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Winter driving: would you pass the test?

Assess your winter driving skills with the help of this test.

- If your car is covered with snow, before driving off you should at least:
 - Clear the windows as well as a small area of the windshield on the driver's side, then leave the defroster to do the rest of the work while you're driving.
 - Clear the windows and all the snow and ice from a 30 cm area on the windshield and the back window.
 - Clear all the windows as well as the roof and the hood, scraping off any ice from all the windows.
- One of the following does not happen at a temperature less than -20 °C:
 - Snow chains have no traction.
 - Sand gives no traction.
 - Snow tires lose some of their traction.
- When you're stuck in snow or hard frozen snow you must never:
 - Spread soil or sand under the tires.
 - Rock the car backwards and forwards by changing from drive to reverse gear, pressing on the brake pedal while changing gear.
 - Press on the accelerator while keeping the tires straight, in order to free the car as quickly as possible.
- When you have to stop your car quickly on a slippery or snow-covered surface without ABS brakes:
 - Press firmly and continuously on the brake pedal, never releasing it.
 - Pump the brakes.
 - Slam on the brakes.
- If you start to skid on ice:
 - Pump the brakes to slow down.
 - Over-steer in order to compensate for the direction of the skid.
 - Release the accelerator and declutch or go into neutral.
 - All the above.

Answers: 1. c - 2. c - 3. c - 4. b - 5. a+b

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