

# OPERATION

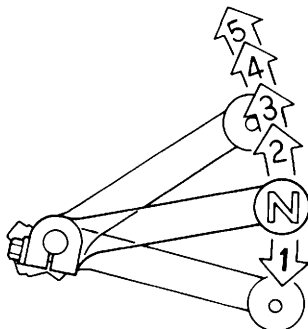
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## RIDING

Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1—5) before you ride.

### NOTE:

- Make sure the function of the side stand mechanism (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 61 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 87.)



Proper shifting will provide better fuel economy.

### **▲ WARNING**

- ***Do not downshift when traveling at a speed that would force the engine to overrev in the next lower gear; the rear wheel may lose traction, resulting in a possible loss of vehicle control.***

### CAUTION:

- ***Do not shift gears without disengaging the clutch and closing the throttle. The engine and drive train could be damaged by overspeed and shock.***
- ***Do not tow the motorcycle or coast for long distances while the engine is off. The transmission will not be properly lubricated and damage may result.***
- ***Do not run the engine at high rpm with the transmission in neutral or the clutch lever pulled in. Serious engine damage may result.***

### NOTE:

- Be careful when revving the engine or accelerating in 1st or 2nd gear as the engine speed will easily enter the red bar.