

Texas Driver Education Classroom and In-car Instruction Model Curriculum

Module Four

Basic Maneuvering Tasks:

Moderate Risk Environment

- **SPACE MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS**
- **CHANGING LANES**
- **TURNABOUTS**
- **PARKING**

WORKSHEETS

Worksheet W-4.1 Risk Determination **Name** _____

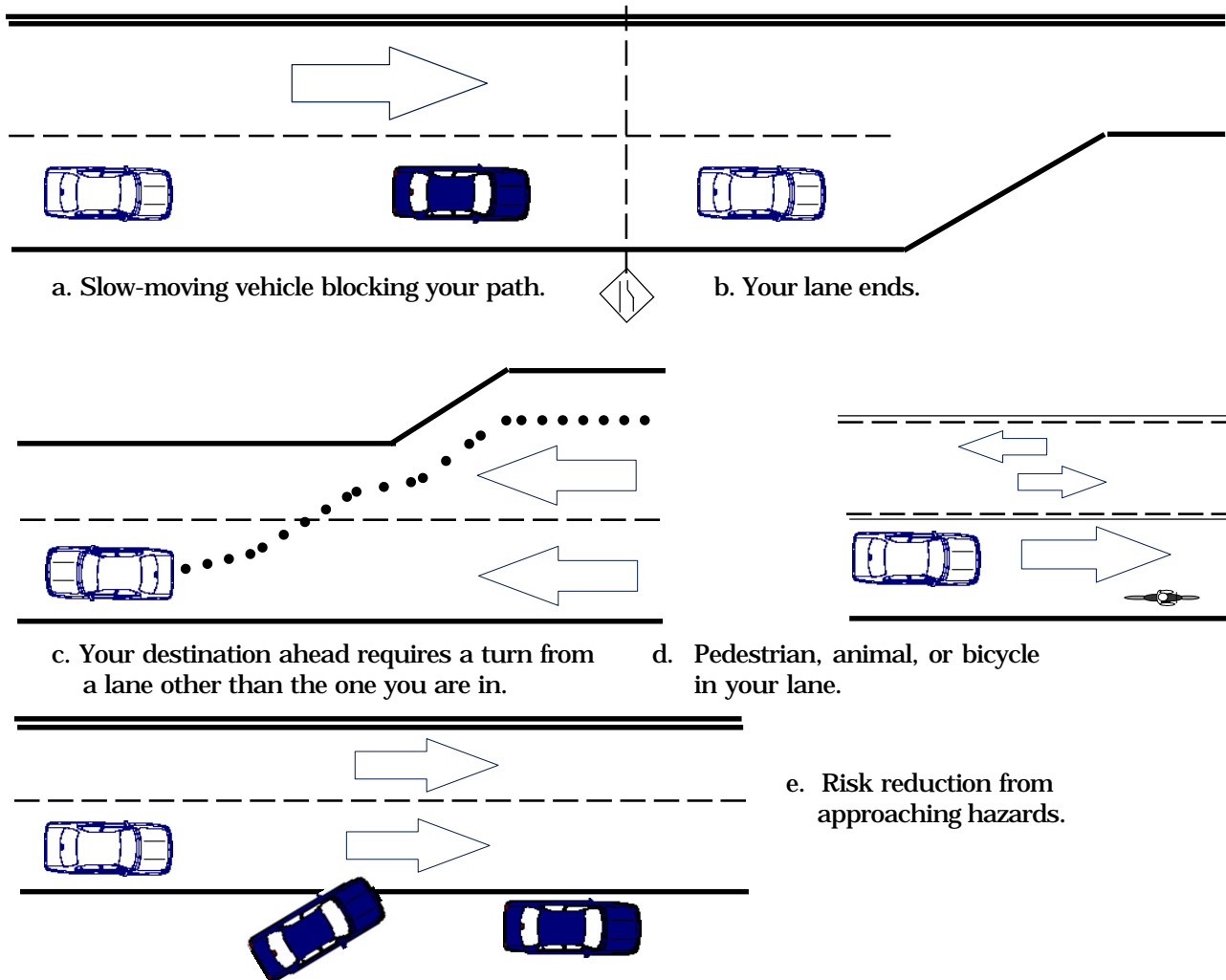
1. What is the highest platform you think you could jump from onto pavement without getting hurt ?
2. What is the most dangerous recreation activity you have ever tried?
3. How fast could you drive safely on an interstate highway in light traffic?
4. What is the highest speed at which you could have a collision while not wearing a safety belt and be unhurt?
5. How fast would you drive in a 40 mph speed zone in order to avoid getting a speeding ticket?
6. How long could you safely drive without stopping to sleep?
7. What is the maximum speed you think you could drive in a typical family car without losing control?
8. How fast would you drive on an interstate highway in dense fog?
9. How much time would it take you, after seeing a potential crash, to steer or brake away from the problem?
10. What percentage of the time you are driving or riding in a car do you wear a safety belt?

Answers... Please answer honestly and to the best of your ability.

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| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

W-4.4 Lane Changing and Decision-making

When preparing to change lanes, the **first step** should be to ask, “Do I need to change lanes?” or “Is there a reason for this lane change?” The following illustrations offer some **good reasons** for changing lanes (you are always in the white vehicle):



Once you have determined the lane change is needed, the **second step** is to make sure it is clear to change lanes:

Check space areas ahead (areas 1, 2, 3).

Check space area to the rear through the rear view mirror (primary) (area 6).

Check space areas to the side of the car through side mirror (area 4 or 5*).

Check space area to the left or right side through your rear mirror (area 4 or 5*).

A visual check to the left or right may be needed (front of area 4 or 5*)

* **Note that if the lane change were to be made to the right, the checks would be to the right areas, and if the lane change were to the left, the checks are made to the left areas.**

W-4.4 Lane Changing and Decision-making

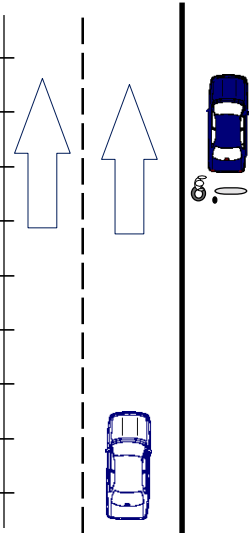
For the following lane change situations, (a) identify the reasons for making a lane change, (b) identify conditions that would make the lane change unsafe without driving adjustments, and (c) list adjustment(s) needed to make a safe lane change. *You are the driver of the white vehicle.*

SITUATION #1: Flat tire being changed on shoulder of four lane roadway.

a. Reason to change. _____

b. Unsafe without adjustment. _____

c. Adjustments needed. _____

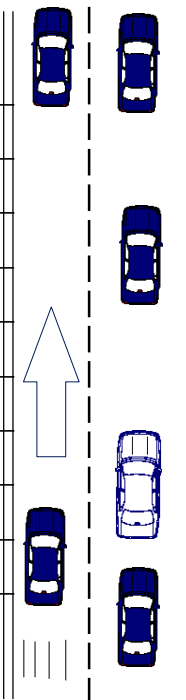


SITUATION #2: Caught in a pack of cars.

a. Reasons to change. _____

b. Unsafe without adjustment. _____

c. Adjustments needed. _____



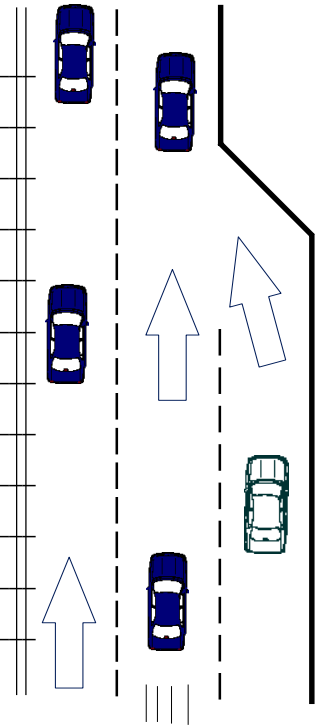
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SITUATION #3: Three lanes narrowing into two lanes.

a. Reasons to change. _____

b. Unsafe without adjustment. _____

c. Adjustments needed. _____

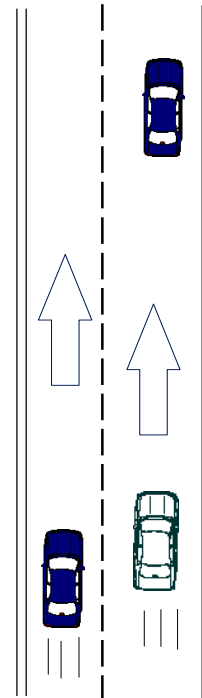


SITUATION #4: Slower vehicle ahead.

a. Reasons to change. _____

b. Unsafe without adjustment. _____

c. Adjustments needed. _____



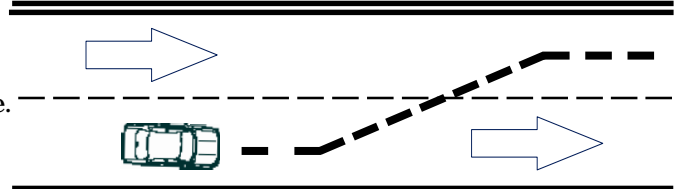
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Circle the correct answers for the following situations. There may be more than one correct answer. Explain why you did or did not circle each answer possible.

SITUATION #1.

In making a lane change, you should:

- Check mirror blind areas to both sides.
- Signal what you are going to do.
- Drive at the same speed or speed up a little.
- Move from one lane to the other abruptly.



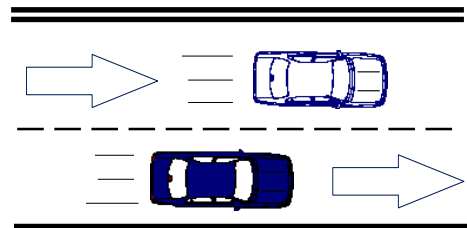
Explain your answers:

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SITUATION #2

You are in the white car. You want to move to the right lane. What should you do?

- Move right at once.
- When one car length ahead, move right.
- Accelerate to when you see the front of dark car in your mirror, and then change.
- Slow down until you are behind dark car, and then change.



Explain your answers:

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