# ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CONCEPTS (290)

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#### Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1. When traveling in a foreign country
  - a. it is not necessary to learn an appropriate greeting for the people you will be visiting
  - b. do not criticize the people or customs of the country you are visiting
  - c. dress casually regardless of the country you are visiting
  - d. remember that generally business is conducted more informally in other countries than it is in the United States
- 2. Business gifts
  - a. are always exchanged at business meetings in Spain and France
  - b. are usually expected in English-speaking countries
  - c. should be presented toward the end of your visit when doing business in Japan
  - d. are not appropriate in Filipino business culture
- 3. A U.S. passport
  - a. must be renewed in person
  - b. is valid for ten years from the date of issue
  - c. should be left in a hotel room for safekeeping when in a foreign country
  - d. is an approval granted by the U.S. government that permits a traveler to enter the United States

#### 4. A visa

- a. often appears as a stamped notation on a passport
- b. has rules and restrictions that vary from country to country
- c. may require a processing fee
- d. all the above
- 5. An itinerary
  - a. is usually provided by the agency when a travel agency makes travel arrangements
  - b. should not be prepared by an administrative assistant
  - c. is a travel schedule that gives flight numbers, hotel reservations, and other details
  - d. should be prepared after your employer has left for a business trip
- 6. While the executive is away on a trip, the administrative assistant
  - a. has no duties other than answering the telephone
  - b. should inform the executive about urgent messages or correspondence
  - c. should not schedule appointments for the executive
  - d. should collect all mail and keep it unopened for the executive
- 7. A document that gives a concise statement of a person's background, education, skills, and work experience is a
  - a. job report
  - b. resume
  - c. job board
  - d. job agent

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- 8. Applying for job openings that match your career goals in many organizations is a
  - a. traditional job search
  - b. targeted job search
  - c. functional job search
  - d. chronological search
- 9. A job search focused on a company rather than a position is a
  - a. traditional job search
  - b. targeted job search
  - c. functional job search
  - d. electronic job search
- 10. Employment agencies
  - a. are not found on the Web
  - b. are always state-sponsored, not private agencies
  - c. may charge a fee for their services
  - d. are found in every city for your convenience
- 11. When dressing for an interview
  - a. women should not wear jewelry
  - b. a handbag that matches a woman's shoes is not appropriate
  - c. men should not wear a tie
  - d. women should wear a two-piece business suit or a dress with a matching jacket
- 12. When interviewing for a job
  - a. plan to arrive at the interview site one hour early
  - b. try to make a positive impression on the receptionists and others waiting in the reception area
  - c. do not ask the interviewer questions about the job duties
  - d. do not ask questions about the financial health of the organization
- 13. When asked a tough question during an interview
  - a. try to avoid a direct answer if the question can hurt your chance of getting the position
  - b. explain your answer extensively
  - c. decline to answer the question
  - d. ask for another question
- 14. A follow-up letter
  - a. should be written immediately after an interview
  - b. should thank the person for the interview
  - c. can provide details that you failed to give during the interview
  - d. all the above

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- 15. Once you have accepted a job
  - a. you no longer need to worry about demonstrating your skills
  - b. refrain from showing initiative on the job
  - c. ask your supervisor for feedback on your performance on a regular basis
  - d. you no longer need to learn new skills
- 16. When evaluating a job offer
  - a. consider whether the company offers opportunity for advancement
  - b. salary is not an important consideration
  - c. the values of the organization need not be considered
  - d. disregard your impressions of the people you have met at the company
- 17. When using the block style letter, the date goes at the
  - a. right margin
  - b. left margin
  - c. center of page
  - d. below the inside address
- 18. An environment in which people do not trust one another and constantly attempt to defend their positions is called
  - a. a fortress culture
  - b. a global culture
  - c. a defense culture
  - d. none of the above
- 19. A person who hinders growth or stops an activity in an organization is called
  - a. a manager
  - b. a visionary
  - c. an inhibitor
  - d. a strategic leader
- 20. Wise people who take risks
  - a. do not waste time gathering information before taking a risk
  - b. envision what can be gained from the project being considered
  - c. are typically not open-minded
  - d. are not flexible
- 21. An effective leader
  - a. thinks all good ideas originate from him or her
  - b. supports individuals within the organization who share ideas
  - c. cannot easily take on a follower's role
  - d. knows he is in charge and likes his own ideas
- 22. Administrative assistants
  - a. need good organizational skills
  - b. do not train or supervise other employees
  - c. do not coordinate the work of others
  - d. should leave planning tasks to top-level managers

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- 23. Chronological filing is filing documents by
  - a. subject
  - b. geographical location
  - c. alphabetic order
  - d. most recent date
- 24. When evaluating employees
  - a. evaluate performance on a daily basis
  - b. provide feedback only during formal evaluation meetings
  - c. do not refer to the employee's job description
  - d. involve only other managers, not employees, in establishing job descriptions
- 25. The four standard parts to a memorandum are
  - a. To, From, Date, Comments
  - b. To, From, Signature, Date
  - c. To, From, Date, Subject
  - d. To, Subject, Date, From
- 26. The initials PDF is an acronym for
  - a. Portable Document File
  - b. Professional Document Format
  - c. Portable Document Format
  - d. Processing File Format
- 27. Which word is spelled correctly?
  - a. accomodations
  - b. accommodations
  - c. acommodations
  - d. accomdations
- 28. A Blog is short for
  - a. Biography
  - b. Bibliography
  - c. Search Engine
  - d. Web Log
- 29. A resume should be
  - a. written to sell you and your skills
  - b. at least five pages long
  - c. handwritten
  - d. a summary of your previous work experience
- 30. EOE in job advertising jargon is an abbreviation meaning:
  - a. Employee Options Expected
  - b. Exceptional Occupational Experience
  - c. Equal Opportunity Employer
  - d. Equal Opportunity Employee

- 31. Computer cookies are files that
  - a. add storage to the computer
  - b. clean up spam
  - c. corrupt the computer
  - d. Internet sites used for identification
- 32. When depositing a check into your account, what is the best type of endorsement to use? a. blank
  - b. full
  - c. outstanding
  - d. restrictive
- 33. When proofreading a document, the term "stet" means to
  - a. delete the original
  - b. leave the original
  - c. duplicate the original
  - d. repeat the original
- 34. Cover letters and resumes sent to companies which are not actively seeking new employees are referred to as
  - a. unpopular
  - b. unrequested
  - c. unnecessary
  - d. unsolicited
- 35. A detailed plan of a business trip is called an
  - a. itinerary
  - b. agenda
  - c. interrogatory
  - d. outline
- 36. A spreadsheet program is most likely to be used when you need to create a(n)
  - a. letter
  - b. report
  - c. expense report
  - d. presentation
- 37. In records management, when filing government names, the first three units are always a. Uniform Commercial Codes
  - b. United States Government
  - c. Government, United States
  - d. United States of America

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- 38. Written reports of board meetings are called
  - a. bylaws
  - b. minutes
  - c. charters
  - d. articles of incorporation
- 39. The best type of chart to use to show segments or pieces is the
  - a. flow chart
  - b. organization chart
  - c. pie chart
  - d. bar chart
- 40. The different segments in a record of a database are called
  - a. units
  - b. cells
  - c. columns
  - d. fields
- 41. A personalized message that is automatically inserted at the end of an e-mail
  - message is a. signature
  - b. auto text
  - c. complimentary close
  - d. inside address
- 42. Job references should
  - a. Be related to you
  - b. Include only 2-4 of your previous employers
  - c. Include at least 1 former employer
  - d. Include all of your previous employers
- 43. A plan you can follow that will lead to a position with more responsibility is a. resume
  - b. career path
  - c. job description
  - d. goals
- 44. A mentor's main job is to
  - a. get you a pay raise or promotion
  - b. guide and direct you in your new job
  - c. assist your employer with your performance appraisal
  - d. determine whether or not you will be promoted
- 45. If you feel good about yourself, you have
  - a. self-discipline
  - b. self-motivation
  - c. self-awareness
  - d. self-esteem

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- 46. When you hide your true feelings or attempt to create false impressions, you are using
  - a. repression
  - b. internal adjustment strategies
  - c. mask
  - d. attitude modification
- 47. Noise
  - a. enhances your listening ability
  - b. encourages communication
  - c. can be a barrier to listening
  - d. is a part of listening
- 48. When you cannot delivery on a promise to a customer, provide him or her with
  - a. reasons, not excuses
  - b. another promise
  - c. a free piece of merchandise
  - d. nothing
- 49. A person's integrity is a reflection of his or her
  - a. education
  - b. reasoning ability
  - c. ethics
  - d. ego
- 50. Benefits such as retirement, medical and life insurance, paid vacations, and others that a company offers its employees are known as
  - a. bonus benefits
  - b. fringe benefits
  - c. incentive benefits
  - d. overtime benefits