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All about Interstates *(55 pts)*

Directions: Read the information about Interstate Highways at the following website: http://www.interstate-guide.com/interstate.html . Then complete the questions below about the reading.

1. Highways are numbered according to the general direction that they follow and their significance. In which direction do even-number interstates travel? *(3 pts)* _____

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2. In which direction do odd-number interstates travel? *(3 pts)* _____

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3. How are Major East-West Interstates numbered? *(3 pts)* _____

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4. How are Major North-South Interstates numbered? *(3 pts)* _____

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5. In what locations do you generally find interstates with low numbers? *(3 pts)* _____

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6. In what locations do you generally find interstates with high numbers? *(3 pts)* _____

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7. Sometimes, when interstates have been built to wrap around, or loop, cities. They usually join with an existing interstate on each side. These loops are called _____ . *(1 pt)*

8. How are looping interstates named when they connect to interstates on each end? *(3 pts)*

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9. How are looping interstates named when they do not connect to an Interstate at one end? *(3 pts)* _____

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10. Who designed the sign now as the Interstate Highway shield? *(2 pts)* _____

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11. When was the shield in the colors of red, white, and blue approved by the American Association of State Highway Officials? *(1 pt)* _____

12. Only 5 state capitals do not have access to an Interstate Highway. Name the cities and their states. *(10 pts)*

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13. It was once said that "One miles of every five miles of Interstate highway must be straight enough to allow planes to land on it." Is this true, or is it just a myth? *(3 pts)* _____

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14. When a bridge, or overpass, is created to allow one highway to pass across another, how much vertical room must be allowed for vehicles to pass under the bridge? *(2 pts)*

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15. Signs are often built above interstates to cross over the road and allow easy readability by all travelers. How far above the interstate to the signs have to be posted? *(2 pts)* _____

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16. How wide is each lane of an Interstate highway? *(3 pts)* _____

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17. Interstates are designed to allow its travelers to drive _____ miles per hour. *(1 pt)*

18. Traffic speed on Interstate highways must decrease to ensure safety of its travelers. Name 3 reasons why traffic might slow down in certain areas. *(6 pts)* _____

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19. BONUS: Which U.S. President is the Interstate Highway System named after? *(6 pts)* ___

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More Information: Most highways are marked with Mile Markers to help you pinpoint your location.

- In most states, Mile markers are used to name exit ramps that connect the interstate with nearby road systems. WARNING: Some states (California, Massachusetts, New York) do not follow this pattern.
- Mile markers start over at each state border.
  - → East – West: Mile marker 1 is located at the western state border on an East-West route. The numbers increase as you travel east.
  - → North – South: Mile marker 1 is located at the southern state border on a North-South route. The numbers increase as you travel north
- Along most major highways and interstates, you will find rest areas. These provide local information, restroom facilities, vending machines, picnic areas, etc. for weary travelers.

For more information, check out:

- The Trucker's Report Map Facts: http://www.thetruckersreport.com/map_facts.shtml
- Newbie Driver: http://www.newbiedriver.com/articles/Interstate_system.htm
- Interstate Rest Area Guide: http://www.interstaterestareas.com/

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