

80 To move off, follow the steps below:

- (a) Check that the gear lever is in the Neutral position for a manual car and 'P' (Parked) position for an auto car;
- (b) Slightly depress the accelerator pedal and turn the ignition key to the START position to start the engine;
- (c) Release the accelerator pedal once the engine is started and the engine will rotate at 'idling speed';
- (d) Look out for other road users in front and behind. This will enable you to discern any immediate hazard(s) present at that moment;
- (e) Signal your intention;
- (f) Depress the clutch pedal and engage the first gear;
- (g) Slightly depress the accelerator pedal and at the same time slowly release the clutch pedal;
- (h) When the clutch pedal is released about half-way, you will notice a slight drop in the engine revolution. The clutch is now at the 'biting point'. Maintain the clutch at this position. This is known as the 'half-clutch' position;
- (i) Confirm that it is safe to move off by taking a side glance at the blind spots by looking over your shoulder;
- (j) Release the handbrake;
- (k) Depress the accelerator pedal further and at the same time slowly release the clutch pedal. The vehicle will start to move;
- (l) Let the vehicle attain the speed of a walking man;
- (m) Fully release the clutch pedal;
- (n) Depress the accelerator pedal to pick up speed;
- (o) Look far ahead, the distance (in meters) you should look at must be at least three times the speed (in km/h) at which you are travelling;

