

**Traffic Enforcement
Recruit Traffic Study Guide**

Name _____

Agency _____

Due Date _____

NOT A GROUP PROJECT:

Read carefully and choose the best possible answer. More than one RCW may or may not apply to the question.

1. By definition, when a person or object cannot be clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet, this is considered hours of darkness, RCW 46.04.200.

2. A signal of intention to turn or move right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

RCW 46.61.305 Heading When signals required – Improper use prohibited

3. No driver shall make a U-turn near the crest of a grade or upon any curve where he has less than 500 feet visibility in each direction.

RCW 46.61.295 Heading Prohibited “U” Turns

4. “Roadway” means: (full definition please) That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk or shoulder even though such sidewalk or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles. In the event a highway includes two or more separated roadways, the term “roadway” shall refer to any such roadway separately but shall not refer to all such roadways collectively.

RCW 46.04.500

5. You, as a police officer, are on an emergency run with blue lights and siren operating and are involved in an accident. Due to the fact you are driving an authorized emergency vehicle in official capacity, you are relieved from the consequences of the accident.

True __ False RCW 46.61.035 Heading Authorized Emergency Vehicles

6. You, as a police officer, observe a pedestrian start across the street when the signal is flashing, "Don't Walk". You decide to cite the individual under what code number?

RCW 46.61.230 Heading Pedestrians subject to traffic regulations

7. The traffic signal is red for Jones. Jones stops for the red light, and then decides to make his "free right turn". Jones makes his free right turn and, in the process, forces a pedestrian to yield to him. You stop Jones and ticket him for failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian under:

RCW [46.61.235](#) Heading [Crosswalks \(stopping for pedestrians\)](#)

8. While driving down the highway, you observe a vehicle using the lane signed as "Transit Only". You pull the driver over and ticket him under:

RCW [46.61.165](#) Heading [High-occupancy vehicle lanes](#)

9. While on routine patrol, you observe Driver A make an unsafe lane change, forcing Driver B to apply his brakes. You stop Driver A for the unsafe lane change and ticket him under:

RCW [46.61.305](#) Heading [When signals required – Unsafe lane change](#)

10. You, as an officer, stop an individual for running a stop sign. While interviewing the driver, he states he forgot his driver's license that is valid according to DOL. You can cite him for what two charges?

RCW [46.61.190](#) Heading [Vehicle entering stop intersection – Fail to stop for stop sign](#)

RCW [46.20.017](#) Heading [Immediate possession and display on demand - NLOP](#)

11. While on routine patrol, you observe a pedestrian cross the roadway at an unmarked crosswalk. The pedestrian has crossed where a sign prohibits pedestrian crossings. You decide to ticket the pedestrian under:

RCW [46.61.240](#) Heading [Crossing at other than crosswalks](#)

12. A driver is required to signal his intention to turn by using a hand or electric turn signal.

True False RCW [46.61.310](#) Heading [Signals by hand and arm or signal lamps](#)

13. You are following a pickup truck and notice a child standing in the passenger seat. The child appears to be less than 10 years of age. Can you stop and write the driver a ticket?

Yes No RCW [46.61.687](#) Heading [Child passenger restraints required](#)

14. A driver traveling upon a separated roadway is required to stop for a school bus that is displaying visual signals on the adjacent roadway.

True False RCW [46.61.370](#) Heading [Overtaking or meeting school bus](#)

15. Three bicyclists are riding abreast upon a public highway is this a violation?

Yes No RCW [46.61.770](#) Heading [Riding on roadways](#)

16. If a person leaves a child under 16 in a vehicle with the engine running in a public place, they are guilty of a misdemeanor.

True False ___ RCW [46.61.685](#) Heading [Leaving children unattended](#)

17. How many vehicles must be formed behind a slow moving vehicle on a two-way highway before that vehicle is required to pull off and let them pass? [Five or more](#)

RCW [46.61.427](#) Heading [Slow-moving vehicle to pull off roadway](#)

18. During a routine traffic stop the driver/owner of the vehicle presents you with an insurance card which you notice has been clearly altered in such a way that the insurance coverage appears to be current. Is this a violation of state law?

Yes No ___

If yes, what classification of violation?

RCW [46.30.040](#) Heading [Providing false evidence of financial responsibility](#)

19. The driver of a vehicle proceeding with a green light enters the intersection but cannot clear the intersection due to other vehicular traffic blocking his way. The light turns red and the driver is still blocking the intersection. Under what RCW, would you cite him?

RCW [46.61.202](#) Heading [Stopping when traffic obstructed](#)

20. You observe a motorcycle pass a vehicle in the same lane occupied by the other vehicle. Is this a violation?

Yes No ___ RCW [46.61.608](#) Heading [Operating motorcycles on roadway](#)

21. Who has the responsibility for cleaning up the glass and other debris from an accident scene when the vehicles are removed? [The person removing the vehicles](#)

RCW [46.61.645](#) Heading [Throwing materials on highway prohibited - Removal](#)

22. It is unlawful to park within:

- [15](#) feet of a fire hydrant
- [20](#) feet of a crosswalk
- [50](#) feet of nearest railroad crossing
- [30](#) feet of yield sign
- [30](#) feet of stop sign

RCW [46.61.570](#) Heading [Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited](#)

23. If a vehicle is parked next to the curb on a two-way roadway, the right hand wheels need to be **parallel** and within **12** inches of the right hand curb.

RCW **46.61.575** Heading **Additional parking regulations**

24. Driver Jones parked his vehicle with the key in the ignition. Returning to his vehicle 15 minutes later, he noticed that he was ticketed for **unattended motor vehicle**.

RCW **46.61.600** Heading **Unattended motor vehicle**

25. It is illegal to follow a vehicle more closely than one car length per each ten miles per hour being traveled.

True ___ False **X** RCW **46.61.145** Heading **Following too closely**

26. On the approach of an emergency vehicle giving required audible and visual signals, all drivers shall immediately drive parallel to the curb and stop.

RCW **46.61.210** Heading **Operation of vehicles on approach of emergency vehicles**

27. With certain exceptions, every vehicle shall be equipped with a device to reduce wheel spray of water to the rear thereof.

True **X** False ___ RCW **46.37.500** Heading **Fenders or splash aprons**

28. Pedestrians shall not cross a roadway between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, unless the crossing is made in a marked crosswalk.

True **X** False ___ RCW **46.61.240** Heading **Crossing at other than crosswalks**

29. The speed limit in marked school or playground crosswalks is **20** MPH, for a distance of **300** feet on either side of the crosswalk.

RCW **46.61.440** Heading **Maximum speed limit when passing school crosswalks**

30. A vehicle parked on a perceptible grade with the front wheels parallel to the roadway constitutes a violation.

True **X** False ___ RCW **46.61.600** Heading **Unattended motor vehicle**

31. Must a driver of a vehicle, who is **not** on school grounds, obey a juvenile member of that school's student body, acting as a member of the "school patrol"?

Yes **X** No ___ RCW **46.61.385** Heading **School patrol - Authority**

32. A vehicle overtaking and passing another, using a lane authorized for vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, must return before coming within **200** feet of any approaching vehicle.

RCW **46.61.120** Heading **Limitation on overtaking on the left**

33. A driver involved in a collision where there is injury and they fail to remain at the scene is guilty of a misdemeanor.

True False RCW **46.52.020** Heading **Hit and Run - Attended**

34. Any police officer who has received notice that the driver's license of the owner of a vehicle is suspended or revoked may, at any time during that period, stop that vehicle and check the license of the person driving.

True False RCW **46.20.349** Heading **Stopping vehicle of suspended driver**

35. List the **types of vehicles** for which the Commercial Driver's License Act applies.

Vehicle with gross weight of 26,001 or more pounds
Vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver
Transporting hazardous materials requiring a placard
Vehicle is a school bus defined in 46.04.521 regardless of size or weight

RCW **46.25.010 (6)**

36. A licensed driver may be re-examined at any time with good cause.

True False RCW **46.20.305** Heading **Incompetent, unqualified driver - reexam**

37. A motorist is required to dim his headlights within **500** feet of an oncoming vehicle or within **300** feet when approaching another vehicle from the rear.

RCW **46.37.230** Heading **Use of multiple-beam road lighting equipment**

38. Motorcycles are required to have **2** mirror(s) and may not transport a child under **5** years of age.

RCW **46.37.530** Heading **Motorcycles – Helmets, other equipment – Children - Rules**

39. A person who moves or changes names due to marriage or otherwise must notify the Department of Licensing within 10 days.

True False RCW **46.20.205** Heading **Change of address or name**

40. You attempt to stop a vehicle for failing to stop for a red light. The violator flees and refuses to stop for you and he almost runs over two citizens in a crosswalk. In order to charge this violator with eluding a police vehicle, what five elements must be articulated in order for the prosecutor to file these charges?
- a. Driver willfully fails or refuses to immediately stop
 - b. Drives with willful and wanton disregard for the lives or property of others
 - c. Attempts to elude the police after being given an audible or visual signal
 - d. The officer is in uniform
 - e. The police vehicle is equipped with lights and sirens

RCW 46.61.024 Heading Attempting to elude police vehicle

41. Full-time employees of dealers may use vehicles belonging to the dealer which are for sale and may display a dealer's license even though the vehicle is being used for personal business.

True False _____ RCW 46.70.090 Heading Dealer & Manufacturer License Plates

42. Mr. Jones, who is the legal owner of vehicle A, loans his vehicle to Mr. Smith, who has no claim to the vehicle, but is just a friend. Mr. Smith then gets stopped because one license plate is missing. Mr. Smith receives a ticket for having only one license plate. Can Mr. Jones also receive a ticket?

Yes No _____ RCW 46.16.500 Heading Liability of owner

43. You are on routine patrol and are stopped by a citizen who asks you, "I have just moved. How long do I have to tell DOL about my new address for my driver's license?"

Answer 10 days RCW 46.20.205 Heading Change of address

44. You stop a vehicle driven by a violator who is 17 years old. The violator has no license or permit to drive. The passenger is the violator's father. Can you ticket the father in addition to the violator?

Yes No _____

If so, under RCW 46.20.024 Heading Unlawful to allow unauthorized minor to drive

45. You observe a vehicle driving down the highway that has numerous equipment violations. You stop the vehicle, ticket the driver. In your opinion you decide that the vehicle is unsafe. You impound the vehicle under what authorization?

RCW 46.32.060 Heading Moving defective vehicle unlawful – impound authorized

46. At what distance does the law require that the rear license plate light illuminate the plate and make it legible?

50 feet, RCW [46.37.050 \(3\)](#) Heading [Tail lamps](#)

47. During daylight hours, a load extending **4** feet from the tailgate of a vehicle is required to have red flags at least **12 inches** square on the extreme end of the load.

RCW [46.37.140](#) Heading [Lamps, reflectors, and flags on projecting load](#)

48. State here which RCW section and subsection lists those vehicles exempt from the requirements of liability insurance. They are (1) [Motorcycles](#) (2) [Publicly owned vehicles](#) (3) [Collector vehicles over 30 years old](#).

RCW [46.30.020 \(3\)\(a\)\(b\)](#) Heading [Liability insurance required](#)

49. On a two-lane road, it is unlawful to pass within **100** feet of the approach of an intersection or within the intersection.

RCW [46.61.125 \(b\)](#) Heading [Further limitations on driving left of center](#)

50. While on routine patrol, you receive a call of a person parked in front of a house honking his horn excessively in a residential area. As you are arriving, you hear the person laying on his horn for 20 seconds or more. Can you ticket this individual?

Yes No

If so, under RCW [46.37.380](#) Heading [Horns, warning devices, and theft alarms](#)

51. Harry Hot Rod adds wide rear tires to his vehicle. The tires protrude out from the wheel wells by 4 inches and he has nothing covering the tires. Can you ticket Harry?

Yes No RCW [46.37.500](#) Heading [Fenders and splash aprons](#)

52. Could you ticket someone for "bald tires", less than 2/32 of an inch?

Yes No RCW [46.37.425 \(4\)](#) Heading [Tires - unsafe](#)

53. The driver of vehicle A is making a left turn from a public road into his driveway. In the process, he forces vehicle B, coming from the opposite direction, to yield the right-of-way to him. Under what RCW can you cite him?

RCW [46.61.185](#) Heading [Vehicle turning left](#)

54. You observe a vehicle traveling at the legal speed limit even though the roads are icy and it is hazardous to drive that fast under the conditions. Can you ticket the driver?

Yes No

If so, under RCW [46.61.400](#) Heading [Basic rule and maximum speed limits](#)

55. Operating a vehicle in a manner as to endanger or likely to endanger any persons or property is [Negligent driving 2nd degree](#).

RCW [46.61.525](#) Heading [Negligent driving 2nd degree](#)

56. Two vehicles have a contest of speed on a public highway. Even though neither breaks the speed limit, they could be charged under:

RCW [46.61.530](#) Heading [Racing of vehicles on highways – reckless driving](#)

57. You, as an officer, decide to ticket a driver for embracing another while driving. You will need to articulate (full definition): [It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of the state when such person has in his or her embrace another person which prevents the free and unhampered operation of such vehicle](#).

R.C.W. [46.61.665](#)

58. You are on patrol and you observe a vehicle making a U-Turn through the grass median of the highway. What violation has been committed?

RCW [46.61.150](#) Heading [Driving on divided highways](#)

59. You observe a vehicle stopped at a red traffic light. He makes a right turn on the red light. Posted at the intersection are signs stating “No Turn on Red”. Under what RCW would you cite the driver?

RCW [46.61.050](#) Heading [Obedience to and required traffic control devices](#)

60. A motorist must stop for a stop sign **and then** shall yield the right of way to any vehicle so closely to constitute an immediate hazard before proceeding.

True False RCW [46.61.190](#) Heading [Vehicle entering stop or yield intersection](#)

61. What is the difference between No Valid Driver's License without ID and No Valid Driver's License with ID?

RCW [46.20.005](#) Heading [NVOL without ID](#) Type of Crime [Criminal - Misdemeanor](#)

RCW [46.20.015](#) Heading [NVOL with ID](#) Type of Crime [Non-criminal - Infraction](#)

62. Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial responsibility to a law enforcement officer or to a court, including an expired or canceled insurance policy shall be guilty of a **Misdemeanor**.

RCW **46.30.040** Heading **False evidence of financial responsibility**

63. In response to a complaint of an unauthorized vehicle parked in a marked/posted handicap stall in the parking lot of the local grocery store, a law enforcement officer may ticket and impound that vehicle under what 2 RCWs

RCW **46.16.381 (10)** Heading **Special parking for disabled persons**

RCW **46.55.113 (f)** Heading **Removal by police officer**

64. A law enforcement officer may impound a vehicle under RCW **46.55.113** for DUI, Physical Control, and for one or more of the listed **8** circumstances.

65. You are hand controlling an intersection at the scene of a multiple alarm fire. The driver of an automobile threads his way out from between the fire units and, in the process, drives across a charged 3 1/2" hose. He did this without direction from any public official and tells you he had to get his car out or it would have been burned. May the driver be ticketed?

Yes No ___ RCW **46.61.640** Heading **Crossing fire hose**

66. You are about to enter a highway from an intersecting street. A large dump truck (88,000 GVW) passes by and you see that the "pea" gravel he is hauling is falling in a steady stream from the tailgate area of the bed. Is the dump truck driver committing a violation?

Yes No ___ RCW **46.61.655** Heading **Dropping load - Covering**

67. Studded snow tires may lawfully be used in Washington State from **November 1** until **April 1** unless **WADOT grants an extension**.

RCW **46.37.420 (2)** Heading **Tires - Restrictions**

68. You observe an automobile traveling south-bound on a highway behind a line of five cars. The driver moves left to the 2-way left turn lane and passes those vehicles, then moves back to the south-bound lane. Has a violation of law occurred?

Yes No ___ RCW **46.61.290 (3)(c)** Heading **Required position and method of turning**

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