

## **ROGER WARE - EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

Noted at ETAM Observers' Meeting 29 May 2019

Driving older vehicles - Visual check; some insurance not valid without an MOT, even if not actually required because of age.

Cockpit Drill - important aspects only. Make sure associate knows starting procedure for their car.

Technology - use for safety, as a backup, not as a substitute for concentration.

Tell examiner if you think you have made a mistake - it shows you are thinking.

IPSGA - in right order and timing.

Gap - avoid accelerating into a closing gap.

Safety bubble - maintain.

Large vehicles - don't get too close, always have an escape route, avoid being 3 abreast with 2 HGVs.

'Straightlining' - "There is no wrong side of the road unless illegal." But there is a wrong position, if you put yourself or others in danger or impede their progress. Important to be able to see both edges of the carriageway; eg, is there an oncoming cyclist you can't see?

Sacrifice position for safety, but gain advantage if legal and safe. SLAP - Safe, Legal, Achieve, Perception (to others).

Gears - smooth, positive, unhurried use of gearbox.

Automatics, electric and hybrid - display understanding and correct use.

Road surface - note changes, twists in surface and adverse camber.

Speed humps - note.

Drains and potholes - avoid where possible.

Cover horn when appropriate.

Headlights - only flash to show you are there.

Signals - only give where there is benefit, including for pedestrians. Better to give more than less.

Roundabouts - left indicator for 1st exit, even if it past 12 o'clock.

Manoeuvres - he asks candidate to chose a place to turn around - in road or reversing around corner. He would go to offside to reverse around corner so as to face oncoming traffic, then go far enough back to get onto correct side for exiting junction. Using passenger to guide you back is acceptable.

Overtaking - show you are looking. Breaking the speed limit is not acceptable; it would also show poor planning.

Shoulder check - but not too much.

Mirrors - make examiner aware you are using.

Spoken thoughts - a big plus. Keep hands on wheel when talking. With no commentary given he would ask more questions.

Look as far ahead as possible, but prioritise the most important.

Mini roundabouts - avoid the paint if at all possible.

Duration of test - 1 hour, possibly longer, with debrief about 1½ hours in total.

Drive needs to be progressive, not a Sunday afternoon stroll. Confidence and ability need to be demonstrated: SMOOTH, POLISH, FLAIR.

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