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Question #1

Targeting is an act by any player who takes aim and initiates contact against an opponent above the shoulders with the helmet, forearm, hand, fist, elbow or shoulders.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #2

No defensive player shall commit any illegal personal contact foul listed in Rule 9-4-3 against the passer.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #3

The game officials shall assume authority for the contest, including penalizing unsportsmanlike acts, 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time - an earlier time if required by the state association.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #4

Face tackling is an act by any player who initiates contact against an opponent at the shoulders or below with the crown (top portion) of his helmet.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #5

The referee shall have the authority to correct the number of the next down prior to the ball becoming live after a new series of downs is awarded.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #6

Illegal helmet contact may not be judged a flagrant act by the game official.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #7

No player or nonplayer shall make any other contact with an opponent, including a defenseless player, which is deemed unnecessary or excessive and which incites roughness.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #8

The accidental touching of a loose ball by a player who was blocked into the ball is ignored and does not constitute a new force.

- A. True
- B. False

Question #9

A defenseless player is a player who, because of his physical position and focus of concentration, is especially vulnerable to injury.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #10

When the ball is loose following an illegal kick, it does not retain the same status as prior to the illegal kick.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #11

If a free kick goes out of bounds between the goal lines touched inbounds by R, the ball is put in play by R at the inbounds spot.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #12

Blocking is obstructing an opponent by contacting him with any part of the blocker's body.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #13

Initial force results from a carry, fumble, kick, pass, snap or muff.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #14

Any act that is clearly intended to cause B to encroach is an unsportsmanlike foul.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #15

At the time the ball is kicked, at least four K players must be on each side of the kicker.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #16

By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform without compromising its integrity.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #17

An unofficial auxiliary down indicator may be used, but it must be operated approximately 2 yards outside the sideline (except in stadiums where the total playing enclosure does not permit) opposite the official line-to-gain and down indicators.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #18

A free kick must be used following a safety.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #19

Ball-colored helmets are legal player equipment.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #20

If the helmet comes completely off during subsequent dead-ball action related to the down, and is not directly attributable to a foul by the opponent, the player must leave the game for at least one down (unless halftime or overtime intermission occurs).

- a. True
- b. False

Question #21

If a player does not have a helmet that met the NOCSAE test standards when manufactured, he may participate, but a 5-yard penalty shall be enforced.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #22

When any required equipment is missing, correction must be made before participation.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #23

Between the first and second periods and between the third and fourth periods, the teams may or may not change goals.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #24

If there was an inadvertent whistle during the last timed down of the period, the period is not extended by an untimed down.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #25

A period shall not be extended by an untimed down if, during a down in which time expires, fouls for which enforcement, by rule, result in a safety.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #26

State high school associations may determine the length of halftimes, provided it is not less than 10 minutes and not more than 20 minutes.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #27

The period shall be extended if, during a down in which time expires, B1 commits an unsportsmanlike foul and the penalty is accepted.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #28

Giving an invalid fair-catch signal carries a 15-yard penalty.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #29

Only the receiver who gives a valid fair-catch signal is afforded protection.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #30

Only one receiver may give a signal for a fair catch while any legal kick is in flight.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #31

A fair-catch signal given by a receiver in his own end zone is not a foul.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #32

It is illegal for R1 to fair-catch a free kick in the neutral zone.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #33

It is a field goal even though part of the ball passes through the line of the upright extended.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #34

A field goal may be scored by a free kick following a safety.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #35

During a field-goal attempt, not during a try, the ball becomes dead when it is obvious the kick has apparently failed.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #36

A backward pass is a pass thrown with its initial direction parallel with or toward the runner's end line.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #37

If runner A1, who is beyond the neutral zone, tosses the ball forward, he has thrown an illegal forward pass.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #38

There can be no pass interference, or ineligible down field, if the pass does not cross the neutral zone.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #39

Pass eligibility rules apply equally to both legal and illegal forward passes as well as backward passes.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #40

A multiple foul is one or more live-ball fouls by each team resulting in offsetting penalties.

- a. True
- b. False.

Question #41

Grasping the tooth and mouth protector attached to the face mask is not a foul.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #42

A foul is a result imposed by rule against a team or team member that has committed a penalty.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #43

A nonplayer foul may influence the play in progress.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #44

If B1 intercepts and is downed; and then A1 and A2 both pile on, it is a multiple foul.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #45

If both teams commit fouls during the same dead-ball period and the second foul is committed prior to the enforcement of the first foul, it is a double foul.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #46

A free kick which goes out of bounds belongs to the kicking team.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #47

If K1 is first to touch a free kick between the free-kick lines, such touching is ignored.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #48

A punt may be used as a free kick following a fair catch.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #49

A place-kick following an awarded fair catch may score a field goal.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #50

A player cannot fumble before gaining possession.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #51

A dead ball may become live only by a legal snap or free kick.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #52

Penalties are either 5, 10 or 15 yards.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #53

Illegal participation can be a nonplayer foul.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #54

The clock shall start with the snap, if the clock was stopped because of an inadvertent whistle.\

- a. True
- b. False

Question #55

It is illegal participation if any player intentionally goes out of bounds and returns during the down.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #56

Kick-catching interference carries a 15-yard penalty plus a loss of down.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #57

Following a change of possession, if an inadvertent whistle is sounded, the down must be replayed.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #58

A coach who has been disqualified may not have further direct or indirect contact with his/her team during the remainder of the game.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #59

If a loss-of-down foul by A occurs during a successful try, there is no score and the down is replayed.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #60

If a foul occurs during a running play, the basic spot is the spot where the related run ends.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #61

A foul that occurs simultaneously with the snap is an exception to the all-but-one enforcement principle.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #62

A scrimmage kick recovered in or behind the neutral zone may not be advanced by K or R.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #63

It is not illegal participation if A1 immediately returns to the field and makes a block after being blocked or pushed out of bounds by B1.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #64

It is illegal participation for a disqualified player to re-enter the game.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #65

The down is replayed if an inadvertent whistle sounds during the snap.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #66

The referee's decision to forfeit a game is final.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #67

A false start is always a dead-ball foul.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #68

The horizontal crossbar and the uprights above it shall be free of all decorations other than paint, which is recommended to be either silver, white or yellow.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #69

The referee is the final judge as to the legality of the game ball.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #70

The bottom edge of the crossbar shall be 10 feet above the ground.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #71

If K's blocked punt strikes the ground and is then forced into K's end zone by R2 and recovered there by R3, it is a touchback.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #72

On kicks entering R's end zone, the determination of force dictates whether it is a touchback or a safety.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #73

Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a safety.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #74

It is a safety if A1 retreats into A's end zone and fumbles the ball beyond the end line.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #75

No single charged time-out shall exceed one minute.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #76

The clock shall be stopped when an illegal forward pass is incomplete.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #77

An official's time-out can be called for unusual heat or humidity situations.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #78

A clock will start with the ready-for-play following a television time-out.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #79

The clock shall not start on first touching by K.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #80

After the ball goes out of bounds, the clock always starts with the ready-for-play.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #81

When the ball becomes dead following a fourth down, the clock must be stopped.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #82

A signal to end a period shall be sounded when time expires (clock indicates 0:00) during the down.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #83

If a free kick is repeated due to a foul, the clock shall start when the free kick is touched, other than first touching by K.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #84

The batting of a pass, kick or fumble in flight is not considered a new force for judging whether a touchback or safety results.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #85

It is not a touchback when a forward pass is intercepted in B's end zone and becomes dead there in B's possession.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #86

When a try is replayed, the snap may be from any point between the hash marks on the yard line through the spot of the ball.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #87

It is a touchdown for A when a live ball in A1's possession breaks the vertical plane of B's goal line.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #88

It is a touchdown for A if A1 fumbles into B's end zone and A2 is the last to touch the ball prior to its going out of bounds beyond the end line.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #89

If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game or playoff qualifying.

- a. True
- b. False

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Question #90

First touching applies to K only.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #91

Yard lines shall be marked with a continuous line every 5 yards beginning and ending _____ from each sideline.

- a. 1 inch
- b. 2 inches
- c. 4 inches
- d. 6 inches

Question #92

An act by any player who initiates contact with the front of his helmet against an opponent who is not a runner is:

- a. Face Tackling
- b. Spearing
- c. Butt Blocking
- d. None of the above.

Question #93

When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the crew of game officials is authorized to:

- a. cancel the game.
- b. delay or suspend the game.
- c. forfeit the game.
- d. None of the above.

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Question #94

The ball becomes dead and the down ends when:

- a. A game official sounds their whistle inadvertently.
- b. The helmet comes completely off of a player who is in possession of the ball.
- c. A live ball goes out of bounds.
- d. Any of the above.
- e. None of the above.

Question #95

A free kick is not repeated unless:

- a. A foul occurs prior to a change of possession and the penalty acceptance requires a replay of the down.
- b. There is a double foul.
- c. There is an inadvertent whistle during the kick.
- d. Any of the above.
- e. None of the above.

Question #96

For any free kick, a free-kick line, corresponding to a scrimmage line, is established for each team. These lines are always 10 yards apart. Unless moved by a penalty, K's free-kick line is:

- a. Its 40-yard line for a kickoff.
- b. Its 20-yard line after a safety.
- c. Any of the above.
- d. None of the above.

Question #97

The penalty for failure to properly wear mandatory equipment during the down is:

- a. 5 yards, succeeding spot.
- b. 5 yards, previous spot.
- c. 10 yards, succeeding spot.
- d. 10 yards, previous spot.
- e. 15 yards, basic spot.

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Question #98

The penalty for an illegal forward pass from beyond the neutral zone is:

- a. 5-yard penalty and loss of down
- b. 10-yard penalty and loss of down
- c. 15-yard penalty and loss of down
- d. None of the above

Question #99

The following fouls by B give A an automatic first down:

- a. Roughing the kicker or holder.
- b. Roughing the passer.
- c. Roughing the snapper.
- d. Any of the above.
- e. None of the above.

Question #100

With first and 10 from A's 10-yard line, A1 drops back into his end zone, where he is tackled by a pulling of the face mask/helmet opening and fumbles. The ball rolls out of bounds at A's 5-yard line. What is the ruling?

- a. Following penalty administration, it will be A's ball, first and 10 at A's 10-yard line.
- b. Following penalty administration, it will be A's ball, first and 10 at A's 15-yard line.
- c. Following penalty administration, it will be A's ball, first and 10 at A's 20-yard line.
- d. Following penalty administration, it will be A's ball, first and 10 at A's 25-yard line.