



Official DSA Show Me/Tell Me Questions

Below is a list of the questions which will be asked on the test.

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

A Apply the hazard warning switch, walk around the car and check the functioning of all indicator bulbs. (Please note, indicator/hazard bulbs have 2 filaments. To effectively check them use the Indicator stick, however the Hazard lights are adequate for the test.)

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

A Applying pressure to the brake pedal, it should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off, the vehicle should not pull to one side.

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

A Identify reservoir and explain how to check level. If there is no level gauge then top up regularly.

Q 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)

A Switch on the ignition (Do NOT start the engine) Apply pressure to the brake pedal, ask the examiner to check the bulbs. (If alone you can make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc.)

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

A Apply gentle pressure to the steering wheel, wheel should be stiff. Maintain pressure while the engine is started, the wheel should become looser and easier to move. (Avoid dry steering)

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

A Pressures are found in the manufacturer's guide. Using a reliable pressure gauge, check the pressures when tyres are cold, remembering the spare tyre. Re-fit the valve caps. Remember that if fully loading the vehicle the tyres should be adjusted accordingly – refer to manufacturer's guide.

Q Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle

A Keep control by firmly applying the footbrake. Release the parking brake (handbrake) and then reapply it fully ensuring it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Q 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.

A Identify the dipstick, remove it. Clean the dipstick, replace it. Remove the dipstick and check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.

Q 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.

A Locate the engine coolant. Check level using the gauge on the side.

Q Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash

A The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is level with your eyes and ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable

Q 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.

A Locate the reservoir (Look for the (O) brake symbol, check level against Max/Min markings.

Q 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.

A Ensure that there are no cuts and bulges, Tread depth should be 1.6mm across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ (75%) of the entire outer circumference.

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

A Apply pressure to the horn (this is permitted in test centre car parks).

Q Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers

A Operate the control to wash and clear windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary)

Q Tell me how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working. (No need to exit vehicle)

A Tell the examiner "Turn on the lights, then walk round vehicle." (Note: this is a "Tell Me" question, there is no need to physically exit the vehicle to check the lights.)

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

A Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. You do not need to start the engine.

Q Show me how you would switch on the fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit vehicle)

A Turn on dipped headlights. Turn on fog light switch. Check warning light is on. Lights should be used when visibility is less than 100 meters.

Q Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system (ABS)

A An ABS warning light should illuminate if there is a fault. (This can be seen when the ignition is first switched on, but should clear immediately)

Q Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car

A Switch on the Main beam, check using the warning light

