Winter Driving QUIZ

1. When driving in winter conditions remain at least _____ car lengths behind snowplows.
   
   A. 3  
   B. 5  
   C. 6  
   D. 8

2. True or False? Snowplow drivers have good visibility with few blind spots.

3. Passing a snowplow is dangerous because:
   
   A. A snowplow creates a ridge of snow to its side that can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
   
   B. The plow kicks up a snow cloud which causes total white out conditions.
   
   C. It may be difficult to see the blade of the plow which can extend several feet ahead of the truck and up to 30 inches beyond the truck’s width.
   
   D. All of the above.

4. When driving in snow you should avoid using your:
   
   A. high beam headlights  
   B. low beam headlights  
   C. emergency flashers  
   D. rear window defroster

5. True or False? In a rear- wheel drive vehicle, you can usually feel a loss of traction or the beginning of a skid. With a front-wheel drive vehicle, there may be no warning.
Answers:

1. The answer is D, 8 car lengths. Snowplows drive slower than the posted speed limit. Snow from the snowplow can spray out reducing visibility.

2. The correct answer is false. Never assume the snowplow driver sees you. Wing blades can obscure side vision. And drivers cannot see out the back window.

3. The correct answer is D all of the above. A snowplow creates a ridge of snow to its side that can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

4. The answer is A, using your high beam headlights can magnify the visual intensity of the falling snow.

5. The correct answer is true. Though front-wheel drive and four-wheel drive vehicles generally do handle better in ice and snow, they don't have flawless traction; skids can occur unexpectedly.