Forklift Safety Quiz 2
Answer Key

Directions: Read each statement carefully and circle the response that best answers the question. Correct answers are in bold.

1. Forklifts differ from cars in which of the following ways:
   A. Forklifts are more maneuverable than cars
   B. Forklifts weigh less than cars
   C. Forklifts steer from the rear, while cars steer from the front
   D. Forklifts are easier to stop than cars

2. For stability, the weight of the load on the forks must be:
   A. Under 5,000 pounds
   B. Counterbalanced by the weight of the forklift body and counterweight
   C. Counterbalanced by the length of the forks
   D. No greater than half the weight of the forklift

3. A forklift will be stable as long as the combined center of gravity:
   A. Stays within the stability triangle
   B. Extends less than 24 inches
   C. Stays within the line of action
   D. Is close to the center of the load

4. You are required to inspect your forklift for defects:
   A. Every shift
   B. Every week
   C. Every month
   D. Every 3 months
5. Before picking up a load, you should:
   A. Tilt the forks back
   B. Remove the load backrest extension
   C. Back out slowly until you’ve cleared the rack and any other obstructions
   D. **Know that the load is within the capacity limits of your unit**

6. You should always look _______________ when driving a forklift:
   A. At your load
   B. Under your vehicle
   C. **In the direction of travel**
   D. Overhead

7. A safe traveling speed is:
   A. 2 MPH
   B. 5 MPH
   C. 10 MPH
   D. **Slow enough to maneuver and stop safely at any time**

8. Which is the most serious jobsite hazard faced by forklift operators?
   A. Level grade
   B. Lead exposure
   C. **Overhead power lines**
   D. Defective trailer tie-downs

9. The only time it’s safe to give someone a ride on your forklift is:
   A. If you have your supervisor’s permission
   B. **If it’s designed for passengers**
   C. If the person weighs less than 200 pounds
   D. Never

10. When parking a forklift on an incline, and staying within 25 feet of the unit:
    A. Lower the boom to its resting position, or lower the forks to the ground if it’s a masted forklift
    B. Set the controls to neutral
    C. Set the parking brake
    D. **All the above, plus chock the wheels**