

TELL ME QUESTIONS

- 1. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey**
The footbrake should not feel spongy or slack. Carefully try the brakes as you set off. While you are braking the vehicle should not pull to one side.
- 2. Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.**
Car Handbook, Door Pillar Sticker or Fuel Station Forecourt. Use a reliable pressure gauge. Check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget the spare tyre, remember to refit the valve caps.
- 3. Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.**
The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or the top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. Note: some restraints might not be adjustable.
- 4. 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.**
Explain that tyres are moulded with visible tread wear indicators (TWI) located within the tread area. The 6 identification marks are found on the side wall, level with each TWI. The legal limit is 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width of the tyre and around the entire circumference. There should be no cuts or bulges on the side wall.
- 5. Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. (No need to exit the vehicle)**
Explain how to turn the lights on then walk around the vehicle. (As this is a 'tell me' question you do not need to physically check the lights)
- 6. Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.**
The *warning light on the dashboard* should illuminate if there is a fault.
- 7. Tell me how you would check that the direction indicators are working. You do not need to exit the vehicle.**
Apply the Hazard Warning Lights and tell them that you would walk around vehicle to check the function of all Indicators.
- 8. Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working. (I can assist you)**
Operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.

9. **Tell me how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.**
Steering will be heavier if it is not working. Turning the steering wheel just after moving off, will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.
10. **Tell me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. There is no need to exit the vehicle.**
Turn on the dipped headlights and then operate the fog light switch showing the warning light on the dashboard. Explain that when visibility improves beyond 100 metres, you should turn the fog lights off.
11. **Tell me how you would switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on from inside the car.**
Make sure you do not dazzle other road users. Operate the switch and check with the blue main beam warning light.
12. **Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.**
Identify the dipstick. Describe the removal and wiping clean, then re-insert and remove again to check the levels against the minimum and maximum marks
13. **Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.**
Identify high and low level markings on header tank and describe how to top up to the correct level.
14. **Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.**
Identify the reservoir; check the level against the high and low marks.

SHOW ME QUESTIONS

- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you switch on your dipped lights.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you set the rear demister.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you operate the horn.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you set the front demister.**
- When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you open and close the side window.**