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### **Multiple Choice**

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

- 1. The *call* of a meeting is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. notice of a special meeting
  - B. demand by the presiding officer for the meeting to begin
  - C. written notice of the time and place of the meeting which is sent to all members in advance
  - D. verbal notice of the time and place of the meeting at least one year prior to the date of the meeting
- 2. An *assembly* is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. session of an executive board of a larger organization
  - B. special meeting of the members of an organization
  - C. body of people who come together as a group
  - D. series of meetings
- 3. An assembly of delegates normally chosen for one session is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. mass meeting
  - B. board
  - C. convention
  - D. standing committee
- 4. A corporate charter should be drafted by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the first officers of an organization
  - B. a special committee
  - C. an attorney
  - D. the Constitution Committee of the organization
- 5. The term *rules of order* refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. rules of parliamentary procedure
  - B. agenda
  - C. adopted bylaws
  - D. general order of business
- 6. Special rules of order \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. should be adopted as part of the bylaws
  - B. cannot be suspended
  - C. should be adopted separately from the bylaws
  - D. should be voted on by the officers before being proposed to the organization
- 7. The *minimum affirmative* vote to adopt a standing rule at any business meeting is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. two-thirds with previous notice
  - B. two-thirds without previous notice
  - C. a majority without previous notice
  - D. a majority and mandatory previous notice

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- 8. The president or chief officer of an organized society who normally presides at its meetings is addressed as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "Mr. or Madam Vice President"
  - B. "Mr. or Madam President"
  - C. "Mr. or Madam Presiding Officer"
  - D. "Mr. or Madam President pro tem" or "Mr. or Madam Chairperson"
- 9. When a member "has the floor", this means that \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. anyone else in the assembly may speak from their seat
  - B. a main motion need not be seconded
  - C. another member may also stand and make a motion
  - D. recognition has been received from the chair
- 10. Main motions should start with the words \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "I move that ..."
  - B. "I so move ... "
  - C. "I wish to move ... "
  - D. "I motion that ..."
- 11. The formal parliamentary name given to any form of discussion of the merits of a motion is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. a discussion
  - B. an argument
  - C. a debate
  - D. speaking
- 12. Calling a meeting to order is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. always completed after the minutes are read
  - B. the first item of business
  - C. not part of the order of business
  - D. always done by the vice-president
- 13. After a main motion has been made, another member, without obtaining the floor and who wishes the motion to be considered, says \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "I second the motion"
  - B. "I second it"
  - C. "Second"
  - D. Any of the above
- 14. Which one of the following statements is true?
  - A. A main motion must always be in writing when it comes from an ad hoc committee.
  - B. A motion should never be in writing.
  - C. The chair can require that a main motion be in writing.
  - D. The secretary can demand that a main motion should always be in writing.

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- 15. How long can a member speak each time on a pending motion unless permission is given by the assembly or it is outlined differently in the bylaws?
  - A. Two minutes
  - B. Five minutes
  - C. Ten minutes
  - D. None of the above
- 16. A debatable motion is placed on the floor and is opened for debate after the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. member who seconded the motion speaks for it
  - B. motion has been stated by the chair
  - C. member makes the motion
  - D. motion has been seconded
- 17. A chairman may take an affirmative vote by saying \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "All those in favor say aye"
  - B. "All in favor, say aye"
  - C. "Those in favor of the motion, say aye"
  - D. Any of the above
- 18. The term *unanimous consent* is also called \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. consensus by silence
  - B. assembly consent
  - C. general consent
  - D. quorum consent

19. What would you do as chairman of an assembly of about one hundred members if you couldn't determine the result of an uncounted rising vote?

- A. Ask for a vote by a show of hands.
- B. Take a vote by ballot.
- C. Take a vote by having each member stand and announce his or her vote.
- D. Take a counted, rising vote.
- 20. If a member wishes a voice vote to be retaken as a rising vote, he/she may call out, without obtaining the floor, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "I doubt the result of the vote"
  - B. "Division"
  - C. "I call for a division"
  - D. Any of the above
- 21. One feature of main motions is that they \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. can be made when other main motions are pending
  - B. rank the highest in the order of precedence of motions
  - C. are classified as one of the secondary motion
  - D. bring business before the assembly

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- 22. Which motion below is the highest ranking privileged motion?
  - A. Raise a Question of Privilege
  - B. Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn
  - C. Call for the Orders of the Day
  - D. Recess
- 23. One characteristic of subsidiary motions is that they are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. always applied to another motion after they are voted on
  - B. the highest ranking of all motions
  - C. applied to any main motion
  - D. only applied to a main motion after it has been amended
- 24. Motions that do *not* relate to the pending business, but are so important that they may interrupt anything else are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. main motions
  - B. privileged motions
  - C. subsidiary motions
  - D. incidental motions
- 25. A subsidiary motion to *Lay on the Table* takes precedence over \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the motion to Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn
  - B. all privileged motions
  - C. all subsidiary motions
  - D. the motion to adjourn
- 26. Which one of the following motions is an incidental motion?
  - A. Recess
  - B. Extend Debate
  - C. Appeal
  - D. Postpone to a Certain Time
- 27. The term *meeting* means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. a single official gathering of the members of an organization
  - B. all of the sessions of a convention
  - C. a quarterly gathering of members of an organization
  - D. an official assembly of only the officers of an organization
- 28. A society's meeting being held on September 21 cannot complete all its business. A member makes a motion to adjourn until October 21, and it is adopted. The new meeting date would be considered a (an) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. regular meeting
  - B. special meeting
  - C. adjourned meeting
  - D. called meeting

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- 29. How many standard characteristics are used to describe motions?
  - A. 4
  - B. 8
  - C. 12
  - D. 16
- 30. Which one of the following statements is *false* regarding the motion to *Postpone to a Certain Time*?
  - A. It has the same effect as the motion to *Postpone Indefinitely*.
  - B. It allows action on a pending motion to be put off.
  - C. It can be moved regardless of how much debate there has been on the motion it proposed to postpone.
  - D. It is debatable and requires a majority vote to be adopted.
- 31. The term *adjournment sine die* refers to the close of a session of several meetings \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. to meet later in committees
  - B. and that it is the final adjournment of the assembly
  - C. so that the officers can meet in executive session
  - D. and that it is an adjourned meeting
- 32. An *original main motion* is a main motion that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. amends another motion
  - B. introduces a substantive question as a new subject
  - C. is related to the business of the assembly or its past or future action
  - D. allows the maker of the motion to serve as chairman if it is referred to a committee
- 33. One form of amending is to *Insert*. This means that a word to be inserted is always placed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. between other words
  - B. at the end of the motion
  - C. at the beginning of the motion
  - D. after the first word
- 34. Which motion below would you use at a meeting to stop debate immediately and vote on a pending question?
  - A. Question of Privilege
  - B. Division of the Question
  - C. Previous Question
  - D. Reconsider the Question
- 35. A resolution should *always* be submitted \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. with "Whereas" clauses
  - B. by a committee
  - C. in writing
  - D. by general consent

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- 36. A *special meeting* is convened to consider items specified in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. call of the meeting
  - B. bylaws
  - C. standing rules
  - D. announcement made at the previous meeting
- 37. Main motions are *not* in order which \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. conflict with national laws
  - B. conflict with or present the same question as one which has been temporarily but not finally disposed of
  - C. propose action outside the scope of the organization's bylaws or charter unless authorized by a two-thirds vote
  - D. All of the above
- 38. Rejection of the subsidiary motion to Amend leaves the pending motion \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. rejected also
  - B. worded as it was before the amendment was made
  - C. closed for additional debate
  - D. postponed to the next regular meeting
- 39. After debate seems to have ended on a main motion, the chairman makes sure that no one else wishes to speak by asking \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. "Are there any questions?"
  - B. "Are you ready for the question?" or "Is there any further debate?"
  - C. "Are there any questions that members wish to ask the maker of the motion?"
  - D. the maker of the motion for permission to take a voice vote.
- 40. Previous notice can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. given orally if necessary at a meeting when a motion is pending
  - B. given orally when another member has the floor but has not begun to speak
  - C. sent by mail
  - D. All of the above
- 41. The motion to *Postpone Indefinitely* can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. be laid on the table
  - B. go to the committee with the main motion
  - C. be moved only when the main motion is pending
  - D. be applied to all subsidiary motions
- 42. The primary purpose of using the subsidiary motion to *Amend* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. eliminate the main purpose of the main motion
  - B. modify the wording of a pending motion
  - C. lengthen the debate time on the main motion
  - D. call for an immediate vote on the original main motion

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- 43. An amendment to a primary amendment is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. secondary motion
  - B. secondary amendment
  - C. third degree amendment
  - D. first degree amendment
- 44. In amending a motion by *striking out* separate words, the best method is to make a motion to strike out \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the separate words
  - B. one word and then immediately make another motion to strike out the other word
  - C. the entire clause containing the separated words and insert a new clause
  - D. the entire motion and substitute a new motion
- 45. The chief advantage of committees is that they allow greater freedom of debate on motions. This means that members can speak \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. three times on each topic
  - B. only two times, but as long as they wish
  - C. on motions even after they are adopted
  - D. as many times as they wish
- 46. A special committee appointed with power means that the committee \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. must report to the assembly before acting
  - B. can act for the society in all cases that are similar
  - C. can act for the society in specific cases
  - D. must meet until all committee members agree on a solution to their assigned task
- 47. The subsidiary motion to *Limit Debate* can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. postponed to a certain time
  - B. applied to a series of undebatable motions
  - C. laid on the table
  - D. applied to any immediately pending debatable motion
- 48. The motion to *Postpone to* a *Certain Time* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. always includes a clock time
  - B. if adopted, makes the item postponed a special order
  - C. when a subsidiary motion, is debatable, amendable and may be reconsidered
  - D. is identical to Lay on the Table except for terminology
- 49. Which statement below is *true* regarding the subsidiary motion to move the *Previous Question*?
  - A. A second is not needed.
  - B. The chairman must call on members for and against this motion when it is debated.
  - C. It does not prevent the making of privileged or incidental motions.
  - D. It is in order when another member has the floor.

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50. The motion to *Lay on the Table* enables an assembly to lay a pending question aside \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. temporarily when something else of immediate urgency has arisen
- B. to consider any motion decided upon by the chairman
- C. so that the assembly may conduct a standing vote
- D. so that it can be brought up as a general order al the next meeting