Driving Test Checklist

Locate the Controls
Your teen locates the following controls and explains how they work:
☐ 4-way flashers.
☐ Emergency and parking brakes.
☐ Headlights.
☐ Heater/defroster.
☐ Horn.
☐ Windshield wipers.

Before Starting the Vehicle
☐ Adjusts mirrors.
☐ Fastens safety belt.

Starting the Vehicle
☐ 1. Vehicle is in “Park” or “Neutral.”
☐ 2. Foot is on the brake.
☐ 3. Starts vehicle smoothly.

Moving Forward
☐ 1. Signals.
☐ 2. Looks over shoulder before pulling into traffic.
☐ 3. Uses both hands on opposite sides of steering wheel.

Stopping
☐ 1. Stops when necessary behind crosswalk or limit line.
☐ 2. Uses correct foot on brake pedal.

Turns
☐ 1. Signals and slows for turns.
☐ 2. Begins and ends turns in correct lane.
☐ 3. Yields right-of-way when necessary.
☐ 5. Sees and reacts to hazards.

Backing
☐ 1. Before moving, surveys the surroundings for possible obstacles.
☐ 2. Looks back over right shoulder when backing.

☐ 3. Checks mirrors and glances quickly to side while backing.

Changing Lanes
☐ 1. Signals.
☐ 2. Checks mirrors.
☐ 3. Checks over shoulder.

Parking on Hills
☐ 1. Signals.
☐ 2. Curbs wheels properly.
☐ 3. Sets parking brake.
☐ 4. Signals and checks over shoulder before entering traffic.

Parallel Parking
☐ 1. Signals.
☐ 2. Looks over shoulder while backing.
☐ 3. Yields to other vehicles when necessary.

Entering the Freeway
☐ 1. Checks traffic flow.
☐ 2. Signals.
☐ 3. Times entry into freeway.
☐ 4. Checks over shoulder as he or she accelerates into gap in traffic.
☐ 5. Signals early and slows down on the exit ramp to posted speed limit.
☐ 6. Adjusts speed to road conditions.

Defensive Driving Techniques
☐ 1. Checks mirrors frequently and before braking.
☐ 2. Checks cross streets before entering intersections.
☐ 3. Checks signal lights and signs.
☐ 4. Keeps eyes “moving” (watches sides and middle of road).
☐ 5. Keeps a “space cushion” around the car.
☐ 6. Follows at a safe distance.