2015 Football Rules Exam

NOTE: In the exam situations, A-refers to the offensive team and B-refers to their opponents (the defensive team). K-refers to the kicking team and R-refers to the receiving team. A1, B1, K1, and R1 are players of these teams. If team possession changes during the down, each team retains its identity. In kicking situations, it is not during a try and no fair-catch signal has been given unless specified. Unless stated, acts occur while: the ball is inbounds; a forward pass is legal; any out-of-bounds is between the goal lines. Line means scrimmage line. Reference to a foul is to a player foul which is not unsportsmanlike. There is no foul or change of possession, unless it is mentioned, and penalties are considered accepted for enforcement.

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

2. 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

3. Illegal helmet contact may not be judged a flagrant act by the game official.
   A. True
   B. False

4. 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

5. Blocking is obstructing an opponent by contacting him with any part of the blocker's body.
   A. True
   B. False

6. Initial force results from a carry, fumble, kick, pass, snap or muff.
   A. True
   B. False

7. Any act that is clearly intended to cause B to encroach is a false start.
   A. True
   B. False

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

9. A free kick must be used following a safety.
   A. True
   B. False

10. 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

11. When any required equipment is missing, correction must be made before participation.
   A. True
   B. False

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. Giving an invalid fair-catch signal carries a 15-yard penalty.
    A. True
    B. False

16. Only the receiver who gives a valid fair-catch signal is afforded protection.
    A. True
    B. False

17. It is a field goal even though part of the ball passes through the line of the upright extended.
    A. True
    B. False

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

19. There can be no pass interference, or ineligibles down field, if the pass does not cross the neutral zone.
    A. True
    B. False

20. Pass eligibility rules apply equally to both legal and illegal forward passes as well as backward passes.
    A. True
    B. False

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

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

23. 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

24. If K1 is first to touch a free kick between the free-kick lines, such touching is ignored.
    A. True
    B. False

25. A place-kick following an awarded fair catch may score a field goal.
    A. True
    B. False

26. A player cannot fumble before gaining possession.
    A. True
    B. False

27. It is illegal participation if any player intentionally goes out of bounds and returns during the down.
    A. True
    B. False

28. Following a change of possession, if an inadvertent whistle is sounded, the down must be replayed.
    A. True
    B. False

29. 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

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

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

32. It is illegal participation for a disqualified player to re-enter the game.
    A. True
    B. False

33. The down is replayed if an inadvertent whistle sounds during the snap.
    A. True
    B. False

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

35. Possession of a live ball in the opponent's end zone is always a safety.
    A. True
    B. False

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

37. The clock shall be stopped when an illegal forward pass is incomplete.
    A. True
    B. False

38. 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

39. 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

40. First touching applies to K only.
    A. True
    B. False

41. 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

42. 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. 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.

47. 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.

48. 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

49. 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.

50. 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.