1) What is the most delicate and important cargo that a professional driver may be designated to transport?
   a) Freight
   b) Hazardous materials
   c) Someone’s loved one (human lives)
      Answer-c) Human lives

2) The title of “Professional Driver,” carries with it the obligation to be a positive example of safe driving practices as viewed by other drivers and the general public.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer-a) True

3) A driver can be an organization’s greatest asset or its biggest liability.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer-a) True, a good driver that slips up to introduce risk can cause a big liability issue

4) What is the most important safety item on the bus?
   a) First aid kit
   b) Biohazard kit
   c) Safety reflector kit
   d) The driver
      Answer- d) The driver has to operate all the other equipment. The driver must be in top safety performance and attitude.

5) The safest drivers exhibit a healthy lifestyle that includes freedom from legal and illegal substances, sufficient rest, and control over personal stress.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True

6) Safety is the elimination, or reduction of risk.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer-a) True
      If you remove risk then you are safe; you may not be able to remove risk entirely, but you can reduce it significantly.

7) Over the years all drivers develop patterns of unsafe behavior.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True
      If no one has explained to them how some of their actions are unsafe and why, they will eventually become comfortable with their risky behavior until there is an accident.
8) All accidents, major or minor, share the same origin. Someone has either caused the accident or failed to prevent it.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer: a) True

9) A driver must acquire defensive driving skills which include:
   a) The knowledge of you and your vehicle’s capabilities and limitations
   b) The ability to survey what is on and near the road
   c) The capacity to assess potential hazards and their potential impact
   d) The ability to identify alternatives and make the best choice
   e) All of the above
   Answer: e) All of the above

10) Drivers must be attentive to detail when ________.
    a) Checking Mirrors
    b) Checking gauges
    c) At intersections
    d) All driving functions
    Answer: d) All driving functions
    Drivers must focus their full attention to all driving functions. Any distractions either physical or psychological can be disastrous.

11) Every driver is constantly making hundreds of decisions:
    a) About control of their vehicle
    b) Reacting to the actions of other drivers
    c) Studying the flow of traffic ahead, on the side, or from the rear
    d) All of the above
    Answer: d) All of the above

12) Several common over the counter medications including cough and cold remedies and anti-histamines can cause drowsiness that affects safety.
    a) True
    b) False
    Answer: a) True

13) Every person has a certain level of risk that they are willing to assume for themselves.
    a) True
    b) False
    Answer: a) True
    Due to life circumstances, every person becomes oblivious to some risks that others would not consider like riding a roller coaster or motorcycle.
14) Most drivers who are driving unsafe are not even aware of their risky behavior.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True
   They have become so comfortable with their risky driving habits that it has become normal to them.

15) There is nothing a driver can do to avoid an accident caused by someone else’s unsafe driving.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- b) False
   By driving defensively, you can avoid the consequences of someone else’s mistakes, or at least minimize the negative outcome.

16) When driving duties become routine, even the best drivers can be lulled into complacency, allowing lazy habits and bad attitudes about risk to develop.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

17) Routine makes our actions second nature and causes us to lose focus on details which could prevent an accident.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

18) All accidents have a cause. If you remove the cause, the accident will not happen.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

19) Defensive driving is driving in a defensive attitude that prepares you for the risks that other drivers are exposing you to.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

20) What is so important that you would cut corners on any safety related issue just to save a few seconds, and by doing so introduce risk into your life and the lives of those entrusted to you?
   a) Getting my passenger to their destination on time.
   b) Nothing
   c) NOTHING
   d) NOTHING
   ANSWER- b, c, and d) NOTHING
21) Distracted driving basically includes anything that removes the driver’s concentration on actual traffic and road conditions.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

22) Daydreaming is a form of distracted driving
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

23) Distractions are so numerous because a human can contain only one thought process at any single time.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True
   Consider taking a phone call while watching a movie or sporting event on TV.

24) A distraction is anything that takes your eyes off of the road (visual distraction), your mind off the road (cognitive distraction), or your hands off the wheel (manual distraction).
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

25) University of Utah found that using a cell phone while driving (even hands free) impairs a driver’s reaction time as much as driving with a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of 0.08%.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True

26) Sleep deprivation and fatigue make lapses of attention more likely to occur.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True
   According to a university study

27) Fatigued driving is more dangerous than distracted driving or even drunk driving.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer- a) True
   According to a university study
28) Necessary distractions would include:
   a) Checking intersections
   b) Checking gauges
   c) Checking mirrors
   d) All of the above
      Answer- d) All of the above

29) Unavoidable distractions would include:
   a) Passengers yelling
   b) Short term lapse of concentration (mind wandering)
   c) Movement on the side of the roadway
   d) All of the above
      Answer- d) All of the above

30) When faced with distractions, a driver should allow more following distance from the vehicle in front.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True

31) A driver can be distracted by _____.
   a) A cluttered dashboard
   b) Conversations with passengers
   c) Cell phone, radio, or communication device
   d) Dashboard controls/adjustments
   e) Glare/reflections from a dirty windshield
   f) All of the above
      Answer- f) All of the above

32) Glare can be caused by dirt and film on windshields and mirrors.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True
      Light rays will reflect off dirt and film on glass (mirror effect)

33) A driver should check their mirrors and gauges _____.
   a) Every 5 to 8 seconds
   b) To make sure another vehicle doesn’t enter into the blind spot behind your vehicle
   c) To prevent getting into the “blind stare,” or “Driver hypnosis.”
   d) All of the above
      Answer-d) All of the above
34) When conducting a pre-trip inspection, it is better to:
   a) Vary the way you do things so you don’t get bored
   b) Use the same method every time for quicker and more accurate inspections
   c) Repeat the procedures several times focusing on each individual aspect of the inspection (safety, security, fluids, etc.)
   d) Assume that all safety related features are tip-top
      Answer- b) Use the same method every time for quicker and more accurate inspections.
      If you have a routine procedure, you will be less likely to forget something

35) During your pre-trip you see a rust trace line coming from a wheel lug nut outward on a wheel you should:
   a) Start your route, have someone look at it when you have a break.
   b) Do nothing; It’s okay, just dirty
   c) Have someone check the tightness of the lug nuts immediately
      Answer-c) Have someone check the tightness of the lug nuts immediately
      The rust trace most likely is caused by a loose lug nut. That puts stress on the others and they could break.

36) Illinois state law states that “the railroad crossing stop must always be made in the outside through lane of traffic.”
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True
      Never stop in the “passing lane” or a turn lane, unless you intend to turn with that lane.

37) A “false turn signal,” can occur when the sun flashes off a highly reflective turn signal light.
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True
      This is especially true on rough roads

38) Chain reaction accidents occur because ____.
   a) The lead driver has an accident without time to apply their brakes, so the next vehicle has no warning.
   b) The second driver has failed to scan, check mirrors, and has fallen into a “Blind stare.”
   c) All are following too close
   d) All of the above
      Answer-d) All of the above

39) Paying attention is the most important driving task because it helps create the time needed to recognize hazards and react to them in order to avoid an accident
   a) True
   b) False
      Answer- a) True
40) Speed increases the distance that your vehicle travels while you are recognizing and reacting to a situation.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-a) True

41) Total stopping distance is a combination of _______________.
   a) Perception distance, reaction distance, and braking distance
   b) Road surface and age
   c) Tread wear and vehicle capacity
   d) Time of the day and attitude of the driver
   Answer-a) Perception distance, reaction distance, and braking distance

42) Reaction distance and braking distance are the same.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-b) False
   Reaction distance (time) affects overall braking distance.

43) Reaction time is the time it takes you to recognize there is a problem and for your body to physically react to the problem.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-a) True

44) To reduce reaction time a driver should _____.
   a) Hover your foot over the brake pedal at intersections
   b) Scan ahead for possible issues
   c) Anticipate other drivers actions
   d) All of the above
   Answer-d) All of the above
   The attitude of defensive driving keeps your subconscious ready to react.

45) Sometimes you can READ the actions of another driver to anticipate what their vehicle may do.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-a) True
   This is especially true at intersections

46) You are approaching an intersection, and a vehicle is in the turn lane stopped, ready to pull across your lane after you pass. You should be considering _____.
   a) Their wheels are already turned, so if hit from the rear they may be pushed in front of you
   b) The driver is attending to children; their foot may slip off the brake
   c) An oncoming driver appears to be chatting with his passenger
   d) All of the above
   Answer-d) All of the above
47) How much of the side of your bus should you see in your mirrors?
   a) None of your bus
   b) ½” to 1”
   c) 1” to 2”
   d) All of your bus
   Answer-b) ½” to 1”
   This is used as a reference to determine where other objects are in relation to your bus. Devoting too much of the mirror to your bus will greatly reduce the field of view around your bus which the mirror could offer.

48) Anything out of the ordinary should be treated as “suspicious,” until you can rationally evaluate the action or item.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-a) True
   Pertains to suspicious packages and persons

49) If a drive belt breaks, you will lose control of your steering and brakes.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-b) False
   Depending on your vehicle, if a drive belt breaks, you will not have power assist. You WILL have MANUAL steering and brakes. They will be very hard to operate, but DO NOT PANIC!

50) At every stop where you exit and walk around the vehicle, you have an opportunity to ________.
   a) Glance at tires and wheel lug nuts
   b) Check for lights that are “in use”
   c) Be alert for smells and/or hot brakes
   d) Be alert for leaks or unusual noises
   e) All of the above
   Answer- e) All of the above
   Just a casual glance may catch something and prevent a larger problem

51) Flashing your brake lights is a good idea to deter tailgaters.
   a) True
   b) False
   Answer-b) False
   This action may provoke a road rage incident. Proceed at a safe pace. Allow more following distance from the vehicle in front of you.

52) **PERFORM ALL YOUR DUTIES AS IF TOMORROW YOU MUST DEFEND THEM IN COURT!**