

GRAMMAR AND USAGE 2012

SECTION 1 – GRAMMAR AND USAGE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Helpful Tips for Teenage Drivers

- 1 As a teenager, do you ever dream of what it would be like when you get your driver's licence? Do you fantasize about picking up a friend and taking him or her to the movies? Well, although it will be a few years before you're legally able to get behind the wheel, here are a few tips for teenage drivers. Knowing them is important; following them when you get your first car is even more important. They may be the reason why you and your friend will arrive safely at your destination, wherever it may be.
- 5 Be aware of your surroundings at all times; take note of persons driving behind you.
Ensure that all tyres are properly inflated (extra care should be taken during the rainy season).
As the driver, be sure that you and your passengers are buckled up.
Always stay within the speed limit.
- 10 Be sure to obey all traffic signals.
Keep your music to a moderate level so that you can hear emergency service vehicles.
Pull to the side if you need to use your cell phone.
Do not eat or drink while driving.
Avoid driving alone, especially at night, and **NEVER** pick up strangers or hitch-hikers.
- 15 Keep your parents, the police and your family doctor's numbers stored in your phone for emergency purposes.
Always keep in the car a first aid kit stocked with necessary supplies.
Never throw trash from the car.
Do not place anything over your licence plate that may hide the numbers.
- 20 Be courteous to other drivers.
As much as possible, avoid 'road rage'.

Finally, plan to always drive defensively. Remember, driving is serious business. A car is not a toy; nor is it a weapon. The wheel will be in your hand. Be wise: drive to arrive alive.

Adapted from The 2010 Bahamas Mini Yellow Pages!

Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word **already used** in the passage.

As a teenager, do you ever dream of what it would be like when you get your driver's licence?

Do you have (1) _____ (line 2) about picking up a friend and taking him or her to the movies? Before you get behind the wheel, here are a few tips. Be aware of your surroundings at all times and ensure that your tyres are not (2) _____ (line 7). As the driver, be sure that your passenger (3) _____ (line 8) buckled up. Always stay within the speed limit and be (4) _____ (line 10) to all traffic signals. Additionally, (5) _____ (line 12) cell phones can be dangerous while driving, so pull to the side if the need arises. Make sure that the numbers of your parents, family doctor and the police are (6) _____ (line 15) in your phone for emergencies. Keep a first aid kit in the car and do not stock it with (7) _____ (line 17) supplies.

Trash should not be (8) _____ (line 18) from the car window. The numbers on your licence plate should not be (9) _____ (line 19) with anything. Finally, always drive defensively and be courteous to other drivers. Remember, driving is serious business. The wheel will be in your hand. (10) Let your _____ (line 23) guide you in driving to arrive alive.

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