

ASSESSMENT

Essential Snowplowing Techniques



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1. Safety, quality, and efficiency are the three most critical issues to consider related to plowing. Of these three, quality is the most important.
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. When planning for plowing a site, a good rule of thumb is:
 - a. Plan to push most snow towards a building
 - b. Plan to pile snow on top of drainage areas for melting
 - c. Plan to push snow away from buildings as much as possible

3. When piling snow, thinking 2 storms ahead is a good rule of thumb to accommodate potential future snowfall.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Which of the following should you NEVER pile snow on?
 - a. Loading docks
 - b. Cars
 - c. Dumpsters
 - d. Fire hydrants
 - e. Doorways
 - f. Sidewalks
 - g. All of the Above

5. It is better to plow three inches of snow three times than to plow nine inches of snow one time.
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. Which of the following should ideally come first?
 - a. Plowing the parking lot, then blowing/shoveling the walks
 - b. Blowing/shoveling the walks, then plowing the parking lot

7. With two inches of snow or less, a good rule of thumb for plowing is:
 - a. Use the whole width of the plow
 - b. Use 50% of the plow
 - c. Backdrag the snow
 - d. Don't plow it, salt it

ASSESSMENT

Essential Snowplowing Techniques



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

8. Sticking your head out of the window to see where you're going is a best practice while plowing.
 - a. True
 - b. False

9. Putting the shoes of the plow down works best when plowing which surface?
 - a. Asphalt
 - b. Concrete
 - c. Gravel
 - d. Roads

10. One way to increase efficiency and reduce stress on the transmission is to design plow patterns that reduce the need to operate in reverse.
 - a. True
 - b. False

11. When clearing driveways, which of the following is MOST accurate?
 - a. For driveways longer than three car lengths, backdrag the entire length at once
 - b. For driveways shorter than three car lengths, backdrag the entire drive to increase efficiency
 - c. Don't backdrag snow on driveways

12. When considering plowing across a roadway, which of the following is MOST accurate?
 - a. In general, it's okay if it's not a busy road
 - b. It's okay as long you accelerate quickly across the road
 - c. It may be illegal and you should check with your supervisor before plowing snow across any public road

13. When plowing a small lot, you should plow in straight lines whenever possible.
 - a. True
 - b. False

14. How many feet should you keep between your plow and parked cars?
 - a. Ten feet
 - b. One foot
 - c. Three feet
 - d. Two feet

ASSESSMENT

Essential Snowplowing Techniques



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

15. If you are trying to keep up with a big storm, its okay to try to plow the grocery cart racks vs. hand clearing them.
 - a. True
 - b. False

16. If you can pile snow at both ends of the lot, you can increase efficiency by pushing the snow in both directions.
 - a. True
 - b. False

17. When plowing during or near opening time, do the employee parking last, since they are not customers.
 - a. True
 - b. False

18. When plowing along a row of parked cars, you can angle the blade to push the snow away from the cars, and then use the scoop position to clean up the middle of the aisle.
 - a. True
 - b. False

19. If handicap parking stalls are empty on a large site, it's okay to pile snow there temporarily as you try to keep up with a big snow storm.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ASSESSMENT

Essential Snowplowing Techniques



ANSWER KEY:

1. Answer is B, False
2. Answer is C, Plan as much as possible to push snow away from buildings
3. Answer is A, True
4. Answer is G, All of the Above
5. Answer is A, True
6. Answer is B, Blowing/shoveling the walks, then plowing
7. Answer is A, Use the whole width of the plow
8. Answer is B, False
9. Answer is C, Gravel
10. Answer is A, True
11. Answer is B, Driveways shorter than 3 car lengths, backdrag the entire drive to increase efficiency
12. Answer is C, It may be illegal and you should check with your supervisor before plowing snow across any public road
13. Answer is A, True
14. Answer is D, 2 feet
15. Answer is B, False
16. Answer is A, True
17. Answer is B, False
18. Answer is A, True
19. Answer is B, False