, direction indicators, power steering and horn.

You will be asked two questions, one 'show me' and one 'tell me' question. The questions will be asked at the beginning of the test and failure on one or both of the show me tell me questions will result in one minor fault.

Q.1 - 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?

Answer - Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe how you would check the oil level against the minimum / maximum markers.

Q.2 - 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?

Answer - Identify high / low level markings on header tank (where fitted) or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

Q.3 - Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid?

Answer - Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings.

Q.4 – Open the bonnet, identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level?

Answer - Identify reservoir and check level

Q.5 - Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car?

Answer - Operate brake pedal, make use of any reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone to help

Q.6 - Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey?

Answer - Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you move off. Vehicle should not pull to one side

Q.7 - Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked?

Answer - Tyre pressures are in manufacturers manual, use a reliable pressure gauge, check tyre pressures when cold,(Once a week) don't forget spare and remember to refit dust caps

Q.8 - Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and their general condition is safe to use on the road?

Answer - No cuts or bulges. 1.6mm of tread depth across the central 3/4 of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire circumference

Q.9 - 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 system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two checks can be made. With the wheel turned slightly, maintained while the engine is started, you notice a slight movement in the wheel as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an instant indication the power steering is functioning ok

Q.10 - Show me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working?

Answer - Turn on ignition (if necessary), operate switch for lights, walk around the vehicle.

Q.11 - Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working?

Answer - Apply indicators or hazard warning lights and check all indicators, make use of any reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone to help.

Q.12 - Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only)?

Answer - Turn on ignition (if necessary). Operate horn.

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

Answer - Demonstrate by applying the handbrake and when it is fully applied it secures itself. Excessive wear can be determined by the hand brake being able to be applied part way in its radius of travel. The ability to lever the handbrake to its extreme will determine excessive wear.