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Junctions (including roundabouts)

Areas assessed

Approach Speed, Observation, Turning Right, Turning Left, Cutting Corners

Fault examples based on '**Observation**'

Driving Fault - A misjudgement of the speed and distance of an approaching vehicle. Safety of other road users was not compromised.

Serious Fault - Not taking effective observation before emerging at junctions, and emerging into the path of other vehicles.

Dangerous Fault - Any situation brought about by the severe lack of effective observation that resulted in actual danger to the examiner, candidate, the general public or property.

Judgement

Areas assessed

Overtaking, Meeting, Crossing

Fault examples based on '**Meeting**'

Driving Fault - Late reaction when meeting approaching vehicles.

Serious Fault - Placing other drivers at risk by driving forward when they should have clearly given way.

Dangerous Fault - Any situation brought about by the inability to meet approaching traffic that resulted in actual danger to the examiner, candidate, and the general public or property.

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Positioning

Areas assessed

Normal Driving, Lane Discipline

Fault examples based on '**Normal Driving**'

Driving Fault - Positioning errors when driving too close to the kerb.

Serious Fault - Persistently driving too close to the kerb, placing pedestrians at risk.

Dangerous Fault - Any situation brought about driving dangerously close to the kerb that resulted in actual danger to the examiner, candidate, and the general public or property.

Pedestrian Crossings

Fault examples

Driving Fault - Late to react to flashing amber at a 'pelican' crossing.

Serious Fault - Failing to give way to pedestrians who had started to cross at a 'pelican' crossing.

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