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Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1. In preparing a written motion or resolution, it is often advisable to:
 - A. allow the parliamentarian to write the resolution
 - B. allow the secretary to write the resolution
 - C. consult with members who can be of assistance in perfecting the resolution
 - D. allow no one except the seconder to know about the resolution
- 2. Where no more than quarterly time intervals elapse between sessions, an order of the day *cannot* be made for a time:
 - A. beyond the end of the next regular business session
 - B. beyond the end of the present session
 - C. during the next regular business session
 - D. none of the above are correct
- 3. Which motion can be renewed after progress in business?
 - A. Rescind
 - B. Adjourn
 - C. Postpone indefinitely
 - D. Question of privilege
- 4. Under certain circumstances, which of the following motions may become debatable?
 - A. Motion to create a blank
 - B. Motion to reopen the polls
 - C. Motion relating to nominations made while election is pending
 - D. Point of order
- 5. Incidental motions:
 - A. are classified as secondary motions
 - B. are debatable
 - C. are incidental to immediately pending motions only
 - D. have an assigned position in the order of precedence
- 6. Boards are:
 - A. a form of an assembly
 - B. empowered to delegate their authority
 - C. essentially large committees
 - D. not empowered to appoint committees
- 7. A recess of an assembly is
 - A. always a privileged motion
 - B. the same thing as an adjournment without day
 - C. a short intermission within a meeting
 - D. in order in the committee of the whole

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- 8. A session consists of:
 - A. several different meetings of the same society
 - B. caucuses of members of a delegation at a convention
 - C. a meeting or a series of connected meetings devoted to a single order of business
 - D. the morning or afternoon portion of an all-day meeting
- 9. The continued presence of a quorum in a meeting is presumed until:
 - A. the absence is noticed by a member who raises a point of order
 - B. all business is completed
 - C. it is waived by unanimous consent
 - D. notices are given
- 10. The first business in order after a mass meeting is called to order is:
 - A. reading the call of the meeting
 - B. election of a chairman
 - C. election of a secretary
 - D. adoption of a resolution expressing the sense of the mass meeting
- 11. In the absence of a rule establishing the method of voting:
 - A. the rule that is established by custom, if any, should be followed
 - B. the custom may not be changed at that time by the assembly
 - C. a ballot vote must be called for
 - D. a motion to create a blank which would take a 2/3 vote would decide
- 12. While members are speaking in debate, the presiding officer should:
 - A. be seated unless the view between him and the members would be obstructed
 - B. be inattentive to the speaker's remarks
 - C. remain standing
 - D. interrupt a speaker because he knows more about the matter
- 13. As an ex officio member of a committee, the president:
 - A. is not counted in determining the number required for a quorum
 - B. may not vote or make motions
 - C. must attend all committee meetings
 - D. need not be informed of meetings
- 14. If a parliamentarian is needed by an organization:
 - A. the assembly should elect the person
 - B. the board of directors should elect the person
 - C. the president should be free to appoint someone in whom he/she has confidence
 - D. the president, with the approval of the board of directors, should appoint the person
- 15. The executive committee is:
 - A. a committee within a committee
 - B. a board within a board
 - C. a subcommittee of the executive board upon adoption of a motion to that effect
 - D. one of the special committees

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- 16. Special rules of order:
 - A. modify the rules contained in the parliamentary authority
 - B. cannot conflict with the rules in the parliamentary authority
 - C. do not supersede any rules in the parliamentary authority
 - D. must be adopted separately and placed within the society's bylaws
- 17. Rules of order relate to:
 - A. details of the administration of a society
 - B. details of conventions only
 - C. the orderly transaction of business in meetings and to the duties of officers in that connection
 - D. disciplinary procedures only
- 18. Special meetings may be called only:
 - A. by the president
 - B. by the board of directors
 - C. if specified in the bylaws
 - D. by a certain number of members
- 19. Adopting or amending special rules of order placed within the bylaws requires:
 - A. a two-thirds vote
 - B. a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the organization
 - C. following the procedure for amending the bylaws
 - D. a majority vote
- 20. What vote is required for expulsion from membership?
 - A. a majority vote
 - B. a majority vote, after notice to the offending member
 - C. a unanimous vote of the members present
 - D. a two-thirds vote
- 21. When any paper is laid before the assembly for action:
 - A. if a member was absent from the hall, he may request it be read again
 - B. even if there is debate or amendment, it may not be read again
 - C. it is the right of every member that it be read once
 - D. a request may not be made to re-read, even for information
- 22. If a main motion is laid on the table:
 - A. all adhering questions go with it
 - B. a motion on a similar subject may be considered
 - C. it has the effect of setting aside the orders of the day
 - D. it has the effect of suspending the rules
- 23. Objection to the consideration of a question:
 - A. can be applied to main and subsidiary motions
 - B. can be applied to petitions and communications from a superior body
 - C. requires a two-thirds vote against consideration to sustain the objection
 - D. cannot be submitted by the presiding officer on his own initiative

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- 24. When a secondary motion is placed before the assembly, it:
 - A. becomes the immediately pending question
 - B. becomes the pending question
 - C. must be voted on before another motion can be made
 - D. is not debatable
- 25. A call for the orders of the day can interrupt a pending question:
 - A. if the neglect of a general order is involved
 - B. if the neglect of a special order is involved
 - C. if the neglect of a general or special order is involved
 - D. under no circumstances
- 26. After a member has been assigned the floor, but before he has begun to speak, it is in order to:
 - A. give notice of intent to introduce a motion requiring notice
 - B. move to amend something previously adopted
 - C. move to lay on the table the previously adopted motion
 - D. move to adjourn
- 27. The terms "chair" and "chairperson":
 - A. are not acceptable in any committee meeting
 - B. are acceptable when the presiding officer is female
 - C. are acceptable variations on the term Chairman
 - D. are not acceptable in a deliberative assembly
- 28. The chair calls for the Good of the Order:
 - A. before New Business
 - B. after the completion of New Business
 - C. before Unfinished Business
 - D. under New Business
- 29. The call to a mass meeting should include:
 - A. candidates for office, date, place, who is invited
 - B. who is invited, date, place, future dates, purpose
 - C. names of sponsors, date hour, place purpose, who is invited
 - D. chairman, place, date, hour, who is invited
- 30. The report of the credentials committee:
 - A. may be amended by substituting an entirely different roll of delegates
 - B. is not amendable
 - C. is amendable but is not debatable
 - D. may be amended by striking and inserting

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- 31. The motion to postpone indefinitely can be reconsidered when:
 - A. it has received a negative vote
 - B. it has received an affirmative vote
 - C. the main motion is reconsidered
 - D. the main motion is renewed
- 32. A motion to take a question from the table:
 - A. requires previous notice in the call of the meeting if taken up at a special meeting
 - B. requires a two-thirds vote
 - C. can be made when another question is pending
 - D. must be made by the member who moved to lay the question on the table
- 33. The motion to fix the time to which to adjourn:
 - A. adjourns this meeting
 - B. establishes the time for an adjourned meeting
 - C. sets the time for the adjournment of this meeting
 - D. is the same motion as to fix the time at which to adjourn
- 34. A motion that is pending after having been admitted as a question of privilege is:
 - A. a privileged motion
 - B. not debatable
 - C. not amendable
 - D. treated as a main motion
- 35. The chair may make the motion to:
 - A. postpone indefinitely
 - B. reconsider
 - C. amend
 - D. object to the consideration of the question
- 36. A nominating committee, when selecting nominees for candidacy:
 - A. should contact members whom it wishes to place in nomination for office before the meeting of the nominating committee
 - B. may nominate more than one candidate for an office unless the bylaws prohibit it
 - C. may not nominate for office any member of the nominating committee
 - D. may not nominate more than one candidate for each office
- 37. If the committee of the whole originates a resolution, it concludes by voting to:
 - A. recommend that the resolution be committed to a standing committee
 - B. recommend pertinent amendments to the assembly
 - C. adopt the resolution subject to ratification by the assembly
 - D. report the resolution as perfected
- 38. A committee that ceases to exist when the assembly receives its final report is:
 - A. a committee on protocol
 - B. a standing committee
 - C. membership committee
 - D. a special committee

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- 39. A motion to consider informally may be applied to:
 - A. any debatable motion that is introduced
 - B. the main motion and its amendments
 - C. the main motion only
 - D. the main motion and any debatable subsidiaries
- 40. As an alternative to voting by voice, a vote by show of hands:
 - A. can be used in small boards or committees
 - B. cannot be used in assemblies
 - C. may not be used to verify an inconclusive voice vote
 - D. may be used for a division of the assembly
- 41. The preferred wording of the chair when putting the question is:
 - A. Those in favor of the motion, say aye. Those opposed, say no.
 - B. All those in favor, please say aye. All those opposed, like sign.
 - C. All in favor, please say aye. All opposed, say nay.
 - D. As many as are in favor, say aye. As many as are opposed, same sign.
- 42. A question is pending and the meeting is adjourned. At the next meeting, where on the agenda will that question be placed?
 - A. Right after the approval of the minutes
 - B. Unfinished Business
 - C. Orders of the Day
 - D. Right after the Reports of the Officers
- 43. Motions to obtain a quorum are treated as:
 - A. privileged motions
 - B. incidental motions
 - C. original main motions
 - D. incidental main motions
- 44. The program:
 - A. should follow the end of the order of business
 - B. must precede the business meeting in case members wish to take action
 - C. should be given after the meeting has adjourned
 - D. may be proceeded to at any time during the meeting by special rule or practice
- 45. Which heading in the usual order of business is the only one generally needed for a mass meeting?
 - A. Reports of Officers
 - B. Election of Chairman
 - C. Reports of Special Committees
 - D. New Business

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- 46. If a member is elected to an office and declines the election:
 - A. the person receiving the next highest votes is named to the office
 - B. there must be further notice for election at the next meeting
 - C. the election is incomplete and another vote can be taken immediately
 - D. the rules "to fill a vacancy" apply
- 47. The report of the nominating committee:
 - A. may be amended
 - B. should be adopted
 - C. is not adopted
 - D. may not include as a nominee a member of the committee
- 48. Unanimous consent:
 - A. implies that every member is in favor of the proposed action
 - B. should not be used, even in routine business
 - C. may mean that the opposition acquiesces
 - D. is not the same as general consent
- 49. If members abstain from voting:
 - A. they may express their reasons for not voting
 - B. they must explain their reasons for not voting
 - C. an explanation of the reasons for not voting is not required, nor allowed
 - D. the number of abstentions is counted and recorded in the minutes
- 50. When the vice-president presides and the president is also on the platform, how is the vice-president addressed?
 - A. Mister/Madam Vice-President
 - B. Mister/Madam President
 - C. Mister/Madam Chairman
 - D. Mister/Madam Speaker