

**SMITH SYSTEM®**  
**FIVE KEYS TO SPACE CUSHION DRIVING: QUIZ**

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Please read the following questions *carefully*. Take your time since many questions may contain more than one answer that is somewhat valid. Mark only the *single best answer* to each question, and as you do so, keep in mind that some questions may require you to draw conclusions based on the information you have learned about the Smith System®. The recommended quiz taking time is 10 minutes. If you do not know the answer to a question, we suggest that you move on and come back to it if time permits.

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| <p>1. Getting the "Big Picture" requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Maintaining a proper following distance</li><li>B. Checking your mirrors approximately every 5-8 seconds.</li><li>C. Looking well ahead of your vehicle</li><li>D. All of the above</li></ul> <p>2. Besides stopping distance and reaction time, the proper following distance provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Room to increase your speed if it becomes necessary</li><li>B. Swerving room when you encounter the unexpected</li><li>C. Assurance that people will not "cut you off"</li><li>D. Increased visibility &amp; additional time to make decisions</li></ul> <p>3. Following a large vehicle too closely most directly affects your ability to use which Key?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Aim High in Steering®</li><li>B. Keep Your Eyes Moving®</li><li>C. Leave Yourself an Out®</li><li>D. Make Sure They See You®</li></ul> <p>4. The vision defined as an "early warning system" is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Central cone</li><li>B. Peripheral</li><li>C. Clear</li><li>D. Investigative</li></ul> <p>5. A negative affect of a "fixed stare" is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Vision becomes blurred</li><li>B. Central cone vision is diminished</li><li>C. Peripheral vision is deminished</li><li>D. None of the above</li></ul> <p>6. The Smith System® suggests use of the mirrors every:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. 2 seconds</li><li>B. 10-15 seconds</li><li>C. Whenever your peripheral vision detects movement in any mirror</li><li>D. 5-8 seconds</li></ul> | <p>7. The distance drivers look ahead should vary depending on speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. True</li><li>B. False</li></ul> <p>8. Obtaining eye contact insures that people will not do the unexpected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. True</li><li>B. False</li></ul> <p>9. Which of the following is <i>not</i> one of the 5 Keys?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Get the Big Picture®</li><li>B. Make Sure They See You®</li><li>C. Detect Problems Early</li><li>D. Leave Yourself an Out®</li></ul> <p>10. The best time to tap your horn is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. When drivers make mistakes</li><li>B. When you are angry &amp; wish to vent your emotions</li><li>C. Early enough to warn others &amp; still have time to avoid conflict if they do not respond properly</li><li>D. Whenever there is sudden, unexpected movement nearby</li></ul> <p>11. A 15-second eye-lead time is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The distance between you &amp; the vehicle in front of you</li><li>B. The frequency of mirror checks in a quarter of a minute</li><li>C. The distance, measured in seconds, that your eyes lead your vehicle</li><li>D. Your total space cushion measured in seconds</li></ul> <p>12. When you slow or stop your vehicle, from which direction is danger most likely to come?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The front - you should scan ahead</li><li>B. The sides - you should scan intersections as you touch the brake</li><li>C. The rear - you should check your mirror as you touch the brake</li><li>D. None of the above</li></ul> |
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13. Selecting the proper lane relates most closely to using which Key?

- A. Aim High in Steering®
- B. Get the Big Picture®
- C. Keep Your Eyes Moving®
- D. Leave Yourself an Out®
- E. Make Sure They See You®

14. It is wise to avoid letting your eyes pause on an object for more than:

- A. 4 seconds
- B. 2 seconds
- C. 5-8 seconds
- D. 15 seconds

15. The "Smith System®" is designed to help compensate for:

- A. The poor judgment of others
- B. Changing conditions
- C. Foul weather conditions
- D. All of the above

16. The single largest factor in most motor vehicle collisions is:

- A. Poor weather
- B. Driver error
- C. Vehicle condition
- D. Fatigue

17. How many types of warning devices are available on most vehicles?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. At least five
- D. Two

18. In most cases, how far should you back your vehicle?

- A. Until you align your vehicle with the direction you wish to travel
- B. No farther than is necessary
- C. Until you hear the sound of breaking glass
- D. Until you have cleared all fixed objects by at least six feet

19. Which part of the space cushion is easiest to control?

- A. The rear
- B. The sides
- C. The front
- D. Drivers are unable to control any of them

20. Which situation should require increased following distance?

- A. Poor weather conditions
- B. Having a tailgater
- C. When a large vehicle is in front of you
- D. All of the above

21. Which part of your "space cushion" is the most difficult to control?

- A. The front
- B. The left
- C. The right
- D. The rear

22. Obtaining space, visibility and time, are primary goals of the Smith System®.

- A. True
- B. False

23. Which Key provides for communication with other drivers?

- A. Get the Big Picture®
- B. Leave Yourself an Out®
- C. Make Sure They See You®
- D. Aim High in Steering®

24. Peripheral vision provides about what degree of visibility for the average person?

- A. 45
- B. 90
- C. 180
- D. 360

25. What is the best way to avoid a backing accident?

- A. Back in first
- B. Select a spot that makes backing unnecessary
- C. Use a guide to assist you in the backing task
- D. Sound your horn before backing

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