

G.S.M. Driving School

"Show me Tell me"

A new part of the Practical driving test is the "show me tell" section.

Failure on one or both questions will result in a minor fault.

These are the DSA questions and answers for the "Show me Tell Me"

Question.	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.
Answer.	Identify dipstick / oil level indicators, describe check of oil level against the Minimum / Maximum markers
Question.	Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.
Answer.	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 steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power steering is functioning.
Question.	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.
Answer.	Identify high / low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.
Question.	Show me how you would check the parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.
Answer.	Demonstrate by applying parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.
Question.	Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.
Answer.	Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.
Question.	Open the bonnet and identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.
Answer.	Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings.

Question.	Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.
Answer.	Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.
Question.	Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.
Answer.	Operate brake pedal, make use of reflection in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.
Question.	Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.
Answer.	Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.
Question.	Show me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.
Answer.	Operate light switch (Turn on ignition if necessary), walk around vehicle.
Question.	Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.
Answer.	Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.
Question.	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 roads.
Answer.	No cuts or bulges. 1.6mm of tread depth across the central 3/4 of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.