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OFFICIATING EXAM

Read the following questions and circle the correct answer. **Circle only one answer**. 25 correct answers and $30 dues are required to become a Registered member of the South Dakota Umpires Association.

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- All rules-based questions are per the Official Rules of Baseball (MLB) unless noted otherwise.
- All mechanics-based questions are per the SDUA 2-Umpire Mechanics & Tips.
- Runners are denoted by an "R" with the base occupied at the time of pitch. R1 = Runner at 1st Base.
- Fielders are denoted by an "F" with their fielding position. F1 = Pitcher.
- PU=Plate Umpire, BU=Base Umpire.

1. In determining whether a ball is fair or foul the umpire judges the exact position of:
   A. The fielder's feet.   B. The ball.
   C. The fielder's body.   D. The fielder's glove.

2. A batter is called out when he fails to bat in the proper order:
   A. Immediately.   B. After his time at bat.
   C. On appeal.   D. He is not called out.

3. F5 catches a foul pop-up, then falls over the fence in foul territory and out of the field of play:
   A. The ball is dead. No Runners advance.
   B. The ball is dead. Each Runner is awarded one base.
   C. The ball is dead. Each Runner is awarded two bases.

4. R1, Batter (B-R) hits a ground ball down the 1st base line just in foul territory. Just before the ball reaches 1st base, the ball bounces off a pebble and into fair territory, past a diving F3 and into Right Field.
   A. Fair Ball   B. Foul Ball.

5. Where is the "Working Area" in the 2-Umpire System?
   A. Behind 1st base.
   B. Behind the mound and in front of 2nd base.
   C. In front of Home Plate.

6. An infield fly may be:
   A. Declared when there are two runners at any two bases with no outs or one out.
   B. A bunted ball.
   C. Allowed to drop to the ground untouched.
   D. A line drive.

7. No Runners, Batter hits a sharp bouncing ball over the 1st base bag and into the Right Field corner. Which umpire is responsible for the fair/foul call?
   A. Plate Umpire   B. Base Umpire

8. In most situations, which umpire is responsible for observing a runner(s) touch 3rd base while attempting to score?
   A. Plate Umpire   B. Base Umpire

9. With a runner(s) on base, it is a balk when the pitcher:
   A. Throws to 1st base without coming to a complete stop.
   B. Fails to complete a throw to 2nd base when it is occupied
   C. Brings his pitching hand to his mouth or lips while in the 18-foot circle of the mound.
   D. While in contact with the rubber he accidentally drops or bobbles the ball.

10. R1, 1-1 count. Batter (B-R), attempting to bunt, offers at the pitch, steps on home plate but misses the ball:
    A. The Batter is out immediately.
    B. The at-bat continues with a 1-2 count.
    C. Dead ball, an automatic strike is charged.

11. R1, R3, Batter (B-R) singles to Right Field. R1 slides into 3rd on a close play. Which umpire is responsible for the call at 3rd on R1?
    A. Plate Umpire   B. Base Umpire

12. R1, Batter (B-R) hits a fly ball to short Right Field. R1 holds up between 1st base and 2nd base, B-R rounds 1st base and stops. The ball falls safely, F9 throws to 1st base, and it is overthrown and into the stands while both the R1 and B-R are between 1st base and 2nd base.
    A. R1 is awarded 3rd base, B-R is awarded 2nd.
    B. R1 is awarded 2nd base, B-R is awarded 1st.
    C. R1 is awarded home, B-R is awarded 3rd.
    D. R1 and B-R both score.

13. R2, R3, one out. Batter (B-R) hits a deep fly ball to Right Field. F9 gets his glove on the ball, juggles it, but finally catches it in the air. R3 tags up and scores, but R3 left when the ball was first touched by F9. R2 tags up and advances to 3rd, but left after the catch was finally completed:
    A. R3 is called out immediately.
    B. R3 is called out on appeal.
    C. R3 scores, R2 remains at 3rd.

14. Two outs, 1-2 count. Batter (B-U) checks his swing on a pitch in the dirt.
    A. PU appeals the checked swing to BU only when asked.
    B. PU appeals the checked swing immediately even if not asked.
    C. PU should not appeal a checked swing in this situation.

15. R3, one out, squeeze play. F2 steps up and tips the bat to catch the pitch, then tags R3:
    A. R3 returns to 3rd base, the Batter is awarded 1st base.
    B. The Umpires declare a balk, R3 scores and the Batter is awarded 1st base.
    C. The Batter is awarded 1st base, R3 is out.

16. Bases Loaded, two out. Batter (B-R) hits double off the Left Field wall. F7 makes a great throw to retire B-R at 2nd. All 3 runners score before B-R is tagged. However, R2 misses home. The defense properly appeals R2.
    A. R1, R2, R3 all score. Appeal was after 3rd out.
    B. R2 does not score. R1 and R3 score.
    C. R1 and R2 do not score. R3 scores.
    D. No runs score.

17. R2, one out. Batter (B-R) hits a high pop fly close to 2nd base. R2 stands on the bag, but deliberately shoves F4 as he attempts to make the catch, causing him to drop the ball:
    A. R2 is out, B-R is awarded 1st base.
    B. R2 remains at 2nd, B-R is out for his R2's interference.
    C. Play Stands, R2 is protected while on the bag.
    D. R1 and B-R are out for intentional interference.

18. R2, one out. Ground ball to F6 who bobbles the ball. R2 avoids contact with F6 but must go around F6 who is now chasing the ball. B-R reaches 1st.
    A. Play Stands, there was no contact.
    B. Immediate Dead Ball, R2 is awarded 3rd for obstruction by F6. B-R is awarded 1st.
    C. Delayed Dead Ball, R2 is awarded 3rd for obstruction by F6 after play has ended. B-R remains at 1st.
    D. Delayed Dead Ball, R2 is awarded home because he cannot be ruled out when he is obstructed.

19. No Runners, Batter hits a fly ball to deep Right-Center Field. Both F8 and F9 run for the ball, so BU goes out. F8 fields the ball off the wall and throws to F6 who tags B-R sliding into 2nd base.
    A. BU makes the call at 2nd base in short Right Field.
    B. PU makes the call at 2nd base at the front of the Home Plate cutout.
    C. PU makes the call at 2nd base at or near the 2nd base cutout.
    D. BU should never go out and he should make the call at 2nd base from the 2nd base cutout.

20. R3, one out. R3 attempts to score on a passed ball. Right-handed Batter (B-R) backs out of the box toward the 3rd base dugout. F2 picks up the ball near the 3rd base on deck circle and throws to F1 who is covering home. The throw hits B-R.
    A. Play stands. B-R was trying to get out of the way of R3 and getting hit by the throw was accidental.
    B. Dead Ball, B-R is out, R3 returns to 3rd.
    C. Dead Ball, B-R is out, R3 scores.
    D. Dead Ball, R3 is out, B-R remains at-bat.

21. (See Force Play Slide Rule at sdumpires.org) South Dakota Amateur Rules: Bases Loaded, one out. Batter (B-R) hits a slow ground ball to F6, who flips to F4 at 2nd base. R1 slides legally and directly into 2nd base and contacts F4 past 2nd base (baseline extended). F4 throws to 1st but B-R beats the throw.
    A. Live Ball. Play stands.
    B. Dead Ball. R1 is out, B-R is out. R2 and R3 return.
    C. Dead Ball. R1 is out, B-R is awarded 1st, R2 remains at 3rd, R3 scores.
    D. Dead Ball. R1 is out, B-R is awarded 1st, R2 and R3 return.

22. R2, R3, one out. R3 is in a rundown between 3rd and home. During the rundown, R2 advances to 3rd. R3 retreats to 3rd, but R2 is already there. F5 tags R3 first, then tags R2, while both are touching the bag.
    A. R2 is out.
    B. R3 is out.
    C. R2 and R3 are out.
    D. R2 and R3 are safe since they are touching a bag. R2 is sent back to 2nd.

23. R1, R3. F1 takes the **set** position without the ball and not in contact with the rubber but straddling it. R3 is trapped off 3rd base by the hidden ball trick and is tagged by F5.
    A. R3 is out.
    B. Balk, R3 advances, R1 remains at 1st.
    C. "Time" is called and the Pitcher is warned that he cannot be on or astride the rubber without the ball.
    D. Balk, R3 scores, R1 is awarded 2nd.

24. (See Collision Rule at sdumpires.org) American Legion Rules: R2, one out. Batter (B-R) singles up the middle. F8 fields the ball and throws home. F2 catches the throw while straddling home plate. R2 then collides with F2 by leading with his shoulder before touching home. F2 drops the ball. B-R stops at 2nd base.
    A. Dead ball. R2 is out and ejected. B-R remains at 2nd.
    B. Live ball. F2 blocked the plate, so contact was legal.
    C. Dead ball. R2 is safe on obstruction by F2.
    D. Dead ball. R2 is safe and then ejected.

25. Bases Loaded, one out. Batter (B-R) hits a sharp one-hopper to F5, who fields the ball. F5 tags R3, who is standing on the bag, then touches 3rd base with his foot, and finally throws to 1st, but B-R beats the throw.
    A. R3 is safe since he was on the bag, R2 is out, B-R is safe.
    B. R3 is out since he is forced from 3rd base, R2 is out on the force out, the inning is over.
    C. R3 is safe since he was on the bag, R2 is safe because the force on R2 was removed since R3 stayed on 3rd.
    D. R3 is out, R2 is safe because R3's out removed the force on R2.

26. R2, R3, one out. Batter (B-R) flies out to F7. R3 tags and scores, but R2 left early. F4, with the ball, properly appeals R2 after R3 touched home plate.
    A. R2 is out, R3 scores. The appeal took place after R3 touched home.
    B. R2 is out, no run scores. The appeal supersedes R3's actions.

27. R2, one out. Ground ball to F6 who is setting up to field the ball when R2 accidently bumps into him.
    A. Dead Ball, R2 is out for interference, B-R is awarded 1st.
    B. Dead Ball, R2 is out for obstruction, B-R is awarded 1st.
    C. Dead Ball, R2 is out for interference, B-R is also out.
    D. Play Stands, contact was not intentional.

28. A batter is out when:
    A. A third strike is dropped by the catcher when 1st base is occupied with two out.
    B. A third strike is caught by the catcher after bouncing off his chest protector.
    C. A third strike hits him.
    D. After hitting the ball, his bat drops unintentionally in fair territory and the ball rolls and hits the bat a second time.

29. R1 is attempting to steal 2nd base. The Plate Umpire accidentally interferes with F2's arm as he throws, but the throw is true and R1 is tagged out at 2nd:
    A. R1 returns to 1st base.
    B. Interference is disregarded, R1 is out.
    C. Plate Umpire should call "time" immediately.

30. R1, R2, two out. Batter (B-R) hits a triple to deep Left-Center. R1 and R2 score, but B-R misses 1st base. The defense makes a legal appeal by touching 1st base:
    A. B-R is out, no runs score.
    B. B-R is out, R1 and R2 score.
    C. The Umpire should call B-R out as soon as he missed 1st base (without an appeal).