

SHOW ME / TELL ME QUESTIONS – TIPS

(Please refer to the 'Under Bonnet Overview' picture on page 5 for assistance with the different topics where required)

Topic	Show / Tell	Question	Answer
Oil	Show	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.	Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the min/max markers.
Steering	Show	Show me/explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.	If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the wheel just after moving off will give an indication that the power assistance is functioning.
Coolant	Show	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would	Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator

		check that the engine has the correct level.	filler cap and describe how to top up to correct level.
Handbrake	Show	Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.	Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying parking brake (handbrake) so that when it is fully applied it secures itself and is not at the end of the working travel. Note that if handbrake can be raised excessively high, it will need resetting.
Washer fluid	Tell	Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.	Identify reservoir and explain how to check level using markers or flip the lid to see if any fluid is visible.
Horn	Show	Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only)	Check is carried out in a controlled manner (turn engine on if necessary).
Brake fluid	Show	Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.	Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.
Indicators	Show	Show me how you would check that the indicators are working.	Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators (may need to switch ignition on, prompt not to start engine)
Brake lights	Show	Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car (examiner can assist by getting out of the car to look). If you need to switch on the ignition, don't start the engine.	Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone for assistance.

Brakes	Tell	Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.	Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off and the vehicle should not pull off to one side.
Lights	Tell	Tell me how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working (no need to exit vehicle).	Explain that you would operate switch/dial for lights, then walk around the vehicle to check (no need to exit vehicle as 'Tell' question, unless prompted to by examiner).
Headlights	Show	Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to full beam and explain how you know the main beam is on when inside the car.	Operate switch or steering wheel stalk (ignition on if necessary) and check full beam warning light.
Tyre pressure	Tell	Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.	Manufacturers guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold and don't forget the spare tyre. Remember to refit valve caps afterwards.
Tyres	Tell	Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.	No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.
Windscreen washers	Show	Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.	Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).
Windscreen demister	Show	Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all of the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.	Set all relevant controls including fan, temperature, air direction/source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows.

			Engine does have to be started for this demonstration.
Rear fog light	Show	Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them (no need to exit vehicle, don't start the engine).	Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary), check with main beam warning light. Visibility less than 100 yards (or metres) required for use of fog lights.
Head restraints	Tell	Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.	The head restraint should be adjusted so that the widest/most padded part of the head restraint is at least as high as the top of your ears and as close to the back of the head as possible.
Brakes	Tell	Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.	Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault.
Windows	Show	Show me how you would open and close your electric windows at the front of the car.	Operate switches on driver sider door.
Electric wing mirrors	Show	Show me how you would tilt/move your electric wing mirrors.	Operate switch and directional arrows on controls on driver side door.

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