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**EL Civics Assessment Packet
Answer Key
Spring 2026**

Advanced Low/High

DMV: COAAP 12.9

Task 4 Assessment (2 pages) (10 points possible)

Directions: Read the citation and answer the questions.

Traffic Citation					
Police Dept., Anywhere, CA			<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor		
NOTICE TO APPEAR		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic		<input type="checkbox"/> Nontraffic	
Date of Violation 11/03/22	Time 6:15 pm	Day of Week Thursday	Case No. 72148		
Name (First, Middle, Last) Roberto Luis Lopez		Owner's Responsibility Roberto Luis Lopez			
Address 5889 Bristol Street					
City Santa Ana		State/Country California		Zip Code 92706	
Driver License No. C30247	State CA	Class C	Commercial No	Age 48	Birth Date 04/05/74
Sex M	Hair BRN	Eyes BRN	Height 5'7"	Weight 165	Race HISPANIC
Vehicle License No. 6MJO744		State CA		Registration MO/YR 08/23	
Year of Vehicle 2018	Make FORD	Model ESCAPE	Body Style SUV	Color White	
Evidence of Financial Responsibility AAA Insurance Policy A158830					
Registered Owner or Lessee			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		
Address			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		
Correctable Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Vehicle Code & Section <u>Code 21453 VC</u>	Description <u>Failure to Stop</u>	Misdemeanor or Infraction M <input checked="" type="radio"/> I		
Speed Approx. 5	Max. Speed 40	Vehicle Limit	Safe		
Location of Violation Intersection of Bristol and 17th					

1. What's the make and model of his car? **Ford Escape**
2. What was the time and date of the violation? **11/3/22 at 6:15 pm**
3. What is the vehicle license number? **6MJO744**
4. What is the description of the violation? **Failure to stop**

Task 4 Assessment, cont.

Directions: Read the citation and answer the question.

WHAT TO DO

You are required to appear at court for a misdemeanor violation. For all violations, your court date/time/place are on the front of this notice to appear. Have the citation with you when contacting the court. In all infraction cases, you must do one or more of the following for each violation:

- Pay the fine (bail).
- Appear in court.
- Contest the violation.
- Correct the violation (traffic cases, when applicable).
- Request traffic school (traffic cases, when applicable).
- Request trial by written declaration (traffic cases).

If you do not do one of the above actions, then a “failure to appear” charge will be filed against you (Veh. Code, § 40508(a)) and your driver license may be withheld, suspended, or revoked. In some courts you may be charged an amount in addition to the bail amount and the case may be turned over to a collection agency. (Pen. Code, § 1214.1.)

5. What are 2 possible actions you can take if you get a citation?

Graders/instructors: any 2 of the following are good:

- pay the fine
- appear in court
- contest the violation
- correct the violation
- request traffic school
- request trial (by written declaration)

Task 5 Assessment (20 points possible)

Directions: Read the scenario, then write an email persuading your friend to follow safe driving practices.

Be sure to include:

- what the **problem** is
- 3 reasons/laws to **persuade** her to change
- the **2 email addresses**, a **subject**, a **greeting**, a **closing**, and **contact information**

Scenario: Your friend Susana often eats or drinks while driving. She says she has a busy life, and it's easier to eat and drink in the car.

Your email: student88@gmail.com

Susana's email: susanaruiz@yahoo.com

Graders/instructors: grade email based on the rubric and the scenario above (students should use the scenario and include the items listed above). A sample email is below.

Email
From: student88@gmail.com (no problem if they use their own email)
To: susanaruiz@yahoo.com
Subject: eating and driving (or anything that describes the problem)
<p>Dear Susana,</p> <p>I'm worried about you eating and drinking while driving. This is dangerous.</p> <p>This is distracted driving; that is illegal and you could get a ticket. Also, you do not have 2 hands on the wheel and can't react quickly. It only takes a second for an accident to happen. If you are not paying attention, you could go through a red light or stop sign and hit someone.</p> <p>Your family and friends want you to be safe. Please think about this.</p> <p>Sincerely, John 714-555-8997</p>