

ASSESSMENT

Snowplowing Safety and Preparation



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1. Which of the following items need to be marked on a site during the snow staking process?
 - a. Fire hydrants
 - b. Utility boxes
 - c. Gas meters
 - d. Sewer vent pipes
 - e. All of the Above

2. Since you will be in the cab of a truck most of the time, dressing for winter weather and bringing gloves and quality boots isn't necessary.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. If additional ballast is needed to meet weight distribution requirements for a plow vehicle, you should add that ballast securely:
 - a. In front of the rear axle
 - b. Behind the rear axle

4. When conducting your pre-check on the plow vehicle, which of the following fluid levels should you check?
 - a. Engine oil
 - b. Brake fluid
 - c. Transmission fluid
 - d. Battery
 - e. Radiator coolant
 - f. Windshield washer
 - g. All of the above

5. When testing the plow controls and hydraulics, it's okay to have someone standing between the truck and the plow as long as you are careful with the controls.
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. While a vehicle is traveling to a site, a best practice for transportation of a straight plow is:
 - a. To angle the blade to the right, toward the curb
 - b. To move the plow blade occasionally while driving to adjust for air flow
 - c. To put the plow into its lowest position

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7. Occasionally, the plow may be in a position that deflects air away from the radiator, which could cause overheating of the vehicle. The best solution if this occurs is:
 - a. To move the plow to a new position while driving
 - b. Most newer pickups are built to withstand higher temperatures, just get to the site as quickly as possible and then turn the truck off
 - c. Stop the vehicle and raise or lower the plow to provide more direct air flow

8. Your maximum speed when transporting the plow on a road or highway in normal conditions should not exceed:
 - a. 80 miles per hour
 - b. 45 miles per hour
 - c. The posted speed limit for the road/highway

9. Speed while plowing a parking lot is the most important factor to getting the job done efficiently.
 - a. True
 - b. False

10. When parking a truck with a plow attached, which method is the best to ensure safety?
 - a. Lower the blade to the ground and turn the blade controls off
 - b. Put the plow all the way up and angle the tires to the right
 - c. Park the vehicle against a building, with the plow facing out
 - d. None of the above

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ANSWER KEY:

1. Answer is E, All of the Above
2. Answer is B, False
3. Answer is B, Behind the Rear Axle
4. Answer is G, All of the Above
5. Answer is B, False
6. Answer is A, To Angle the Blade to the right, toward the curb
7. Answer is C, Stop the vehicle and raise or lower the plow to provide more direct air flow
8. Answer is B, 45 miles per hour
9. Answer is B, False
10. Answer is A, Lower the blade to the ground and turn the blade controls off