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# Driver's School Entrance Exam

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The following is an 'exam' written by Dave Redzus, originally published in Roundel, the national publication of the BMW Car Club of America. I would like to thank Owen Farrior for submitting it to Huila. Owen claims that there is only one correct answer to each question. After taking the test myself, I feel while most questions are straight-forward, I think to answer several of the questions one needs more information on conditions, car type, objective, driver preferences, etc....Take the exam, see what you think. If nothing else, it provides a good starting point for discussions on the basics of performance driving. Owen tells me that he will provide us with *the* correct answers next month.

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1. To a performance driver, quick reflexes are the most important attribute. TRUE/ FALSE
2. The ideal handling car is a car with 50-50 weight distribution. TRUE/FALSE
3. A good handling car should neither understeer nor oversteer, but be perfectly neutral. TRUE/ FALSE
4. Maximum braking is achieved by rapidly pumping the brake pedal. TRUE/ FALSE
5. The safest place to pass a car in a turn is around the outside. TRUE/ FALSE
6. A waving yellow flag means a faster car is approaching you from behind, and you should be prepared to move over. TRUE/FALSE
7. Deep tire tread depth is necessary for maintaining traction. TRUE/ FALSE
8. On very wet surfaces, tire pressure should be reduced to increase tire footprint size. TRUE/FALSE
9. To turn a fast lap time, it is most important to drive through each turn as quickly as possible. TRUE/FALSE
10. For maximum acceleration, a car should be vigorously driven up to its red line in each gear. TRUE/FALSE
11. Broken engines caused by overrevving most frequently occur during acceleration in low gears. TRUE/FALSE
12. A drift, slide and fishtail are all about the same thing, and all require practice. TRUE/FALSE
13. When a spinout during cornering is inevitable, it's important to remove your hands from the steering wheel to allow the car to regain equilibrium through its self-aligning torque. TRUE/ FALSE
14. It's much better to spin on the track than to drive off the road. TRUE/FALSE
15. To anticipate severe lateral cornering forces, it's best to lean your body into the turn. TRUE/FALSE
16. A mastery of speed shifting is important to good lap times. TRUE/FALSE
17. Hood should be secured, windows rolled up and doors locked while driving on the track. TRUE/FALSE
18. The best seating positioning is laid back with arms fully extended. TRUE/ FALSE
19. Large brake pads are useful to improve stopping power. TRUE/FALSE
20. The friction circle theory states that acceleration, cornering, and braking forces are always equal to each other, wet or dry. TRUE/FALSE
21. If in doubt, it's best to use an early apex line. TRUE/ FALSE
22. The tech inspector is responsible for vehicle safety. TRUE/FALSE
23. Weight is a necessary ingredient to help a car corner, therefore, a heavy car will corner better than a light car. TRUE/FALSE
24. A hand over hand turning technique is desirable to eliminate sawing the wheel through a corner. TRUE/ FALSE