

RAF internal quizzes

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Round 1: To be sent as e-newsletter

1. What is the RAF's mission?

- A. To provide cover for all road users within the borders of South Africa
- B. To rehabilitate and compensate persons injured as a result of motor vehicle accidents
- C. To promote the safe and responsible use of all South African roads
- D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

2. Who sits at the helm of the RAF as its acting CEO?

- A. Ms Mantiti Kola
- B. Mr Rodney Gounden
- C. Ms Lindelwa Jabavu
- D. Mr Phumelela Dhlomo

Correct answer: C

3. Who isn't entitled to make a claim to the RAF?

- A. A person who sustained a bodily injury in an accident
- B. A dependant of a deceased breadwinner
- C. A person under the age of 18 years
- D. A driver who was the sole cause of the accident

Correct answer: D

4. How many regional offices does the RAF have?

- A. Nine
- B. Three
- C. 23
- D. Five

Correct answer: D

5. How many customer service centres does the RAF have, and where are they located?

- A. Three – Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Kimberley
- B. Five – Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Nelspruit, Polokwane, Mahikeng
- C. One – Centurion
- D. Two – Nelspruit, Cape Town

Correct answer: B

6. A substantial number of fraudulent claims are submitted to the RAF, leading to time wasted and money spent on undeserving claims. What is a fraudulent claim?

- A. To claim if one was not involved or injured in an accident
- B. To claim as a foreign visitor involved in an accident in South Africa
- C. To claim one year after an accident
- D. To claim as a close relative of the deceased who paid for the funeral

Correct answer: A

7. What statement is true of the Road Accident Benefit Scheme (RABS), which is intended to replace the current fault-based system administered by the RAF?

- A. It will indemnify those responsible for road crashes
- B. It will make payments directly to claimants, and to medical and healthcare service providers
- C. It will provide a social security safety net to those injured in road crashes and to the dependants of breadwinners who are killed as a result of road crashes
- D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

8. What are the requirements for the RAF's corporate social responsibility programmes?

- A. Programmes need to complement the RAF's mandate by supporting initiatives that contribute towards the rehabilitation process of road accident victims
- B. Programmes need to support or endorse a specific religious doctrine or political party
- C. Programmes need to benefit RAF employees and Board members directly
- D. What is corporate social responsibility?

Correct answer: A

9. Where can you see or hear the latest news from and about the RAF?

- A. The RAF's annual report
- B. The newspapers
- C. Your colleagues
- D. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube

Correct answer: D

10. This festive season, we are talking about safe driving on social media platforms. To take part in the conversation, what hashtag do you need to use?

- A. #accident
- B. #driving
- C. #holiday
- D. #AlwaysRemember

Correct answer: D

Responses to answers:

Wrong:

Oh dear, that is incorrect ... Visit our [corporate website](#) to brush up on your knowledge about the Road Accident Fund.

Right:

Correct – you are a true RAF brand ambassador!

Ratings:

1 out of 10 to 5 out of 10: It's time to do your research about the Road Accident Fund. Who are we? What do we do? How do we do it? Visit our [corporate website](#) to learn more.

6 out of 10 to 9 out of 10: You know your stuff, but there's room to improve. Visit our [corporate website](#) to brush up on your knowledge.

10 out of 10: Congratulations! You are a real contender for the Brain of the RAF.

Round 2: To be sent as e-newsletter

1. What is the minimum following distance you should have from the vehicle in front of you?

- A. Three seconds
- B. Two seconds
- C. Stay close enough to read their bumper sticker
- D. One second

Correct answer: A

2. How often should you take a break on a long road trip?

- A. At least every two hours
- B. At least every four hours
- C. At least every six hours
- D. When you start to feel sleepy

Correct answer: A

3. By law, all children under the age of ____ should be strapped into a car seat.

- A. Seven years
- B. Two years
- C. One year
- D. Six years

Correct answer: A

4. Apart from turning on your windscreen wipers, what else should you do while driving in the rain?

- A. Reduce your speed
- B. Try not to brake suddenly
- C. Turn on your headlights
- D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

5. What activity is as dangerous as driving while drunk?

- A. Using your cellphone while driving
- B. Singing along to the radio
- C. Driving while barefoot
- D. Talking while driving

Correct answer: A

6. What statement is true about correct seat belt use?

- A. Vehicle standards in SA require that every seat in a car must have a safety belt, even the rear
- B. By law you always have to wear a seat belt, even when reversing
- C. If only the front seat has a seatbelt, a sole passenger may not sit at the rear
- D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

7. As a pedestrian, what should you do before crossing the street?

- A. Stop, drop and roll
- B. Look, wait and run
- C. Stop, look and listen
- D. Watch, talk and walk

Correct answer: C

8. As a pedestrian, where should you cross the street?

- A. When there is enough space in the oncoming traffic
- B. At a crosswalk or interchange
- C. From between parked cars in the street
- D. Anywhere – cars are supposed to stop for you

Correct answer: B

9. How long does it take for a vehicle to come to a complete stop?

- A. It depends on the road conditions, how fast the vehicle is moving and the weight of the vehicle
- B. Three seconds
- C. 10 seconds
- D. Immediately

Correct answer: A

10. What are the leading causes of road accidents in South Africa?*

- A. Rain, potholes, wind
- B. Distractions, drunk driving, speeding
- C. Heavy traffic, weather, passengers
- D. Heat, animals, road quality

Correct answer: B

***As stipulated by the Road Traffic Management Corporation's 2017 traffic report**

Responses:

Wrong:

That is incorrect. Knowledge about correct road usage is key to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe this festive season.

Right:

You are correct – safe travels on the road this festive season!

Ratings:

1 out of 10 to 5 out of 10: Your road safety knowledge needs some brushing up. Always remember that your choices on the road will determine your destination.

6 out of 10 to 9 out of 10: You know your theory, but there's still room to improve. Always remember that your choices on the road will determine your destination.

10 out of 10: Congratulations on your road safety smarts! You're a real contender for the Brain of the RAF.

Round 3: Regional activations

First set: A recap on the RAF and road safety

1. What is South Africa's longest tarred road?

- A. N1
- B. N2
- C. N3
- D. N4

Answer: B

At a length of 2 255km, the N2 is the longest tarred road and the longest numbered route in South Africa. The national road runs from the docks in Cape Town to the town of Ermelo in Mpumalanga.

2. Who should you call immediately after an accident?

- A. Your mom
- B. Your lawyer

- C. Emergency services
- D. The RAF

Answer: C

Contact the police and ambulance services when involved in or witnessing an accident. If you are tight on airtime and subscribe to Vodacom, Cell C, MTN or Telkom Mobile, dial 112 to call the emergency services free of charge.

3. What is the RAF's call-centre number?

Answer: 0860 23 55 23

The RAF advises three simple steps for people who want to claim: gather, complete, submit. To get this process started, the RAF asks the public to call the call-centre number for quick and easy assistance.

4. How many road fatalities were recorded in South Africa last year?

- A. 1 382 fatalities
- B. About 3 000 fatalities
- C. 9 580 fatalities
- D. More than 14 000 fatalities

Answer: D

Road fatality statistics for 2017, made available by the Road Traffic Management Corporation in April 2018 in its annual traffic report, say that 14 050 people died in road crashes in South Africa in 2017. For the past two years, this number has stabilised at just over 14 000 deaths per annum. Over the past 10 years, almost 135 000 people died in road crashes in South Africa.

5. It's fine to use your cell phone as long as you are not talking on it. True or false?

Answer: False

According to the National Road Traffic Act, the following rules apply:

- No driver is allowed to use a hand-held cell phone while driving;
- A cell phone may not be used at traffic lights when the car is not moving;
- A cell phone may not be used while the engine of a vehicle is running. Even if the vehicle is stationary but the engine is still running, you may not use your cell phone;
- A cell phone may not be used for taking photos or browsing the Internet while driving; and
- In terms of the Western Cape bylaws, your cell phone will be confiscated for 24 hours if you happen to be caught using your cell phone while driving.

6. It's good manners to warn motorists of an upcoming roadblock. True or false?

Answer: False

Drivers who alert fellow motorists to roadblocks by flashing their lights or posting warning messages on social media are committing an offence, as they are seen to be defeating the ends of justice. Your actions might be warning a wanted criminal by helping him or her evade the long arm of the law.

7. Smoking in a car with kids is okay as long as ...

- A. They are your children
- B. Their parents gave you verbal permission
- C. A window is open
- D. Never

Answer: D

The Tobacco Products Control Act of 1993 states: "No person may smoke any tobacco product in any motor vehicle when a child under the age of 12 years is present in that vehicle." The penalty for smoking in a car with minors could be as much as R500, according to the Act.

8. What is the legal amount of alcohol you may have in your bloodstream per 100ml while driving?

- A. One milligram
- B. 1.23 grams
- C. 0.05 milligrams
- D. Two drinks

Answer: C

On alcohol and driving, the Automobile Association (AA) says that alcohol significantly slows reaction time and distorts your vision. The effects of a heavy night of drinking could even affect your driving ability the next morning, and you may still even be over the legal limit.

After only one unit of alcohol, your chances of being in an accident are doubled, and when you are at the legal blood alcohol limit of 0.05mg, you are four times more likely to be in an accident.

9. What is the number one cause of road accidents in South Africa?

- A. Drunk driving
- B. Distractions
- C. Speeding
- D. Reckless driving

Answer: B

According to statistics from the Road Traffic Management Corporation's 2016-2017 traffic report, made available in April 2018, distractions are the leading cause of road accidents in South Africa. This includes talking on your cell phone or texting, as well as eating, applying make-up and using GPS devices while driving.

10. What are the RAF's five core values?

Answers:

- Ubuntu
- Solution-focused
- Excellence
- Efficiency
- We take pride

The RAF's vision is to provide the highest standard of care to road accident victims, to restore balance in the social system. Its mission is to provide appropriate cover to all road users within the borders of South Africa; to rehabilitate persons who are injured, compensate for injuries or death, and indemnify wrongdoers as a result of motor vehicle accidents in a timely, caring and sustainable manner; and to support the safe use of our roads.

Second set: Proudly South African

1. How many capitals cities does South Africa have?

- A. One
- B. Four
- C. Three
- D. Two

Answer: C

South Africa has three state capitals. Pretoria is the administrative capital, Cape Town is the legislative capital and Bloemfontein is the judicial capital. In 1910, when the Union of South Africa was formed, there was a great dispute about the location of the new country's capital city. A compromise was reached to spread a balance of power throughout the country and this led to the current capital cities.

2. What is South Africa's biggest export?

- A. Maze
- B. Coal
- C. Gold
- D. Macadamia nuts

Answer: C

South Africa may have 90% of the world's platinum, but gold is by far the country's biggest export.

3. Which popular cool drink was created in South Africa before going global?

- A. Appletiser
- B. Lemon Twist
- C. Stoney Ginger Beer
- D. Fanta Grape

Answer: A

Appletiser was created by a French-Italian immigrant named Edmond Lombardi in the Western Cape in 1966. Other homegrown South African drinks include Iron Brew and the Ceres and Liqui Fruit juice brands.

4. How many South Africans have been awarded a Nobel Prize?

- A. Three
- B. Two
- C. Five
- D. Ten

Answer: D

10 South Africans have won the prestigious award across several categories. They are:

- Allan M Cormack, Physiology or Medicine, 1979
- Max Theiler, Physiology or Medicine, 1951
- Albert Luthuli, born in then Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, Peace, 1960
- Aaron Klug, Chemistry, 1982
- Desmond Tutu, Peace, 1984
- Nadine Gordimer, Literature, 1991
- FW de Klerk, Peace, 1993
- Nelson Mandela, Peace, 1993
- Sydney Brenner, Physiology or Medicine, 2002
- JM Coetzee, Literature, 2003

5. Which of these does not represent a national symbol for South Africa?

- A. The blue crane
- B. The baobab
- C. The springbok
- D. The galjoen

Answer: B

The baobab is an unmistakable and immediately recognisable tree to many South Africans, but the yellowwood is the country's national tree.

6. Name the fifth member of the Big Five: lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and?

- A. Hippo
- B. Giraffe
- C. Cheetah
- D. Buffalo

Answer: D

The term “Big Five” was coined by big-game hunters and refers to the five most difficult animals in Africa to hunt on foot. Subsequently, the term was adopted by safari tour operators and is used in most tourist and wildlife guides that discuss African wildlife safaris.

7. What South African treat is made from deep-fried dough, soaked in cold syrup and shaped to resemble a braid?

- A. Dholtjie
- B. Donut
- C. Koeksister
- D. Amagwinya

Answer: C

A koeksister is a traditional South African confectionery made of fried dough infused in syrup or honey. Koeksisters should not be confused with the Cape Malay version called koe'sister, which is a spicy dumpling with a cake-like texture, finished off with a sprinkling of coconut.

8. What was the most expensive parking bay in South Africa sold for?

- A. R10 000
- B. R530 000
- C. R3 400
- D. R1.65-million

Answer: D

A parking bay in Clifton in Cape Town was sold for the outrageous amount of R1.65-million in December 2017. It is also rumoured, but not confirmed, that in 2008 a parking bay sold for R2million, which would make it the most expensive parking bay ever sold in South Africa. Clifton's homes average R23-million, and it is regarded as the most expensive suburb in the country. Globally speaking, it is still relatively cheap – a parking bay in Beijing can cost \$10million!

9. What wine varietal is proudly South African?

- A. Chardonnay
- B. Pinotage
- C. Red wine
- D. JC Le Roux

Answer: B

Pinotage is a grape variety that was created in South Africa in 1925 by Abraham Izak Perold, the first professor of viticulture at Stellenbosch University, making it a unique, proudly South African varietal.

10. Who composed Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika?

- A. Enoch Sontonga
- B. Desmond Tutu
- C. Mongane Wally Serote
- D. Miriam Makeba

Answer: A

Enoch Sontonga, a Xhosa clergyman at a Methodist mission school near Johannesburg, composed Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika in 1897 as a hymn. Translated into English, it means "Lord bless Africa". Today, a shortened version of the song, translated into several South African languages, form part of the national anthem.

Third set: Festive season trivia

1. What was the first Christmas song sung in space?

- A. Joy to the World
- B. The Little Drummer Boy
- C. Jingle Bells
- D. We Wish you a Merry Christmas

Answer: C

Ten days before Christmas in 1965, astronauts aboard the Gemini 6 NASA spacecraft reported seeing "a UFO in a big red suit entering earth's orbit", before singing Jingle Bells to the tune of a harmonica and mini sleigh bells. The pilots kept their Santa Claus surprise secret, surprising (and scaring) the mission control centre into believing an alien was about to visit earth.

2. 26 December is the Day of Goodwill public holiday in South Africa, known by many as "Boxing Day". What does "Boxing Day" refer to?

- A. Boxing fist fights that break out on the street
- B. To box everything you don't need and give it away to people less fortunate
- C. To store your valuables away safely in special boxes
- D. It's just a name without any meaning

Answer: B

Although 26 December is officially called the Day of Goodwill in South Africa, the two names encourage exactly the same – to give time, goods or money to people less fortunate.

3. How many public holidays are celebrated in South Africa over the festive season?

- A. Four
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Twelve

Answer: A

South Africans celebrate four public holidays over the festive season – the Day of Reconciliation on 16 December and will be observed on 17 December 2018, Christmas Day is celebrated on 25 December on 2018, the Day of Goodwill is celebrated on 26 December 2018 and New Year's Day is celebrated on 1 January 2019.

4. Over the 2017 festive season, what was the top offence by road users?

- A. Texting and driving
- B. Drinking and driving
- C. Bribing a traffic officer
- D. Speeding

Answer: D

Statistics released by the Road Traffic Management Corporation showed that 46 029 drivers were fined for speeding over December 2017. Other top offences included driving without a license, unlicensed vehicles, driving without seat belts and overloading.

5. What is regarded as the most dangerous road in South Africa?

- A. N2 from East London to Mthatha
- B. N1 from Mokopane to Polokwane
- C. N4 from Middelburg to Belfast
- D. N12 from Springs to Witbank

Answer: A

Statistics released by the Road Traffic Management Corporation at the end of 2017 on the most dangerous routes in South Africa found the N2 from East London to Mthatha to be the worst road in the country. Due to the high number of recorded deaths, the road is frequently referred to as the “highway to hell”. Please drive very carefully if this road is on your travel itinerary this festive season!

6. Which section of society cause the majority of road accidents?

- A. Women
- B. International tourists

- C. Men
- D. Everyone carries the responsibility equally

Answer: C

Statistically speaking, men are the most dangerous drivers. This has been shown by numerous international studies, and is also reflected in South Africa's accident numbers. Studies have shown that men are more aggressive behind the wheel than women. In fact, men drive more carelessly and treat their fellow drivers with less respect. Accidents caused by women tend to be the result of mistakes while driving, whereas men actively break rules and take more risks.

7. Emergency services such as ambulance and rescue services mostly close over the festive season, with the majority of staff members going on leave. If you need assistance, you need to dial a special seasonal hotline to reach the small team on duty. True or false?

Answer: False

Emergency services work 24/7 all year long. The festive season is generally the busiest time for these services with so many more people on the roads. If you need assistance, you can dial the police on 10111, the ambulance on 10177, or dial from Vodacom, Cell C, MTN or Telkom Mobile cellphones free of charge using the emergency number 112.

8. Why is Christmas celebrated on 25 December every year, around the world?

- A. No reason, it just happened like that
- B. It's close to New Year's Day, making it a convenient public holiday
- C. It coincided with the ancient pagan festival Saturnalia
- D. In 1830, the United Nations held a meeting and unanimously voted for this day

Answer: C

25 December coincided with the ancient pagan festival Saturnalia, which celebrated the agricultural god Saturn with partying, gambling and gift-giving. Today, many celebrate Christmas as an annual Christian festival, or simply enjoy the holiday with family with a tradition of gift-giving.

9. Which country boasts the longest festive season in the world?

- A. The Philippines
- B. The United States
- C. Spain
- D. Ghana

Answer: A

While the festive season in South Africa roughly lasts from 15 December to 6 January, people in the Philippines start celebrating as early as September, with festivities sometimes continuing until the end of January. How's that for a holiday!

10. This festive season, we are talking about safe driving on social media platforms.

To take part in the conversation, what hashtag do you need to use?

- A. #accident
- B. #driving
- C. #holiday
- D. #AlwaysRemember

Answer: D

The #AlwaysRemember campaign will focus on those people who do not want to meet you this festive season – doctors, paramedics, firefighters and tow-truck drivers. Please get involved by sharing the message of #AlwaysRemember to take care on the roads.