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Some Theory Test advice

The test is in two parts

1. The multiple choice Questions

- The key is to read the question, read the answers, and reread the question. People regularly answer the question they think it is asking!
- Sometimes they are SO obvious that they can catch you out. Use common sense, and if you don't know guess! No marks for an unanswered question.
- Most ask you to "select 1 answer" but some questions ask for 2, 3 or 4 answers. It will tell you on the screen so check each one.

If something is in **BOLD** or CAPITALS it is important.

Questions that are common so worth extra reviewing are -

- Pedestrian crossings (Differences between Pelican, Puffin, and Toucan. What road markings mean.)
- Stopping distances
Thinking Distance in feet = 1x mph.
Braking Distance in feet = 20mph x 1, 30mph x 1.5, 40mph x 2, 50 x 2.5,
60 x 3, 70 x 3.5.
Stopping distance add them together.

e.g At 60mph = Thinking Distance is 60 feet, Braking Distance is 180 feet, therefore Stopping Distance is 240 feet)

- Stud/Cats eye colours on Motorway/Dual Carriageways.
- Fog lights when visibility is less than 100m.
- Blind and Deaf road users, White sticks and the variations of them.

- Road Markings, Road signs and Traffic Light functions – Back section of the Highway Code.

Look for answers using words like safely, careful, give way. Not ALWAYS the right ones, but VERY often!

2. Hazard Perception Clips

There are 14 clips, each with a number of hazards in them. You are only marked on 1 hazard in each clip, except 1 random clip which has 2 marked hazards.

My recommendation? The 3 click rule seems to work really well.

Aim to click once when you first see the hazard, again when it develops, and a third click when it is a serious danger.

For example: You see a pedestrian - click - they walk towards the crossing - click - they walk onto the crossing - click! That way you should score something for EVERY clip, where you may otherwise have clicked too early.

Remember, everything is there for a reason! If there is a crossing, there will be a pedestrian. Where there's a van, There's a man! Normally holding a box or pushing a trolley!, Buses, Emergency vehicles, motor bikes, POST BOXES!

Think about the associated hazards, what do you need to see before it happens!

IMPORTANT! Give yourselves PLENTY of time to find the Theory test centre. They are renowned for being a nightmare to locate, with no sign saying Test Centre and normally little in the way of parking!

Apart from that, Positive Mental Attitude! and a little luck! All the questions in your (up to date) Theory test book/CD-ROM are **THE** questions in the test. Learn ALL these, Pass the test! Simple! Any queries and/or questions give me a call.

All the best and I look forward to hearing you have passed so we can focus on getting you through your practical test!

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