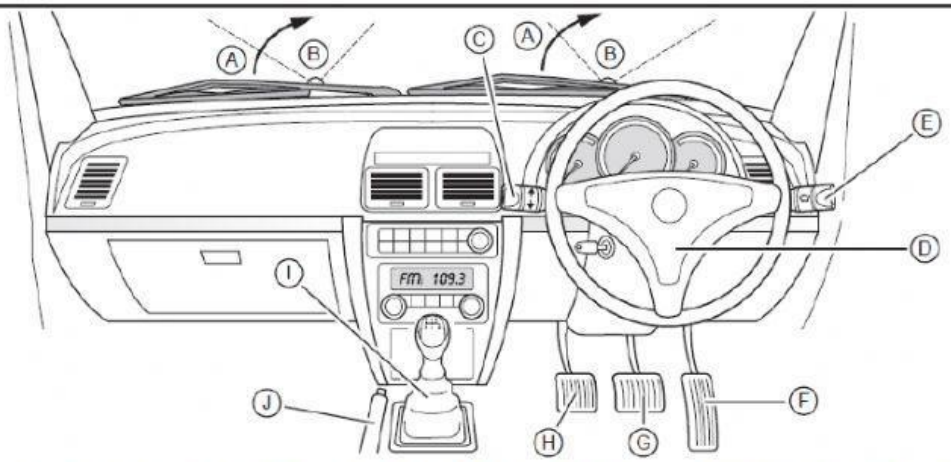
English for the Automotive Industry

1 **Read the instruction manual. Write the letters (A–J) next to the names of the controls.**



The diagram shows the controls of a manual, right-hand drive car. On the left of the driver's seat is the **gear lever** (1) _____. There are five forward gears and a reverse gear. The car is always started in 'neutral' with the handbrake on. The **handbrake (parking brake)** (2) _____ is on the floor to the left of the driver. On the floor, there are three foot-pedals: the left-hand pedal is the **clutch** (3) _____, the centre pedal is the **footbrake** (4) _____, and the right-hand pedal is the **accelerator** (5) _____.

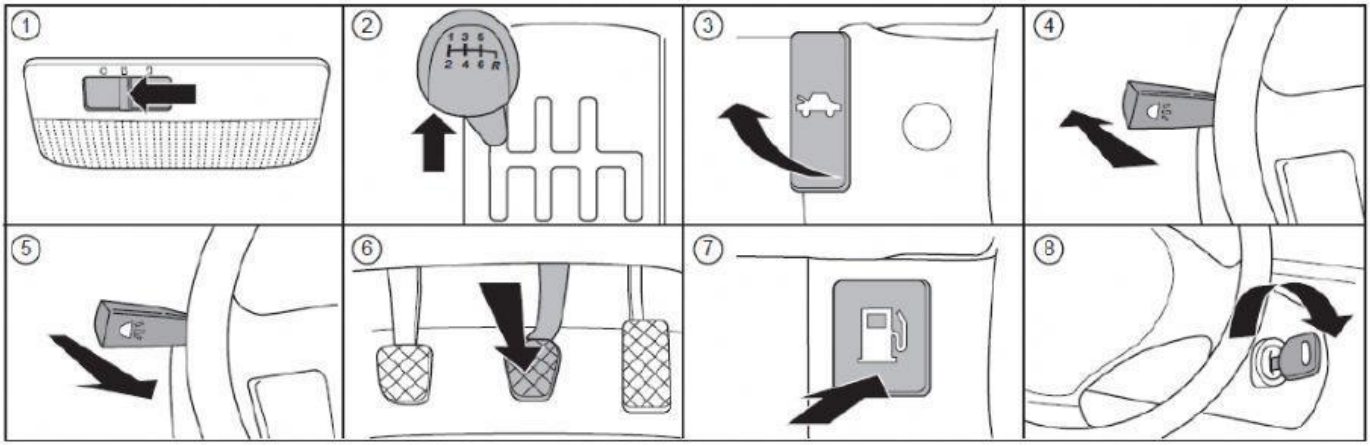
On the left of the **steering wheel** (6)_____ there is a lever (7) _____. This operates the indicator lights and the headlight beam.

On the right of the steering wheel there is another lever (8) _____. This controls the front and rear **windscreen wipers** (9) _____ and, the front and rear **windscreen washers** (10) _____.



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Match the operating instructions with the diagrams.

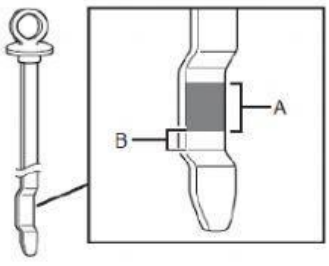


a) Pull the bonnet release handle. 3
b) Press the brake pedal. _____
c) Slide the light switch to the left. _____
d) Push the lever away from the steering wheel. (main headlight beam) _____
e) Turn the key to the right. _____
f) Push the gear lever to the left and up. _____
g) Push the fuel tank release button. _____
h) Pull the main beam lever towards the steering wheel. (dipped headlight beam) _____

Complete the instructions for checking and topping up the engine oil. Use some of the verbs more than once.

add / check / pour / pull / push / put / screw / top up / unscrew / wipe

A Checking the oil level



The vehicle must be on a level surface when you (1) *check* the oil. (2) _____ the dipstick out and (3) _____ it with a clean cloth. (4) _____ the dipstick in. Then (5) _____ the dipstick out again and (6) _____ the oil level. If the oil level is in area A, you can (7) _____ more oil. If the oil level is in area B, you must (8) _____ the engine oil.

B Topping up the engine oil

(9) _____ the oil filler cap. (10) _____ in some oil. (11) _____ the oil level again, using the dipstick. (12) _____ on the oil filler cap and (13) _____ it down. (14) _____ down the oil dipstick fully.

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