## BASIC DRIVING TECHNIQUES

## STOPPING AND MOVING OFF ON SLOPES

- 140 The technique of stopping a vehicle on a slope or incline is almost the same as that of stopping on a level road. The only difference is that you apply less pressure on the brake pedal to stop the vehicle on a level road than on a slope. The handbrake must also be applied before the brake pedal is released.
- 141 Moving off on a slope involves coordinating the clutch, the accelerator and handbrake. It is therefore important that you master the 'half-clutch' technique. Do not maintain the half-clutch position for too long as the heat caused by the slipping of the clutch will wear the clutch lining rapidly.



- 142 Follow the sequence below when moving off on a slope:
  - (a) Engage the 1st gear;
  - (b) Put your hand on the handbrake;
  - (c) Depress the accelerator pedal;
  - (d) Use the 'half-clutch' technique, noting the slight reduction in engine noise at the point of engagement. You can also feel the vehicle wanting to move forward. This is known as the 'biting-point';

