

Car drivers, **BEWARE!**



Winter driving: would you pass the test?

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

1. If your car is covered with snow, before driving off you should at least:

- a) 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.
- b) Clear the windows and all the snow and ice from a 30 cm area on the windshield and the back window.
- c) Clear all the windows as well as the roof and the hood, scraping off any ice from all the windows.

2. One of the following does not happen at a temperature less than -20 °C:

- a) Snow chains have no traction.
- b) Sand gives no traction.
- c) Snow tires lose some of their traction.

3. When you're stuck in snow or hard frozen snow you must never:

- a) Spread soil or sand under the tires.
- b) Rock the car backwards and forwards by changing from drive to reverse gear, pressing on the brake pedal while changing gear.
- c) Press on the accelerator while keeping the tires straight, in order to free the car as quickly as possible.

4. When you have to stop your car quickly on a slippery or snow-covered surface without ABS brakes:

- a) Press firmly and continuously on the brake pedal, never releasing it.
- b) Pump the brakes.
- c) Slam on the brakes.

5. If you start to skid on ice:

- a) Pump the brakes to slow down.
- b) Over-steer in order to compensate for the direction of the skid.
- c) Release the accelerator and declutch or go into neutral.
- d) All the above.

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



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