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Car Quiz

1. What percentage of the new vehicles sold to consumers during the first five months of 2006 were domestic brands (Ford, GM, Chrysler)?

- a. 56.7 percent b. 52.1 percent
c. 49.6 percent d. 47.1 percent

2. When was the first drive-up gas station opened in the U.S.?

- a. 1900 b. 1905 c. 1910 d. 1915

3. How many automotive accidents occur in the rain each year?

- a. 250,000 b. 500,000 c. 1 million d. 2 million

4. What is the special edition GT-H high-performance car Hertz is renting at certain locations?

- a. A 500-horsepower Ford GT
b. A 250-horsepower Subaru Legacy GT
c. A 325-horsepower Ford Mustang GT
d. A 552-horsepower Bentley Continental GT

5. How much longer is the tread life of tires filled with nitrogen gas rather than air?

- a. 10 percent better tread life b. 20 percent better tread life
c. 30 percent better tread life d. 40 percent better tread life

6. What does the one or two-digit number at the beginning of the Montana license plate stand for?

- a. the type of vehicle
b. the county the vehicle is registered in
c. the city the vehicle is registered in
d. a numerical representation of the register owner's name

7. According to EPA estimates, what percentage of the vehicles have a manual transmission?

- a. 8 percent b. 15 percent c. 22 percent d. 29 percent

Car Quiz Answers

1. **Answer: d.** According to statistics compiled by R.L. Polk and Co., the U.S. brands market share fell below 50 percent for the first time to 47.1 percent for the first five months of 2006.

2. **Answer: b.** The first drive-up gasoline station opened in 1905.

3. **Answer: c.** According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics, approximately 1 million traffic accidents occur in the rain annually.

4. **Answer: c.** Hertz has brought back the modern equivalent of the Shelby GT350H model from the mid-1960s. It has black paint with gold stripes and is called the Mustang GT-H. According to *Motor Trend* magazine, the 325-horsepower coupe rents for \$149.99 per day in Los Angeles and West Palm Beach (but \$189.99 per day in Las Vegas), plus 39 cents per mile after the initial 75 miles. You must be 25 to rent the GT-H.

5. **Answer: c.** According to NitroFill, a company that produces Nitrofill generators in conjunction with Pneumateck Inc., scientific testing has shown that tires running 95 percent pure nitrogen get 30 percent longer tread life and are 50 percent less likely to experience failure and are 30 to 40 percent less likely to need refilling. The company is the sole provider of the tire fill product used by the U.S. Air Force in the nation's fleet of B-2 bombers.

6. **Answer: b.** The number before the dash in a standard Montana license plate represents the county where the vehicle is registered. For example: "1" represents Silverbow county; "28" represents Powell County and "4" represents Missoula county. There are 56 counties in Montana.

7. **Answer: a.** According to EPA estimates, 8 percent of new vehicles sold have a manual transmission. In 1975, 23 percent had manual transmissions.

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