

Free sample. Japan driving licence written test, in English

15 free sample questions from the Karimen EN papers, with answers and explanations. The first three cover rules that changed recently. Answer key: ○ True / ✕ False.

Q1

On a general road without marking and road sign, maximum speed limit is 60km/h.

✕ **False** Since 1 September 2026, the legal speed limit for cars on general roads without a centerline, lane lines or physical separation is 30 km/h. 60 km/h applies only where there is a centerline or lanes and no speed sign.

Q2

Small motorcycles over 50cc and up to 125cc (other than output-limited mopeds) can be driven with a regular vehicle license.

✕ **False** A regular license covers regular motor vehicles, special light equipment and mopeds. Since April 2025, output-limited bikes up to 125cc count as mopeds, but other motorcycles up to 125cc need a motorcycle license.

Q3

I drove a large size truck at 100km/h on the national expressway.

✕ **False** Large trucks are capped at 90 km/h whenever they travel a national expressway.

Q4

On a street with this road sign, it indicates two step right turn for a moped.



○ **True** This is the "Two-step right turn" sign for general motorized bicycles (原付). At this intersection, mopeds must turn right in two steps instead of turning right directly.

Q5

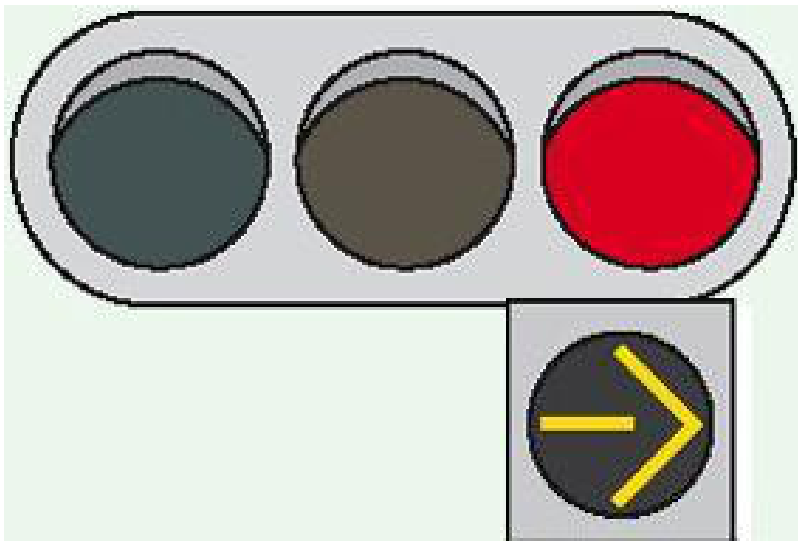
This road sign indicates "Road narrows".



✗ **False** The sign shown actually stands for 'Fewer lanes'.

Q6

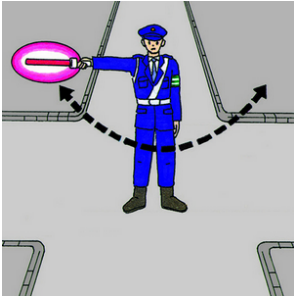
You may turn right on a regular motor vehicle on yellow arrow.



✗ **False** Yellow arrow signals apply only to streetcars, not to ordinary motor vehicles.

Q7

This hand signal means red signal for the traffic moving parallel to the police officers body.



✗ **False** That particular gesture actually corresponds to a green light, allowing traffic running parallel to the officer to proceed.

Q8

Even at locations with a "No U-turn" road sign, U-turns are allowed if you do not obstruct other vehicles.

✗ **False** Anywhere a sign or road marking bans U-turns, making one is forbidden even when doing so would not get in the way of other traffic.

Q9

When your vehicle is in an intersection and an emergency vehicle is approaching, you must stop immediately.

✗ **False** Giving way to an emergency vehicle at or close to a junction means clearing the intersection first, then moving to the road's left side and stopping there, rather than halting right where you are.

Q10

Visual field becomes wider as speed increases.

✗ **False** As driving speed climbs, your field of vision shrinks.

Q11

Stopping is permitted in a tunnel with vehicle lanes.

✗ **False** Tunnels ban stopping regardless of whether they're divided into vehicle lanes.

Q12

When driving near safety zone with pedestrians, drivers must slow down.

☐ **True** When pedestrians are on a safety zone, drivers passing beside it must slow down.

Q13

Vehicles must not cross the centerline in any situations.

☒ **False** Vehicles normally stay on the left of the centerline, though crossing it becomes acceptable in unavoidable cases, like steering around an obstacle.

Q14

When you load on a truck, you may load exceeding 0.3m on either side.

☒ **False** The total load width may be up to 1.2 times the truck's width, and the load may stick out no more than 0.1 times the truck's width on each side.

Q15

A driver is going to leave the main lane on an expressway. What should the driver pay attention to?



1. When the driver enters the deceleration lane, reduce speed while paying attention to the vehicles behind.
2. When the driver enters the deceleration lane, the driver should apply the brake immediately to reduce speed.
3. A car behind is getting closer, increase the speed to keep a safe distance and change lanes to enter the deceleration lane.

1. ☐ **True** Braking hard on the main lane can cause a rear-end collision. Move into the deceleration lane first, then slow down gradually while checking the vehicle behind in your mirrors.

2. ☒ **False** Braking hard right away isn't correct; instead, check what's behind you and slow down gradually.

3. ☒ **False** There's no need to speed up; simply merge smoothly into the deceleration lane instead.

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