Safety Questions: Brakes



Question:

Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Example answer:

Explain how to operate brake pedal and make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc., to make a visual check of the lights.

Or ask someone to help by pressing the pedal or checking the lights. (Ask the examiner to check the lights for you while you press the brake pedal).

Note: Some vehicles have a 'bulb failed' warning light. Mention this if its relevant to your test vehicle.

Question:

Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

Example answer:

There should be resistance felt when the brake pedal is pressed (when the car is stationary).

The brake pedal should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested by pressing the footbrake pedal gently as soon as the car is moving. The car should not pull to one side.

Question:

Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system

Example answer:

The warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system

Lesson Notes:

