



Powered Industrial Truck Operator Safety Training Test

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. The term ROPS refers to?
 - a) Recyclable Oxygen Pressure System.
 - b) Removable Overhead Protection Structure.
 - c) Roll Over Protective Structure.
 - d) Release Object/Pallet System.

2. Whenever making a 90° turn, remember that:
 - a) The forks and tail assembly can travel outside the turning radius.
 - b) The rear wheels will always lose grip and slip in the direction of the turn.
 - c) The forks must always be lowered to within 1 inch (2.54 mm) of the ground.
 - d) Set the gear select to first low, and then, high gear range.

3. Should the forklift begin to roll over, always:
 - a) Attempt to leap clear in the direction opposite the roll.
 - b) Remain seated with a firm grip on the steering wheel.
 - c) Deploy the front mounted stabilizers, if machine is so equipped.
 - d) Attempt to dump the load to stabilize the forklift.

4. Whenever cresting a hilltop which obstructs your view of oncoming traffic, you should:
 - a) Come to a complete stop, turn the forklift around and advance over the crest in reverse.
 - b) Sound the horn several times and slow down.
 - c) Elevate the forks to a position above the crest of the hill.
 - d) Move over as far to the left on the roadway as possible.

5. The manufacturer's Operator's Manual is:
 - a) Stored in the site manager's office.
 - b) Taken home for study each night.
 - c) Cut apart and important pages pasted on the dashboard of the forklift.
 - d) Stored with the machine for immediate access.

6. In the event that the forklift requires mechanical, electrical or hydraulic maintenance:
 - a) Park the forklift on a level area away from traffic, shut down, attach a "DO NOT OPERATE" tag to the machine's steering wheel and remove the key.
 - b) Operate only under the direct observation of the site manager.
 - c) Use only in a reduced capacity.
 - d) Stop frequently to determine the current status of the item requiring maintenance.

7. Load Charts indicate:
 - a) Lifting capabilities within certain lifting regions.
 - b) The maximum number of people who can be safely lifted on the forks.
 - c) The maximum weight which can be safely transported in reverse.
 - d) The maximum available horsepower.

8. Before exiting a forklift:
 - a) Make sure the unit is on a level surface.
 - b) Lower the forks to the ground.
 - c) Set the parking brake
 - d) All of the above.

9. According to OSHA 1910.178, if you are involved in an accident or "near miss," you are to:
 - a) Be fired on the spot.
 - b) Be given a stern reprimand and suspended for a period not exceeding 12 working hours.
 - c) Receive a mild reprimand and be allowed to return to work.
 - d) Attend a refresher course in the safe operation of forklifts.

10. In documentation and on decals on the machine, which type of label indicates the greatest level of concern?
 - a) Danger.
 - b) Warning.
 - c) Caution.
 - d) Notice.

11. When inspecting the tires of a forklift, which of the following **is not** a concern?
- a) Correct pressure.
 - b) Uneven or excessive wear.
 - c) Pebbles in the treads.
 - d) The condition of valve stems and caps.
12. The carriage tilt function is used to:
- a) Cradle and deposit the load.
 - b) Extend the mast to its highest level.
 - c) Change the direction of the steering wheels.
 - d) Adjust the angle of the machine's frame.
13. Who can operate forklifts?
- a) Truck drivers.
 - b) Supervisors.
 - c) Any employee who is on duty.
 - d) Trained and authorized workers.
14. How many people are permitted to ride on a forklift?
- a) Only the operator.
 - b) The operator plus any two authorized operators.
 - c) Up to three if reasonable hand holds are available.
 - d) There is no pre-determined limit.
15. How often should operators inspect their forklift?
- a) Hourly.
 - b) Weekly.
 - c) Each shift.
 - d) Monthly.
16. Who has the right-of-way?
- a) The largest forklift.
 - b) Pedestrians.
 - c) Forklifts approaching from the right.
 - d) Forklifts in the main aisle.

17. What is the first thing to do before driving into a trailer?
- a) Check that the rear wheels of the trailer have been chocked.
 - b) Raise the forks high enough to clear the dock plate.
 - c) Turn on available lighting.
 - d) Advise dock supervisor that you are entering the trailer.
18. How high should a load be carried if the surface is flat with no obstructions?
- a) 12-24 inches above the ground.
 - b) 2 to 4 inches if possible.
 - c) Low enough to see over.
 - d) High enough to see under.
19. When traveling down a ramp or incline:
- a) Back down when loaded.
 - b) Back up when loaded.
 - c) Always back down.
 - d) Use your own judgment.
20. How soon should repairs be made to a forklift?
- a) When the problem causes the machine to be dangerous.
 - b) At the next scheduled maintenance time.
 - c) Before the unit is used.
 - d) At the end of your shift.
21. When is it OK to travel with a load raised more than a few inches?
- a) Whenever one of the forks is bent and drags the ground.
 - b) Whenever there is insufficient clearance on the traveling surface.
 - c) Always.
 - d) Never.
22. The minimum distance the fork should extend into a pallet is:
- a) All the way.
 - b) Half way.
 - c) Quarter way.
 - d) Far enough to balance the load.

23. When should an operator tilt the load back on the mast?
- a) Before driving forward.
 - b) Before backing.
 - c) Before raising.
 - d) When necessary to improve load balance.
24. Who is responsible for checking the security of a trailer before loading and unloading?
- a) The dock supervisor.
 - b) The forklift operator.
 - c) The truck driver.
 - d) Whoever the company designates.
25. The first thing to do when changing the battery or refueling (gas, diesel) is to:
- a) Shut-off the engine.
 - b) Disconnect fuel lines or battery cables.
 - c) Fully extend mast.
 - d) Depends on the unit.
26. Propane is:
- a) Heavier than air.
 - b) Completely safe in all situations.
 - c) Lighter than air.
 - d) The best power source for forklifts.
27. A forklift operator's performance must be evaluated:
- a) Monthly.
 - b) Yearly.
 - c) Every three years.
 - d) Every five years.
28. When mounting or dismounting a forklift, face:
- a) Away from the forklift.
 - b) Toward the forklift.
 - c) Do it the most comfortable way for you.
 - d) Jump on or off.

TRUE OR FALSE: Highlight or Circle the correct answer.

29. True or False: The center of gravity of a forklift and its load may shift when the load is lifted.
30. True or False: Avoid operating a forklift near overhead power lines.
31. True or False: Because of the weight of the forklift, you need not be concerned when driving over compacted wet clay.
32. True or False: When you carry a load uphill, it is recommended that you drive in “reverse” up the hill.
33. True or False: When you drive from a bright sunlit area into a darkened warehouse or factory, you should allow 10 to 15 seconds, until your vision adjusts to the light, before proceeding.
34. True or False: If an attachment comes without a load rating or specification chart, it is OK to use the one posted on the forklift for reference.
35. True or False: If a load obstructs your view, your only option is to raise the mast to it’s highest level and proceed with extreme caution.
36. True or False: Over 150 deaths related to the operation of forklifts occurred in 1991-1992 in this country.
37. True or False: Because forklifts are built to operate under rugged conditions, they require little or no preventive maintenance.
38. True or False: A forklift must be at a complete stop before lowering or raising the mast when picking up a load.
39. True or False: Never operate a forklift under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
40. True or False: It is recommended that you take a walking inspection of the work site once a week to note special conditions or conditions which may have changed.
41. True or False: Never drive a forklift directly up to a person standing in front of a bench or wall.
42. True or False: “Cradling the load” means that you must verify that multi-tiered loads are strapped together.
43. True or False: If you cannot determine the weight of the load, ask your supervisor or request the supplier to provide this information.

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Training Test Answers

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. D
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. D
14. A
15. C
16. B
17. A
18. B
19. A
20. C
21. B
22. A
23. C
24. B
25. A
26. A
27. C
28. B
29. TRUE
30. TRUE
31. FALSE
32. FALSE
33. TRUE
34. FALSE
35. FALSE
36. TRUE
37. FALSE
38. TRUE
39. TRUE
40. FALSE
41. TRUE
42. FALSE
43. TRUE