



Show me –Tell me Questions 2011

Q1. 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.

A1. Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe how you would check the oil level against the minimum / maximum markers.

Q2. 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.

A2. Identify high / low level markings on header tank (where fitted) or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level with engine coolant only when the engine is COLD.

Q3. Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

A3. Identify reservoir and check level, fill to the top.

Q4. 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.

A4. Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings top up as necessary.

Q5. Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. I can assist you. If you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.

A5. Turn on the ignition and operate the brake pedal, ask the examiner to check the brake lights are working correctly.

Q6. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

A6. Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you move off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

Q7. Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

A7. Tyre pressures are in manufacturer's manual, use a reliable pressure gauge, check tyre pressures when cold, (Once a week) don't forget spare and remember to refit dust caps.

Q8. 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.

A8. 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.

Q9. Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

A9. 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. Make sure you have checked the car has its handbrake on and is in neutral.

Q10. Show me / tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

A10. Turn on ignition (if necessary), operate switch for lights, walk round the vehicle.

Q11. Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

A11. Turn on the ignition. Apply indicators and check all indicators.

Q12. Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

A12. Turn on ignition (if necessary). Operate horn.

Q13. Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

A13. Demonstrate by applying the handbrake and when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Q14. Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a collision.

A14. For maximum protection the head restraint should be adjusted so that your eye line is level with the centre of it and it should be as close to the back of the head as is comfortable.

Q15. Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them), please don't start the engine.

A15. Turn on dipped headlights, then turn on the rear fog lights. Fog lights should be used when visibility is reduced to 100m or less.

Q16. Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car, please don't start the engine.

A16. Turn on dipped headlights, then operate the switch to change to main beam. Inside the car a blue light will show on the instrument panel when the main beam is in use.

Q17. Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with the anti-lock braking system. (Used only when the system is fitted to your vehicle)

A17. An ABS warning light will appear on the instrument panel if there is a problem with the system.

Q18. Show me how you would use the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.

A18. Turn on the ignition and direct the cars heating control to the windscreen symbol and increase the fan speed as necessary to clear the front windows. Operate the heated rear window switch to clear the rear screen.

Note: Failure on one or both of the show me tell me questions will result in one minor fault.

