

**The Long and Winding Road to Justice**

On October 19, 1993, Governor Pete Wilson signed a law that barred the door to the driving license of millions of immigrants. After more than 60 years of exclusion, eligible drivers, the DMV was forced to enact laws that made our roads and highways more dangerous for all Californians.

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How did public opinion change so radically in one generation? And how did California’s elected leaders manage to take such a bold step forward when the U.S. government and the country groveled on im-

**Millions of immigrants have rallied for fair treatment; Gil Cedillo (seen with his late wife, Ruby) proposed equal access to the privilege to drive part of his first election campaign for the State Assembly. As a newly elected assemblyman, Cedillo sponsored AB60, an act that would make it possible for immigrants to legally drive, without the conditions and restrictions of Proposition 187, which was approved in 1994. Only a decade later, millions of immigrants were eligible for a license. Having a license and being insured, for example, would deter hit-and-run drivers and make the roads and highways safer for everyone.**

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Getting Ready to Drive

1. You may drive off of the paved roadway to an intersection:
   a) If the shoulder is wide enough to accommodate your vehicle.
   b) If the area ahead is clear until your vehicle.
   c) If no other circumstances

2. You are approaching a railroad crossing with warning devices and are unable to see 200 feet down the tracks in one direction. The speed limit is:
   a) 15 mph
   b) 20 mph
   c) 25 mph

3. When parking your vehicle parallel to the curb on a city street:
   a) Your front wheels must be turned toward the roadway.
   b) Your front wheels must be within 18 inches of the curb.
   c) One of your rear wheels must touch the curb.

4. When you are merging onto the freeway:
   a) You should mate your speed to the vehicles ahead of you.
   b) You should mate your speed to the vehicles to your right.
   c) You should never drive faster than posted speed limit.

5. When driving in fog, you should use your:
   a) High beam lights
   b) Low beam lights
   c) Fog lights

6. You are about to make a left turn. You must:
   a) Stop the traffic before you make the turn.
   b) Look both ways before you turn.
   c) Start your turn before you cross the center line.

7. After a breakdown, you should:
   a) Leave the vehicle.
   b) Turn to the nearest shoulder.
   c) Signal the vehicle.

8. California's "Basic Speed Law" says:
   a) You should never drive faster than posted speed limit.
   b) You should never drive faster than is safe under the circumstances.
   c) The maximum speed limit in California is 70 mph on certain freeways.

9. You just sold your vehicle. You must notify the DMV:
   a) Within 10 days of the sale.
   b) Within 30 days of the sale.
   c) Within 60 days of the sale.

10. Roadways are the most slippery:
    a) During a heavy downpour.
    b) During rain.
    c) During high-traffic/high-speed conditions.

Sample DMV Written Test #1
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Sample DMV Written Test #2
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Getting Ready to Drive

All roads have the same conditions:

1. You must know the rules of the road before you can drive.
2. Be prepared to pass the driving portion of the test.
3. You must have a valid driver's license from a different state or country.
4. You must be able to read and write in English.
5. You must be able to see and hear with a reasonable degree of clarity.
6. You must be able to drive a standard or automatic transmission vehicle.
7. You must not be under the influence of any substance that impairs your ability to drive safely.
8. You must be able to understand and follow traffic signals.
9. You must be able to make proper lane changes and lane changes to avoid collisions.
10. You must be able to anticipate and react to hazards on the road.

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Answers:

1. c, 2. a, 3. b, 4. a, 5. c,

6. b, 7. c, 8. b, 9. a, 10. b

Sample DMV Written Test #2

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