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SAFETY QUIZ

always expect a train

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# SAFETY QUIZ

Circle the most correct answer to each question.

1. Approximately how many vehicle-train collisions occur each year?
  - a) 1000
  - b) 2000
  - c) 3000
  - d) 4000
2. Approximately how many fatalities occur in vehicle-train collisions each year?
  - a) 200
  - b) 300
  - c) 400
  - d) 500
3. It takes a 100-car freight train going 55 mph a mile or more to stop. This is equal to how many football fields?
  - a) 2
  - b) 12
  - c) 18
  - d) 25
4. What causes drivers to misjudge whether it is safe to cross the tracks?
  - a) The train's warning horns cannot be heard.
  - b) Trains change speed unexpectedly.
  - c) An optical illusion fools the eye in judging the distance and speed of the train.
  - d) They think the train can stop for them.
5. It is okay to snowmobile or ride an ATV on the tracks
  - a) When no train is in sight.
  - b) When you ask someone to stand guard and watch for a train.
  - c) Never.
  - d) As long as you don't see a NO TRESPASSING sign.

Answer true or false to each statement.

6. \_\_\_\_ If the locomotive engineer can see you, he'll be able to stop the train in time to avoid you on the tracks.
7. \_\_\_\_ A Crossbuck is the most common warning sign at a railroad crossing.
8. \_\_\_\_ A STOP sign at a highway-rail intersection means the same as a STOP sign at any other highway intersection.
9. \_\_\_\_ A number posted below a Crossbuck sign indicates how many trains cross there.
10. \_\_\_\_ Lowered gates and flashing red lights mean a train is approaching. Do not cross!
11. \_\_\_\_ When hiking in the woods, it's okay to use the tracks as a path because these tracks are generally not in use.
12. \_\_\_\_ If the gates remain down after a train passes through a railroad crossing with more than one set of tracks, it is a malfunction.
13. \_\_\_\_ Walking across a trestle or bridge is safe as long as you watch out for trains.
14. \_\_\_\_ If the gates begin to descend after you start to cross the tracks, there is still time to drive to the other side safely.
15. \_\_\_\_ A train can avoid a collision if the locomotive engineer applies the brakes as soon as he sees a vehicle on the tracks.
16. \_\_\_\_ Trains in a railroad yard generally don't move more than a few feet at a time, so it's not considered a dangerous place for pedestrians.
17. \_\_\_\_ Partying on the tracks is accepted in some communities.
18. \_\_\_\_ If signals are malfunctioning, ignore them and proceed across the tracks.
19. \_\_\_\_ Collisions between vehicles and trains are preventable.