

The remaining questions involve opening the bonnet.

1: Pull the lever inside the car (driver's side) 2: Move safety catch to the left 3: Position of bonnet prop



Q: Open the bonnet and identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

A: The dipstick is located towards the front of the car as indicated by the picture. It has a yellow top. There is no requirement to remove it to answer this question, however you should know the procedure that should be carried out when the engine is cold and the car is parked on a level surface: Pull out the dipstick and wipe with a cloth. Re-insert the dipstick and withdraw again. Ensure the engine oil level is between the high and lower markers. Re-insert the dipstick.

If the oil level is low then remove the oil filler cap and top up the level with the correct type of oil.



Q: Open the bonnet and identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

A: The coolant reservoir is shown in the top picture. It has a black cap and is easily identified since if the car has recently been driven, it will be warm.

The reservoir has MAX and MIN level lines. If the level is low it must be topped up with the correct ratio of antifreeze and water. Some newer engines use a non-water based coolant. Be sure you know what your vehicle requires.

**NEVER OPEN THIS CAP WHEN THE ENGINE IS HOT!
THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF SCALDING**



Q: Open the bonnet and identify where you would check the brake fluid reservoir and tell me how you would check you have a safe level of hydraulic fluid.

A: The brake fluid reservoir is identified in the picture. It has a grey cap. It has MAX & MIN lines like the coolant reservoir. If the fluid is very low there could be a leak of hydraulic fluid and should be investigated immediately. Top up with brake fluid.



The examiner will ask you one of the following 'Show Me' questions during your test, while you are driving.

Q: When it is safe, show me how you would sound the horn

A: The horn is located in the centre of the steering wheel. Simply press it firmly and briefly. Be careful that you don't distract other drivers unnecessarily.

Q: When it is safe, show me how you would set the demister controls to clear the front windscreen.

A: The fan speed control, air direction control and temperature control all need to be turned fully clockwise. This will blast hot air on the windscreen. The leftmost switch illuminates to show the A/C has also been activated which will also dry the air. Ensure that fresh air is being drawn into the car and not being recirculated. Return the controls back when you've finished



Q: When it is safe, show me how you would set the demister control to clear the rear windscreen.

A: Press the rear heated window switch (second one from left)

Q: When it is safe, show me how you would clean the front windscreen.

A: Pull the right hand stalk towards you for a short period. This will activate the windscreen washers and start the wipers for a few strokes automatically.



Q: When it is safe, show me how you would clean the rear windscreen.

A: Push the right hand stalk away from you for a short period. This will activate the rear windscreen washer and start the rear wiper for a few strokes automatically.

Q: When it is safe, show me how you would switch on the dipped headlights.

A: Turn the switch on the end of the left stalk away from you two clicks. (Remember the first click is your side lights, second click is headlights). Ensure the stalk has not been pushed away from you as this will be full beam headlights, not dipped. (If full beam has accidentally been activated a blue indicator will be illuminated on the dash).



Q: When it is safe, please show me how you open and close the driver's side window.

A: The switches for ALL the windows are on the driver's door. Their layout represents the individual windows on the car so the front right switch is the driver's door. To open the window, press the switch down. To close it, pull the same switch up until it clicks and let go. The window will close to the top by itself.

The examiner will ask you one of the following 'Tell Me' questions at the start of your driving test.

Q: Tell me how you would check the direction indicators are working.

A: Use the hazard indicator switch to activate all the indicators at the same time. Exit the car and walk around it checking all 6 lamps are flashing. Don't forget the little indicator on the end of each door mirror.



Q: Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working at the start of a journey.

A: The brakes should be tested shortly after you set off. They should not feel spongy or slack nor should the car pull to one side as you brake.

Q: Tell me how you would check the brake lights are working.

A: Turn on the ignition. Ask someone to observe the back of the car. When you press the brake pedal they should see 3 brake lights.

(Note: It is advisable to test brake lights regularly. If you need to do so on your own this is best performed after dark. Reverse the car up to a garage door or window etc. Check the mirrors for a reflection of the brake lights.

Q: Tell me how you would check that the power assisted steering is working correctly before the start of a journey.

A: With the engine off, apply some pressure to the steering wheel as if you are attempting to turn it. Maintain this pressure while you start the engine. When the power steering activates you will notice a significant change in the effort required to turn the steering wheel.



Q: Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how you would check they are correct.

A: There are 2 places this information can be found; either in the user's handbook or it is on a label on the driver's side door pillar. Tyre pressures should be checked with a reliable pressure gauge as found at many filling stations. Don't forget they should be checked when the tyres are cold.



Q: Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted such that it will provide the best protection in the event of a crash.

A: The height of the head restraint / headrest should be adjusted so the centre of it is approximately the same height as the top of your ears. To raise it simply lift it. To lower it you will need to press the release catch first.



Q: Tell me how you would switch on the rear fog light and explain when you would use it.

A: To operate the fog light you must first turn on the dipped headlights (end of left stalk, two clicks). You now need to twist the fog light control away from you. The first click turns on the front fog lights, the second turns on the rear (it will spring back). To turn off turn the same control the other way back to the off position.

The green indicator shows the front fog light is on while the orange indicator is for the rear fog light.

Fog lights should only be used when the visibility is seriously reduced such as less than 100M

The fog lights on the Rio default to off after the headlights are turned off.



Q: Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe for use on the road.

A: The tread depth is the depth of the big grooves in a car tyre. To be legal this must exceed 1.6mm across the central 3/4 of the tyre and for the entire circumference. The wall of the tyre should also be inspected where there should be no cuts or bulges.



Q: Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with the anti-lock braking system. (ABS)

A: If there's a problem with the ABS, the ABS light should illuminate. Switch on the ignition and identify it.

Q: Tell me how you would check your headlights & tail lights are working.

A: (You do not need to do this, simply describe it). Switch on the ignition and then the headlights, by turning two clicks of the switch on the end of the left stalk. Get out of the car and walk around checking all the lights are working.

Q: Tell me how you would switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car

A: See question above on how to switch on the headlights. Push the left stalk away from you fully to activate the main beam. Observe the blue indicator light on the dash. Pull the same stalk towards you to return to dipped headlights.

