SNOW REMOVAL
TECHNIQUES - PLOWING TIPS FROM THE PROS

Review Quiz
1. You should always wrap your thumbs around the steering wheel for maximum grip and control.
   a. True.
   b. False.

2. Keys to a successful operation include all items listed EXCEPT:
   a. Get good rest
   b. Start early
   c. Do a thorough pre-start inspection
   d. Have briefing with your team
   e. Wait until the storm is well underway before beginning

3. The following strategies have proven to be successful EXCEPT:
   a. Placing men and equipment at strategic corners of a district’s service area
   b. Letting traffic pack down some of the snow before plowing
   c. Use motor graders for county roads and trucks for high speed roads
   d. Use salt until 1/2 inch of snow is accumulated, then start plowing

4. The time of day and day of the week should be taken into account when planning a strategy to be used.
   a. True.
   b. False.

5. It’s important to inspect a route without any snow present in order to understand how to anticipate where trouble spots are when snow is covering the ground.
   a. True.
   b. False.

6. Use _____________ to mark trouble spots, manhole covers, soft shoulders, and hidden obstacles before the snow falls.
   a. whip flags
   b. bright paint on a nearby post
   c. ground paint
   d. (a) and (b)

7. It’s important to ride the curb to get all of the snow and ice removed clean to the side of the road.
   a. True.
   b. False.
8. Plow the crown of the road first (usually the left side).
   a. True.
   b. False.

9. A typical blade angle for plowing is __________ to the right (or left).
   a. 50 degrees to 55 degrees
   b. 20 degrees to 25 degrees
   c. 30 degrees to 35 degrees

10. The best speed for plowing is between __________ miles per hour (and no faster). Keep one lane clear for traffic to pass.
    a. 20 to 25
    b. 28 to 35
    c. 35 to 45
ANSWER KEY:

1  b. False
2  e. Wait until the storm is well underway before beginning
3  b. Letting traffic pack down some of the snow before plowing
4  a. True
5  a. True
6  d. (a) and (b)
7  b. False
8  a. True
9  c. 30 degrees to 35 degrees
10  b. 28 to 35