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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- 1. Which of the following would not be classified as a principal type of deliberative assembly?
 - A. Legislative body
 - B. Convention
 - C. Board
 - D. Committee
- 2. What is the legal document that gives the name and object of a society and also other information as required by law?
 - A. Parliamentary authority
 - B. Constitution
 - C. Bylaws
 - D. Corporate Charter
- 3. The minimum size of a governing board for an organization is
 - A. 4.
 - B. 8.
 - C. 12.
 - D. None or the above. Boards have no minimum size and are usually smaller than assemblies.

4. Members of a *deliberative assembly*

- A. must debate all motions.
- B. may vote only if their dues are paid.
- C. have the right to make motions, participate in debate, and vote.
- D. can stop debate on any motion by yelling out "Question!"
- 5. A standing rule remains in effect until
 - A. rescinded or amended.
 - B. the end of the meeting.
 - C. the member who proposed the rule withdraws it.
 - D. the parliamentarian decides it has no value for the organization.
- 6. During a regular meeting, the presiding officer refers to himself/herself as
 - A. "I."
 - B. "your presiding officer."
 - C. "the chair."
 - D. "the president."
- 7. Except for the corporate charter in an incorporated society, the highest body of rules are the
 - A. bylaws.
 - B. standing rules.
 - C. laws of the federal government.
 - D. parliamentary authority of the society.

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- 8. The minimum affirmative vote necessary to adopt or amend special rules of order that are separate from the bylaws is
 - A. a majority of those present.
 - B. two-thirds without previous notice.
 - C. a majority of the entire membership with notice.
 - D. two-thirds with previous notice or a vote of a majority of the entire membership.
- 9. In the standard order of business, the reports of officers are presented
 - A. only as time allows.
 - B. immediately before new business.
 - C. immediately after approval of the minutes.
 - D. just before the program begins.
- 10. A member addressing the chair to claim the floor when the names of the members are *not* known should
 - A. raise his/her hand.
 - B. state his/her name and appropriate identifying information.
 - C. wait until the presiding officer asks his/her name.
 - D. wait until the secretary notifies the presiding officer of his/her name before speaking.
- 11. Which one of the following subsidiary motions is debatable?
 - A. Lay on the Table
 - B. Postpone to a Certain Time
 - C. Previous Question
 - D. Limit or Extend Limits of Debate
- 12. Which one of the following motions is *not* debatable but is amendable?
 - A. Lay on the Table
 - B. Commit or Refer
 - C. Postpone Indefinitely
 - D. Limit or Extend Limits of Debate
- 13. Unless the motion to *Limit or Extend Limits of Debate* is adopted by unanimous consent, the chair puts it to a vote by
 - A. rising.
 - B. a ballot.
 - C. raising of hands.
 - D. voice.
- 14. If a motion for the *Previous Question* fails to gain the necessary votes,
 - A. debate is stopped on it.
 - B. the motion to which it was applied is lost.
 - C. debate continues on the pending motion as if this motion had not been made.
 - D. members may not ask the maker of the motion questions directly for the duration of the meeting.
- 15. Business is brought before an assembly by a member making a formal proposal called a/(n)
 - A. agenda.
 - B. motion.
 - C. order.
 - D. memorandum.

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- 16. The member who proposes a main motion has the right to speak in debate
 - A. first.
 - B. first and last.
 - C. three different times.
 - D. last.
- 17. What is the proper order of steps in considering a main motion?
 - A. Members debate, the chair puts the question, and the chair announces the voting results.
 - B. The chair puts the question, members debate, and the chair announces the results of the voting.
 - C. The chair puts the question, the chair announces the results of the voting, and members debate.
 - D. Members debate, the chair announces the voting results, and the chair puts the question.
- 18. Motions proposed in small boards or committees
 - A. Must be seconded.
 - B. may be seconded by the maker of the motion.
 - C. need not be seconded.
 - D. must be seconded by the presiding officer.
- 19. Unless there is a rule to the contrary, a member may speak
 - A. once during the same day.
 - B. twice during the same day.
 - C. three times on the same motion on the same day.
 - D. twice on the same motion on the same day.
- 20. The statement by the chair, "Are you ready for the question?" means the
 - A. assembly may not debate the pending question.
 - B. assembly must decide if it is ready to ask questions.
 - C. members may debate the pending question.
 - D. members may ask the maker of the motion questions.
- 21. The basic form of motion by which business is introduced is a(n)
 - A. main motion.
 - B. incidental main motion.
 - C. privileged motion.
 - D. subsidiary motion.
- 22. If there is a tie vote on a motion and the chair does not vote, the chair
 - A. must take another vote.
 - B. must vote to break the tie.
 - C. declares that the motion is lost.
 - D. declares the motion is adopted.
- 23. If a rising vote is not decisive, a counted vote can be ordered by
 - A. anyone in attendance without a second.
 - B. the secretary.
 - C. the chair or the assembly.
 - D. the parliamentarian.

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- 24. Which vote on a motion is always taken *first* by the presiding officer?
 - A. Affirmative
 - B. Negative
 - C. Abstentions
 - D. Neutral

25. Which one of the following is not an incidental motion?

- A. Point of Order
- B. Parliamentary Inquiry
- C. Postpone Indefinitely
- D. Division of The Assembly

26. The motion to Limit or Extend Limits of Debate may be used to

- A. permit more or longer speeches.
- B. limit the length of speeches.
- C. allow more speeches per member.
- D. All or the above.
- 27. The lowest ranking privileged motion is
 - A. Raise a Question of Privilege
 - B. *Recess*
 - C. Call For the Orders of the Day
 - D. Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn
- 28. A committee that is given "full power" to act for an organization can be authorized to
 - A. spend money for the society.
 - B. add more members to its membership.
 - C. act for the society in a certain case.
 - D. All of the above.
- 29. Incidental motions
 - A. have an order of precedence within themselves.
 - B. are all not in order if another member has the floor.
 - C. usually deal with questions of procedure arising out of another pending motion.
 - D. are the highest ranking motion in the order of precedence and therefore are adopted without a vote.
- 30. The subsidiary motion to *Postpone to a Certain Time* takes precedence over the motion to
 - A. Adjourn.
 - B. *Limit Debate*.
 - C. Lay on the Table.
 - D. Amend.
- 31. If a member doubts the accuracy of the chair's announcement of a voice vote or a vote by a show of hands, which motion below can be called to obtain a standing vote?
 - A. Point of Order
 - B. Division of the Assembly
 - C. Parliamentary Inquiry
 - D. Request for Information

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- 32. A parliamentary inquiry may be used at a meeting to
 - A. request the chair's opinion on a matter of parliamentary procedure as it relates to the business at hand.
 - B. inquire about the facts of the pending business.
 - C. require that the chairman conduct a counted standing vote.
 - D. introduce a new parliamentary authority to be considered.
- 33. The standard descriptive characteristic dealing with the vote on a motion indicates
 - A. what vote is required for adoption.
 - B. when the president may vote.
 - C. when debate is allowed before the voting takes place.
 - D. the method of voting that must be taken.
- 34. Bylaws and special rules of order contain
 - A. the eight steps to process main motions.
 - B. the provisions that are expected to have stability from session to session.
 - C. detailed directions for the presiding officer on how to handle disciplinary problems.
 - D. all the instances when members may appeal the decision of the chair.
- 35. The motion to Lay on the Table
 - A. can be debated if the chairman allows the maker of the motion to speak first.
 - B. kills the motion and avoids a direct vote on it.
 - C. can be amended.
 - D. sets the pending question aside temporarily and there is no set time for taking up the matter again.
- 36. All subsidiary motions can be applied to
 - A. an original main motion.
 - B. a point of order.
 - C. themselves.
 - D. third degree amendments.
- 37. When an amendment to a main motion is adopted, the motion that was amended
 - A. is also adopted.
 - B. is voted on immediately.
 - C. remains pending.
 - D. is postponed to the next regular meeting or until the adopted amendment is acted on.
- 38. An incidental main motion
 - A. can be made only with the permission of the assembly.
 - B. is in order if an original main motion is the immediate pending question.
 - C. proposes an action that is defined under parliamentary law and described by a particular parliamentary term.
 - D. is the same as a main motion, except it only can be proposed when an incidental motion is pending.
- 39. A meeting that is in continuation of the immediately preceding regular or special meeting is a(n)
 - A. regular meeting.
 - B. special meeting.
 - C. adjourned meeting.
 - D. annual meeting.

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- 40. Another name for a "special meeting" is a
 - A. "regular meeting."B. "stated meeting."

 - C. "session."
 - D. "called meeting."
- 41. After a main motion has been made and before the question has been stated by the chair,
 - A. any member can rise and informally suggest changes to the maker of the motion.
 - B. the chairman can insist on changes and implement them without a vote.
 - C. changes are not allowed because the motion is the property of the assembly.
 - D. any member can make changes without the permission of the maker of the motion, since it is not the property of the assembly.
- 42. Previous notice may be given
 - A. only by members of the executive board.
 - B. by charter members.
 - C. by any member present at a meeting.
 - D. by anyone present at a meeting.
- 43. The motion to *Ratify* is a motion to
 - A. delay action.
 - B. reconsider previous action.
 - C. repeal previous action.
 - D. confirm.
- 44. Which motion below would you propose if you wanted to kill a pending main motion and avoid a vote on it for the rest of a meeting?
 - A. *Postpone Indefinitely*
 - B. Postpone to a Certain Time
 - C. Rescind
 - D. Reconsider
- 45. The motion to *Postpone Indefinitely* can be reconsidered when it has received a(n)
 - A. plurality vote.
 - B. negative vote.
 - C. affirmative vote.
 - D. tie vote.
- 46. If you were chairman, what would you do after the motion for the Previous Question was adopted on a primary amendment?
 - A. Declare that the amendment is adopted.
 - B. Vote on the motion that the amendment was applied to.
 - C. Call for a vote on the amendment.
 - D. Ask for more debate on the amendment.
- 47. A substitute motion offered for a main motion is a(n)
 - A. third degree amendment.
 - B. incidental motion.
 - C. primary amendment.
 - D. incidental main motion.

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- 48. The motion to Refer to a Committee can be applied to
 - A. Points of Order.
 - B. Main Motions.
 - C. All Secondary Motions.
 - D. Privileged Motions.
- 49. In organizations that hold regular business sessions as often as quarterly, a question laid on the table remains there until taken from the table or until the end of the
 - A. executive session.
 - B. next regular session.
 - C. next special meeting.
 - D. current session.

50. In an assembly that meets as often as quarterly, a question

- A. can be postponed beyond the end of the next session.
- B. cannot be postponed beyond the end of the next session.
- C. cannot be postponed beyond the end of the present session.
- D. cannot be postponed at all.