CAN YOU MAKE THE GRADE?

TEST YOUR RAIL SAFETY KNOWLEDGE.
KNOW THE FACTS:

IN THE U.S., A PERSON OR VEHICLE IS HIT BY A TRAIN EVERY 3 HOURS.

TRAINS ARE QUIETER AND FASTER THAN YOU THINK — ONLY TRAINS BELONG ON THE TRACKS.

THE AVERAGE FREIGHT TRAIN TRAVELING 55 MILES PER HOUR CAN TAKE A MILE OR MORE TO STOP — THE LENGTH OF 18 FOOTBALL FIELDS.

SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN!

OBEY ALL WARNING DEVICES AT RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS
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Driving through a neighboring town, you see a round, yellow sign with an “X” and the letters RR.

1. THE ROUND, YELLOW SIGN IS CALLED THE:
   a. Advance Warning sign
   b. Crossbuck
   c. Track sign

2. IT TELLS YOU:
   a. There is a railroad yard nearby
   b. To slow down, you are approaching a railroad crossing
   c. There is only one railroad track ahead

As you get closer, you see a sign with the words “RAILROAD CROSSING” on two, crossed white boards.

3. THE SIGN IS CALLED THE:
   a. Advanced Warning sign
   b. Crossbuck
   c. Track sign

4. IT TELLS YOU:
   a. To hurry across the tracks
   b. There is only one railroad track ahead
   c. To slow down, look, and listen to be prepared to yield to an approaching train

You notice a smaller sign below the crossed, white boards. On the small sign are the words “2 TRACKS.”

5. THIS SIGN TELLS YOU:
   a. The road ahead crosses two tracks
   b. To expect trains approaching from either direction
   c. Both a and b

As you start driving over the tracks, you see the red lights begin to flash and the gate starts to come down.

6. THIS MEANS:
   a. You tripped an emergency signaling device
   b. A train is approaching
   c. Someone is probably working on the signals

As you get closer, you see a sign with the words “RAILROAD CROSSING” on two, crossed white boards.

7. YOU SHOULD:
   a. Keep going until you have cleared the tracks by at least 15 feet
   b. Stop and abandon the vehicle
   c. Back up to get off the tracks

8. IF YOUR CAR STALLS ON THE TRACKS AS A TRAIN APPROACHES:
   a. Keep trying to restart your car until you see the train
   b. Stand next to your car and wave at the locomotive engineer
   c. Get everyone out of the car IMMEDIATELY, move away from the tracks at a 45° angle, in the direction of the approaching train

The next day, you encounter a railroad crossing without a gate or flashing red lights. Please be very careful as you cross the tracks here.

9. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO JUDGE HOW FAR AWAY A TRAIN IS BECAUSE:
   a. An optical illusion fools the eye in judging distance and speed
   b. You have not learned how
   c. The train may unexpectedly speed up

10. AFTER FULLY APPLYING THE BRAKES, A 100-CAR FREIGHT TRAIN TRAVELING 55 MPH TAKES AT LEAST ___ TO STOP.
    a. ¼ mile
    b. ½ mile
    c. 1 mile

11. YOU CANNOT PREDICT THE ARRIVAL OF A FREIGHT TRAIN AT A CROSSING BECAUSE:
    a. Schedules are not published
    b. They do not keep regular schedules
    c. Published schedules may not be accurate

True (T) or False (F)?

12. T F The biggest factor in vehicle-train collisions is train speed.
13. T F After fully applying the brakes, light rail trains can take up to 600 feet to stop, the length of 2 football fields.

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14. What is the name of the sign that tells you the railroad crossing is about to be used?
15. What is the purpose of the red lights on the gate?
16. What should you do if your vehicle stalls on the tracks?
17. What is the minimum distance you should clear the tracks by when crossing?
18. If you hear a train approaching, what should you do?
19. What should you do if you see a sign that says “2 TRACKS”?
20. If a train is approaching, what should you do?
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