UNIT I
DRIVING SKILLS SURVEY

Name: __________________________________________
Date: ____________________________

Circle the correct answer:

1. T or F School bus drivers are entrusted with the lives and safety of student.
2. T or F When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, before starting the engine.
3. T or F The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands and assume a 2 & 10, a 3 & 9, or a 4 & 8 hand position.
4. T or F When preparing for a right turn, position the bus next to the center line.
5. T or F In preparation for a left turn, while stopped, the front wheels can be turned to the left.
6. T or F If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near students, the driver should get assistance.
7. T or F If backing is required at a student stop, have the students board the bus before backing or before the students exit the bus.
8. T or F Drivers must allow 3 feet of space between the school bus and the bicyclist.
9. T or F Emergency vehicle drivers will yield to the 8-light system and children in the roadway.
Circle the letter that applies for each of these multiple-choice questions:

10. When passing another vehicle, pull back to the right only when:
    a. It is safe to do so.
    b. You have signaled your lane change.
    c. Both a. and b.
    d. Within 75 feet of an oncoming vehicle.

11. When parking your bus
    a. Shift into neutral
    b. Turn wheels properly
    c. Left when facing uphill where there is a curb
    d. Right at all other times
    e. Set parking brake
    f. Turn off ignition and remove key
    g. All of the above

12. Drivers must give the right of way to pedestrians when:
    a. The pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk
    b. Turning a corner
    c. On the roadway
    d. Crossing the sidewalk at an alley or driveway
    e. All of the above

13. Defensive driving skills can help to avoid crashes caused by:
    a. weather
    b. roads
    c. pedestrians
    d. other drivers
    e. all of the above

14. When you check your lighting systems during the pre-trip inspection, which of the five keys of the Smith Driving System are you practicing:
    a. Aim high in steering.
    b. Get the big picture.
    c. Keep your eyes moving.
    d. Leave yourself an out.
    e. Make sure they see you.
15. When you aim high in steering, the recommended eye lead time is:
   a. 3 seconds
   b. 4 seconds
   c. 15 seconds
   d. 10 seconds

16. A recommended safe following distance is:
   a. 15 seconds
   b. 4 seconds
   c. 3 seconds

17. Mirrors should be checked every:
   a. 15 seconds
   b. 2 seconds
   c. 5 to 8 seconds

18. From a stopped position, allow the vehicle in front to move out for how many seconds before accelerating:
   a. 2 seconds
   b. 4 seconds
   c. 8 seconds
   d. 15 seconds
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(Answer Key)

This survey is a resource for the trainer to monitor how familiar employees are with the information in Unit 1. This IS NOT a substitute for the required survey on student conduct and students with special needs.

1. **TRUE** School bus drivers are entrusted with the lives and safety of students.

2. **TRUE** When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, before starting the engine.

3. **TRUE** The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands and assume a 2 & 10, a 3 & 9, or a 4 & 8 hand position.

4. **FALSE** When preparing for a right turn, position the bus in proper lane two to three feet from curb.

5. **FALSE** In preparation for a left turn, the front wheels shall be kept straight to avoid being pushed into oncoming traffic if bus is rear ended.

6. **TRUE** If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near students, the driver should get assistance.

7. **TRUE** If backing is required at a student stop, have the students board the bus before backing or before the students exit the bus.

8. **TRUE** Drivers must allow 3 feet of space between the school bus and the bicyclist.

9. **TRUE** Emergency vehicle drivers will yield to the 8-light system and students in the roadway.
Circle all the letters that apply for each of these multiple-choice questions:

10. When passing another vehicle, pull back to the right only when:
   a) It is safe to do so.
   b) You have signaled your lane change.
   c) Both A and B
   d) Within 75 feet of an oncoming vehicle.
      (Correct answer is c)

11. When parking your bus:
   a) Shift into neutral
   b) Turn wheels properly
   c) Left when facing uphill where there is a curb
   d) Right at all other times
   e) Set parking brake
   f) Turn off ignition and remove key
   g) All of the above
      (Correct answer is g)

12. Drivers must give the right of way to pedestrians when:
   a) The pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk
   b) Turning a corner
   c) On the roadway
   d) Crossing the sidewalk at an alley or driveway
   e) All of the above
      (Correct answer is e)

13. Defensive driving skills can help to avoid crashes caused by:
   a) weather
   b) roads
   c) pedestrians
   d) other drivers
   e) all of the above
      (Correct answer is e)

14. When you check your lighting systems during the pre-trip inspection, which of the five keys of the Smith Driving System are you practicing:
   a) Aim high in steering.
   b) Get the big picture.
   c) Keep your eyes moving.
   d) Leave yourself an out.
   e) Make sure they see you.
      (Correct answer is e)
15. When you aim high in steering, the recommended eye lead time is:
   a) 3 seconds
   b) 4 seconds
   c) 15 seconds
   d) 10 seconds
   (Correct answer is c)

16. A recommended safe following distance is:
   a) 15 seconds
   b) 4 seconds
   c) 3 seconds
   d) 10 seconds
   (Correct answer is b)

17. Mirrors should be checked every:
   a) 15 seconds
   b) 2 seconds
   c) 5 to 8 seconds
   d) 10 seconds
   (Correct answer is c)

18. From a stopped position, allow the vehicle in front to move out for how many seconds before accelerating:
   a) 2 seconds
   b) 4 seconds
   c) 8 seconds
   d) 15 seconds
   (Correct answer is b)