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## Show me/Tell me - Revised April 2011

On the day of your Practical Test, it will include one "Show me" and one "Tell" me question.

The examiner will ask you this and it will be based on the general maintenance and safety checks on your car.

Below is a list of some of the questions that you may be asked and the kind of response you would be expected to give

### Tell me Questions

- 1) **Tell me** where you would find information on the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressure should be checked?

I would find it in the manufacturers guide, I would use a reliable gauge, check the tyres when they are cold, not forgetting the spare tyre and remember to refit valve caps.

- 2) **Tell me** how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road?

I would make sure there are no cuts or bulges, the tread depth would be 1.6mm across the central ¾ breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

- 3) **Tell me** how you would check the brakes are working before starting a journey?

I would test the brakes as I set off by applying gentle pressure at slow speed. They should not feel spongy or slack and the car should not pull to one side.

4) **Tell me** how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working?

Operate switch (dial under steering wheel – on turn to right puts side lights and tail lights on, second turn to right puts head lights on, then use indicator stalk, push towards you for full beam.

5) **Tell me** how you would know if there was a problem with the anti-lock braking system?

The ABS illumination light would be lit on the instrument panel

6) **Can you open the bonnet and identify where the oil level is checked and how you would ensure it has a sufficient amount?**

I would identify the oil dipstick/level indicator. I would explain that I would take it out, wipe dry and dip again to ensure the oil levels are between the minimum and maximum markers

7) **Can you open the bonnet and identify where brake fluid is and how you would check you have a sufficient amount?**

I would identify it and show that it had to be between the minimum and maximum levels (high/low markings)

8) **Can you open the bonnet and identify where the engine coolant is and how you ensure it has a sufficient amount?**

I would identify the radiator coolant and explain that it had to be topped up and kept between the minimum and maximum levels (high/low markings)

9) **Can you open the bonnet and identify where the windscreen washer reservoir and how you would ensure it has a sufficient amount?**

I would identify the water reservoir and explain that it had to be topped up regularly or kept between the minimum and maximum levels.

10) **Show me**/explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working correctly before starting a journey?

Before starting, I would check it with gentle pressure on the steering wheel when the engine is started should result in slight noticeable movement as it begins to operate. Or just after moving off, you will immediately notice that it is functioning correctly.

11) **Show me** how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear?

Keeping my foot on the footbrake, I would demonstrate by applying the handbrake and that it is fully applied and secure. I would ensure it is not at the end of its working travel. A good place to test a handbrake is on a hill.

- 12) Show me how you would check the horn (audible sounding device) is working correctly? This question is asked when off the road

Press gently on the control

- 13) Show me how you would check the direction indicators are working?

Apply the indicators by using the stalk and check they are functioning by walking around the car, and showing the examiner where the flashing lights come on (rear, middle and front of car). You could also show him the hazard warning switch.

- 14) Show me how you would check the brake lights are working on this car (you may need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine)?

Switch ignition on, press on foot brake pedal, if no-one is about to assist you, explain you would use reflections in a window or garage door.

- 15) Show me how you switch on your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car?

The lights are controlled by a dial on the right hand side panel of the steering wheel. When I turn once to the right, the side lights come in, when I turn to the right again, the dipped headlights come on. If I wanted full beam, I would push towards me with the left stalk and it will illuminate a blue warning light on the instrument panel. (Walk around the car explaining each process)

- 16) Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a collision.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable.

- 17) Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washers and wipers

Turn the ignition on, with the right stalk keep pressure on it and press button on stalk, this will wash the front window, push pressure towards you and the back washer will go on.

- 18) Show me how you would use the window wipers and maintain them

Use the right stalk, if I just touch it, down or up, it will come on when everytime I touch it, if I push it up till I get one click, it will come on at 5 second intervals, if I press it up again another click, it will come frequently and another click will increase the speed again of the wiper. If I push the wiper towards the window the rear wiper will go on. To take off the wipers I push the wiper towards the window again for the rear wiper and down for the front windows.

To maintain the wipers, I would run my hand along them and check for any cracks and keep outside window clean.

19) Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them), please don't start the engine.

Turn ignition on, and headlights, then press fog light button beside lights dial. The rear fog light will appear on the back driver side of car. Fog lights should be used when visibility is reduced to 100 meters or less. In the fiesta there is a front and rear fog light button, The fog lights will be displayed on the instrument panel

20) Show me how you would use the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.

Set all relevant controls, including fan, temperature, and air direction to the windows. Press rear demister button for rear window to clear.

**Good Luck with your Practical Test!!**

