



TELL QUESTIONS

At the beginning of the practical test, just after your eyesight has been checked, your examiner will ask you one **TELL** question about the vehicle which you are driving. The question is selected from the following lists.

Whilst you cannot acquire a 'serious' or 'dangerous' fault mark, you can earn a driver error fault for an incorrect response which will then contribute to the overall total.

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

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. The car should not pull to one side.

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

The information is in the Manufacturer's Handbook. You should use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when the tyres are cold, not forgetting the spare tyre. Remember to replace valve caps.

Tell me how you ensure that your head restraint is correctly adjusted so that it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so that the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. Note; Some head restraints are not adjustable.

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.

They must have no cuts or bulges, a minimum of 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width of the tyre and around the entire circumference.

Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. **You do not need to exit the vehicle.**

Explain how you would switch on the lights, (turning on the ignition if necessary), then walk around the vehicle looking at each light as you pass.

Tell me how you would know that there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

Explain that the warning light would illuminate if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.

Tell me how you would check that the direction indicators are working. **You do not need to exit the vehicle.**

Explain how you would operate the switch, (turning on the ignition if necessary), and then walk around the vehicle looking at each light as you pass.

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

Turn on the ignition then operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or doors or ask someone to help you.

Tell me how you would check that the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

Explain that if the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made;

- a) Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate.
- b) Alternatively, turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power steering is functioning.

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

Turn on the ignition and dipped headlights and then check that the warning light is illuminated. Explain the weather conditions which would require you to use them.

Tell me how you would switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know that your main beam is on.

Turn on the ignition and light switch to headlight setting, push indicator switch away from you and check that high beam warning light is illuminated.

Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify the dipstick then describe how to check the level using the maximum and minimum markers.

Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

Identify the high and low level markings on the header tank where fitted or radiator cap. Describe how to top up to the correct level.

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

Identify the reservoir, check level against high and low level markings.

SHOW QUESTIONS

The examiner will ask the SHOW question while the car is actually moving. It could occur during the Independent stage of the test or while under direction. Although it is unlikely that you will fail for not knowing the answer to the question a fail is possible if you become distracted and lose any control of the car at any time.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would wash and clean the rear windscreen

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would wash and clean the front windscreen.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would switch on your dipped headlights.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would set your rear demister.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would operate the horn.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would demist the front windscreen.

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would open and close the side window.