

# iCourse Theory

## Study Unit 1

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When returning work for assessment, please ensure that each unit is kept together by stapling or other means and that you complete the information above. Also please ensure that any additional worksheets are clearly marked with your name.

## Study Unit No. 1

*This pack contains:*

- Study Instructions
- 1 x Question marking sheets
- Road sign marking/notes sheet
- 20 Multiple Choice Questions covering:
  - *ADI Registration & Qualification*
  - *Driver Licensing*
  - *The controls lesson*
- Foundation questions
- Blank training notes sheet
- Blank 'Questions to ask a Trainer' sheet

**Start by completing the Road Sign Quiz**

## Study Unit No. 1 - Road sign quiz

Use the numbered spaces below to write out the meaning of each sign shown in Step 2 of this unit. For added benefit, write a brief description of where you might find each sign and what action you would take - writing out this information will help you to easily remember the signs and will help to get you thinking about how you might explain the meaning and purpose of the signs to your future customers.

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## **Please read this carefully before starting ...**

The questions in this pack are designed to help you to learn and test your knowledge; we strongly suggest that you follow the study instructions found in the Study Unit Starter as opposed to trying to learn the answers by rote. While learning by rote might help you to pass the first part of the exam it would prove to be detrimental in the later stages of your training and reduce your chances of an early examination pass.

Some of the questions in iCourse question papers may address topic areas not covered in DVSA Part-One. The questions cover a broad range of topics designed to give you a good base for your new career in driving instruction.

To the best of our knowledge, all the questions on this paper are correct and up-to-date.

In the unlikely event of you finding a question that is out of date, or misprinted, you can help other students by contacting us - the question will then be amended. (support@smartdriving.org)

## **Important note**

Some of the questions in SmartDriving iCourse have more than one correct answer (multiple-response). We do not 'flag' questions which have more than one correct answer. The questions are designed in this way to 'make you think more' and thereby increase your depth of knowledge. The DVSA also have some questions which require more than one answer, however, DVSA papers will state clearly when more than one answer is required.

## **Completing the questions**

The next page has a reminder about how to complete the multiple-choice and foundation questions for best results.

## First pass through the questions

Use this marking sheet to record answers on your first pass through the questions.

Your first pass through these questions should be done *before* researching any of your study material – it is simply to check your pre-study knowledge. Knowing the before and after level of understanding will help with your motivation.

Confidence score reminder:

4 = Absolutely certain

3 = Reasonably confident

2 = 50 / 50

1 = Unsure

0 = Blind guess (no idea so I picked an answer at random)

Remember, it's best to assess your level of confidence quickly as you look at the questions so as to capture your immediate 'gut feeling' about how confident you are in your answer. Confident scoring is instant – it's not an intellectual exercise!

Allow a maximum of 25 minutes for this exercise under test conditions.

Your Answers	Confidence Score First Pass	Correct Answers		Your Answers	Confidence Score First Pass	Correct Answers
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After completing the first pass through the multiple-choice questions, check your answers (the correct answers are linked in the study unit) and add the correct answer reference (a,b,c or d) for incorrectly answered questions in the space provided above.

Next: Complete your research and study as directed until you fully understand the relevant material for the questions which were answered incorrectly or which have a low confidence rating (**two** or lower).

Complete the **Foundation** questions, noting the correct answer references (a b c or d) and reference to the relevant study material in the space provided on your Foundation worksheets (referencing the study source makes revision easier later on).

## Second pass through the questions

When you have completed your study of all incorrectly answered questions and questions with a confidence score of two or lower and have completed all the Foundation Questions, repeat the multiple-choice test marking your answers and confidence score on the test papers – again do this in 25 minutes or less to emulate test conditions..

If your score is lower than 16 on your second pass, complete the whole unit again in full taking a little more time over your research (trying to rush your learning is a 'false economy' and will cause problems later on in your course).

## Study Unit No. 1 - Questions

1. Before you can be admitted to the Register of Approved Driving Instructors you must pass all ADI qualifying exams, undertake a CRB check and hold a full driving licence for an unbroken period of:

- a. three years
- b. four years
- c. five years
- d. one year

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

2. The Diploma in Driver Education is a further education certificate for driving instructors. It is administered by:

- a. the Department of Transport
- b. the DIA
- c. the RAC
- d. the MSA

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

3. The third part of the ADI qualifying examination, tests:

- a. driving skill
- b. practical teaching skills
- c. eyesight
- e. patience

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

4. Driving instructors have to undergo a periodic test of continued ability to instruct. This is called the:

- a. remedial check
- b. standards check
- c. ongoing assessment
- d. educational assessment

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

5. ADI registration has to be renewed by paying a registration fee. The period of registration is:

- a. six months
- b. six years
- c. four years
- d. one year

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

6. There are various types of car insurance available. The fullest cover is provided by:

- a. third-party, fire and theft
- b. comprehensive insurance
- c. all risks assurance
- d. RTA indemnity

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

7. The vehicle registration document is always issued to the:

- a. driver of a vehicle
- b. registered keeper of a vehicle
- c. owner of a vehicle
- d. person who taxes the vehicle

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

8. Private motor cars must have an MOT Certificate if they are:

- a. over 18 months old
- b. over 3 years old
- c. over 2 years old
- d. sold or transferred to a new owner

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

9. If the vehicle used for test breaks down during the test, the candidate will:

- a. have to pay for a re-test
- b. given priority for a new test date
- c. be assessed on his/her performance before the breakdown
- d. automatically be sent a re-test date

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

10. A driving licence application form can be obtained:

- a. from the driving test centre
- b. from the local police authority
- c. from the Post Office
- d. on the internet

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

11. The minimum eyesight requirement for drivers of motor cars requires that a modern number plate (79mm high and 50mm wide) be read from a distance of:
- a. 29.5 metres (97 feet)
  - b. 14.5 metres (47 feet)
  - c. 20.5 metres (67 feet)
  - d. 20 metres (65.61 feet)

Confidence rating – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

12. A UK resident driver, holding a full licence issued in a country that has no licence exchange agreement with the UK, may drive for a fixed period in this country before he/she is required to pass a UK test. The maximum period is:
- a. 18 months
  - b. 12 months
  - c. 6 months
  - d. 3 years

Confidence rating – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

13. Disabled people, receiving a mobility allowance, may obtain a full driving licence at a minimum age of:
- a. 12 years
  - b. 18 years
  - c. 17 years
  - d. 16 years

Confidence rating – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

14. ‘The Official DVSA Guide to Driving, the essential skills’ states that the accelerator pedal can also be called:
- a. the throttle
  - b. the power pedal
  - c. the gas pedal.
  - d. economy pedal

Confidence rating – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

15. In a car fitted with four manually selected forward gears, first gear:
- a. develops the greatest force at the driving wheels
  - b. develops the least force at the driving wheels
  - c. is always used when moving off
  - d. should not be used on a downhill slope

Confidence rating – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass = 0 1 2 3 4



16. The speedometer of a vehicle must be in working order and the speed displayed, accurate to an error of no more than:
- a. 5 mph
  - b. 8 mph
  - c. 5 %.
  - d. 10%

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

17. A cockpit drill is necessary for:
- a. only those with no previous driving experience
  - b. only those who regularly drive many different types of vehicle
  - c. all drivers
  - d. all learner drivers

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

18. The normally accepted safety check before starting the engine is:
- a. check handbrake is on and gears in neutral
  - b. check that the gears are in neutral and handbrake on
  - c. press the clutch down and apply handbrake
  - d. press the footbrake

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

19. When moving away from the side of the road a driver should always glance over his/her shoulder to check any blind spots. This should be done:
- a. just before the car starts to move
  - b. well before the car starts to move
  - c. as the car starts to move
  - d. just after the car starts to move

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

20. When teaching a new learner to change gear, you should explain that when making gear changes:
- a. it is often good driving practice to miss out an intermediate gear
  - b. you can only miss out an intermediate gear when changing down
  - c. you can miss out an intermediate gear when changing up
  - d. you must never miss out an intermediate gear

Confidence rating – 2nd Pass = 0 1 2 3 4

## **Foundation...**

The Foundation questions are designed to enhance your knowledge by helping you to interact with some of the underlying concepts of the material.

Passing the ADI qualifying examination is the first step on the ladder to your new career. The Foundation questions will help you to take that step more easily by underpinning your knowledge of facts and figures with an understanding of true meaning that will enable you to apply your knowledge in a wider range of situations.

Perhaps more importantly it is important to recognise that, as in any trade or profession, some practitioners are more accomplished, better, than others. As a general rule, those who are better able to do the job, who have a better understanding of their role, are able to give better service and reap better rewards.

By working through the Foundation questions you will begin a process that can, with a little work and effort, make your life easier and help to make your future more prosperous.

## Foundation - Study Unit 1

1. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
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Think of two possible reasons why the regulations require someone to have held a driving licence for three years before making an application to become an Approved Driving Instructor.

2. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
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What is the value of taking further qualifications after you have passed your ADI examination?

3. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>The third part of the examination tests your practical teaching skills. How does the study that you are doing now relate to that examination?</p>	

4. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>What are the benefits of being regularly assessed by the DVSA for individual instructors?</p>	

5. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Why do you think that the DVSA charges a fee for ADI registration?</p>	

6. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>If one of your learners told you that he had been driving his own car around unlicensed and uninsured, what advice would you give, and what action would you take?</p>	

7. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Is there a difference between the registered keeper of a vehicle and the owner of a vehicle?</p>	

8. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Do you consider that information about MOT testing is relevant to learner drivers?</p>	

<p>9. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>It's a learner's responsibility to claim compensation from the DVSA if the test is cancelled. Why is it in the interests of a driving instructor to help with this claim?</p>	

<p>10. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>Most people now book their driving tests on the internet. Briefly explain what might you need to warn your learners about if they are booking theory and practical tests online – and what information should you have handy to email or text them?</p>	

<p>11. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>As a practical exercise, check to ensure that you can read a car number plate from a minimum distance of 20.5 metres (the requirements for old style number plates); but note that this is not sufficient for ADI Part-Two.</p>	

12. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>If you are approached by someone who has lived in the UK for more than 12 months, and who holds a driving licence that was issued in a country that has no licence exchange agreement, what advice would you give?</p>	

13. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Do a little research, perhaps on the Internet, to find out where people with a disability can be assessed as potential drivers (with regard to the vehicle adaptations, etc.).</p>	

14. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>What are the benefits of using the term 'gas pedal' as opposed to 'accelerator'?</p>	

<p>15. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>It used to be common practice for some drivers to move away in second gear, what's the potential damage that this would be likely to cause in a modern vehicle?</p>	

<p>16. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>How might you deal with the following question is posed by a learner: "If I'm allowed a margin of error on the speedometer, is it okay to go a few miles an hour over the speed limit?"</p>	

<p>17. Correct answer = a b c d</p>	<p>References:</p>
<p>The cockpit drill is necessary for all drivers. What do you think is meant by the term 'instructor's cockpit drill'?</p>	



18. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Can you think of a problem that could arise if you were to check neutral before the handbrake when starting the engine? (Clue: think about being parked on a hill.)</p>	

19. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Can you think of a situation from your own experience, or something you have witnessed, that you could use to explain the importance of blind spot checks to your learners?</p>	

20. Correct answer = a b c d	References:
<p>Up to about 20 or 30 years ago it was often necessary to change down through the gears sequentially, can you think of a reason for this and why it is no longer the case in modern cars?</p>	

*When you have completed your research and study and are happy with your Foundation answers, complete main questions again under test conditions – you have 25 minutes and your target score is 19.*

**Notes and Reflective thoughts**

## Questions to ask a trainer