



Tell Me Questions

(pictures relate to my car)

1. Tell me how you'd check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

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

2. Tell me where you'd find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

3. Tell me how you 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 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'd check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre, and around the entire outer circumference of the tyre. Use a tyre gauge.



5. Tell me how you'd check that the headlights and tail lights are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle.

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary), then walk round vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).



6. Tell me how you'd know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

Orange warning light should illuminate on dashboard if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.



7. Tell me how you'd check the direction indicators are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle.

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary), and then walk round vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).

8. Tell me how you'd check the brake lights are working on this car.

Explain you would push down on the brake pedal and make use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask someone to help.

9. Tell me how you'd check the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey, 2 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.

10. Tell me how you'd switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you'd use it/them. You don't need to exit the vehicle.

Operate fog switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check dashboard for warning light and explain would turn on when visibility is less than 100 metres.

11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you'd know the main beam is on.

Move left stick towards dashboard (with ignition or engine on if necessary) and check on the dashboard that the **blue** main beam warning light is displayed



12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum and maximum markers when the engine is cold (pull out dipstick, wipe clean, put back in and pull out again)



13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

Identify high and low-level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level (when engine is cold)



Maximum level mark

14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings on side of container.



Maximum level mark

Minimum level mark



Show Me Questions – on the move

1. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen?
2. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen?
3. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd switch on your dipped headlights?
4. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd set the rear demister?
5. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd operate the horn?
6. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd demist the front windscreen?
7. When it's safe to do so, can you show me how you'd open and close the side window?

You must demonstrate control of the car when doing this show question. Failure to do this and the fault is a **SERIOUS** one.

Please note that if you do not know how to do this, just say I do not know where the control is and the examiner will pull you over when it is safe and ask you to find the controls.

You need to know where all the controls are so PLEASE ASK if in doubt.

You get one show question and one tell me question. If you get two wrong it is ONE minor only, so do not panic.

Good Luck.