Highway Driving Questionnaire

Organize in groups of 3 or 4 students. Read and analyze each highway situation, and then choose a plan of action. Justify your answer, and share your thoughts with the group.

1. You are driving in heavy city traffic and you merge into a ramp thinking it is your exit. On the ramp you realize that you took the wrong exit.

- a. Stop, back up, and re-enter the highway
- b. Stop at the intersection and get on your cell phone and GPS your new route
- c. Continue on the exit ramp, and find your way back onto the highway
- d. Swerve back on to the highway
- e. Other.....

2. You are in the left lane of a city interstate highway and you notice that your exit is coming up in ³/₄ mile. Traffic is heavy, backed-up, and slow moving due to construction. The deceleration lane to the exit ramp is on the right side.

- a. Lay on your horn in frustration
- b. Signal, check, and slowly merge
- c. Aggressively pull the front right nose of your car into the next lane
- d. Stay in the lane until the traffic speeds up and take the next exit
- e. Other.....

3. You have a route predetermined to a sports complex in the middle of a large city (of which you are not very familiar). As your exit approaches, you notice that it has been shut down for construction.

- a. Follow the detour signs
- b. Freak out, swear, and become enraged
- c. Ask your passenger to determine an alternate route
- d. Take the next exit and ask for assistance
- e. Other.....

4. You are in a hurry to meet your friends for a movie. Your exit is approaching and as you start to merge, you notice that the traffic is stopped and backed up on the exit ramp.

- a. Decelerate abruptly and wait for the traffic flow to move
- b. Pull onto the shoulder and go around the backed up traffic
- c. Swerve back onto the highway and take the next exit
- d. Tailgate the car in front of you and honk your horn
- e. Other.....

5. You are on an interstate highway in a large city with 6 lanes of traffic. You are in the left lane and want to merge into the middle lane to get closer to your upcoming exit. As you merge, another vehicle from the right lane starts to merge into the middle lane.

- a. Merge regardless of the other driver's actions
- b. Stay in your lane and allow the other driver to merge
- c. Accelerate quickly to get ahead of the other driver and merge
- d. Slam on the brakes to get behind the other car and merge
- e. Other.....

6. You are driving on an interstate highway through the countryside in the middle of a blizzard. Traffic is moving slowly in one lane and you come across a vehicle on the side of the road with the hazard lights blinking. No one has stopped to assist the car.

- a. Pull over and see if they need assistance
- b. Stop the chain of traffic and see if they need assistance (so you don't lose your spot)
- c. Continue and hope that they called someone
- d. Ignore the situation like it never happened
- e. Other.....

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