

SAFETY CHECK QUESTIONS

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 check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.*

Q2. Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

A2. *If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. 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.*

Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

Q3. 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.

A3. *Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.*

Q4. Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle

A4. *Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying parking brake (handbrake) so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.*

Q5. Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

A5. *Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.*

Q6. Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

A6. *Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).*

Q7. 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.

A7. *Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.*

Q8. Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

A8. *Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.
(if you need to switch ignition on - Do not start engine)*

Q9. 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)

A9. *Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.
(Do not start engine)*

Q10. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

A10. *Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.*

COMBINATIONS

1: Q's 8 & 10

2: Q's 5 & 9

3: Q's 2 & 12

4: Q's 4 & 5

5: Q's 1 & 12

6: Q's 3 & 18

7: Q's 7 & 13

8: Q's 6 & 13

9: Q's 10 & 14

10: Q's 11 & 15

11: Q's 16 & 19

12: Q's 9 & 11

13: Q's 17 & 19

