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PART 1 OF 4

Verbal Ability

Items 1 to 30

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to **mitigate**.

(A) worsen

(B) delay

(C) dispute

(D) lessen

2. Which sentence has the correct subject-verb agreement?

(A) Neither the supervisor nor the clerks was told about the new schedule.

(B) Neither the clerks nor the supervisor was told about the new schedule.

(C) Neither the clerks nor the supervisor were told about the new schedule.

(D) Neither the supervisor nor the clerks has been told about the new schedule.

3. Arrange the sentences below into a clear paragraph.

1. The new system solves this problem by grouping folders by subject and then by date.
2. As a result, finding an old document often took more than ten minutes.
3. Staff can now find most files in less than two minutes.
4. The records section has adopted a new filing system this month.
5. Under the old method, folders were kept in the cabinet according to the date they were received.

Which sequence of sentence numbers gives the best paragraph?

- A 4-2-5-1-3
- B 4-5-2-1-3
- C 4-1-5-2-3
- D 5-4-2-1-3

4. NOTICE TO RESIDENTS. Starting next Monday, the Municipal Treasurer's Office will move its payment counters to the ground floor of the new annex building. During the first week of the move, only one counter will accept real property tax payments, and all other services will be suspended. Residents who wish to avoid long lines are advised to settle their dues before the end of this week. Full service will resume on the Monday after the transfer week. The office thanks the public for its patience.

According to the notice, which service will still be available during the first week of the move?

- A Payment of real property tax at one counter
- B Payment of all municipal fees at several counters
- C Renewal of business permits in the old building
- D All services at the new annex building

5. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

The road was closed because of flooding; ____, many employees reported late for work.

A. however
B. although
C. therefore
D. unless

6. Which of the following is a comma splice?

A. The report was late, so the director asked for an explanation.
B. The report was late; the director asked for an explanation.
C. The report was late, the director asked for an explanation.
D. The report was late. The director asked for an explanation.

7. Anong tayutay ang ginamit sa pangungusap?

Sumasayaw ang mga dahon sa ihip ng hangin. FIL

A. Pagtutulad
B. Pagwawangis
C. Pagsasatao
D. Pagmamalabis

8. Aling pangungusap ang wasto ang gamit ng **ng** at **nang**? FIL

A. Nagbasa ng malakas nang ulat ang kalihim sa pulong.
B. Nagbasa ng malakas ng ulat ang kalihim sa pulong.
C. Nagbasa nang malakas ng ulat ang kalihim sa pulong.
D. Nagbasa nang malakas nang ulat ang kalihim sa pulong.

9. Napansin ng mga kawani ng isang tanggapan ng pamahalaan na tumataas ang singil nila sa kuryente bawat buwan. Nagpulong ang kanilang pinuno at nagmungkahi ng ilang simpleng hakbang. Pinapatay ang ilaw sa mga silid na walang tao. Binubuksan ang mga bintana tuwing umaga upang hindi agad gumamit ng aircon. Pinagsasama-sama ang mga kompyuter sa iisang saksakan upang madaling patayin sa pag-uwi. Pagkalipas ng tatlong buwan, bumaba nang halos isang-kapat ang singil. Ayon sa pinuno, patunay ito na malaki ang naiaambag ng maliliit na gawi ng bawat isa.

Ano ang pangunahing diwa ng talata? FIL

A. Dapat ipagbawal ang aircon sa lahat ng tanggapan ng pamahalaan.

B. Nakababawas sa gastos sa kuryente ang maliliit na gawi ng mga kawani.

C. Mahirap sundin ng mga kawani ang mga bagong patakaran sa tanggapan.

D. Tumataas ang singil sa kuryente dahil sa dami ng mga kompyuter.

10. Choose the word closest in meaning to **tenacious**.

A. persistent

B. fragile

C. talkative

D. hasty

11. Choose the verb that correctly completes the sentence.

Reading the guidelines carefully ____ necessary before anyone files a claim.

A. are

B. were

C. have been

D. is

12. Arrange the sentences below into a clear paragraph.

1. The press changed this by making many identical copies in a short time.
2. In time, the spread of reading helped new ideas travel faster than before.
3. This work was slow, so books were costly and were owned mostly by the wealthy.
4. Before the printing press, every book had to be copied by hand.
5. As books became cheaper, more ordinary people learned to read.

Which sequence of sentence numbers gives the best paragraph?

- A 4-1-3-5-2
- B 4-3-1-2-5
- C 4-3-1-5-2
- D 4-3-5-1-2

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What is the main purpose of the notice?

- A To announce a new tax on real property
- B To inform residents of a temporary change in service and advise them what to do
- C To invite the public to the opening of the annex building
- D To apologize for the poor service of the Treasurer's Office

14. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

____ the budget was limited, the committee still completed the project on time.

A. Although
B. Because
C. Unless
D. Therefore

15. Choose the best revision of the sentence.

The auditor returned the receipts to the cashier that were missing signatures.

A. The auditor returned the receipts to the cashier, missing signatures.
B. The auditor returned the receipts to the cashier who were missing signatures.
C. The auditor returned the receipts to the cashier, which were missing signatures.
D. The auditor returned to the cashier the receipts that were missing signatures.

16. Basahin ang pangungusap.

Isang kahig, isang tuka ang buhay ng pamilya ni Mang Ruben bago siya nagkaroon ng permanenteng trabaho.

Ano ang ibig sabihin ng sawikaing **isang kahig, isang tuka**? FIL

A. laging nag-aalaga ng manok sa bakuran
B. nagtitipid upang makabili ng sariling bahay
C. madalas lumipat ng tirahan sa bayan
D. kakasya lamang ang kita sa pang-araw-araw

17. Aling pangungusap ang wasto ang gamit ng **rin** at **din**? FIL

A Pumirma din si Ana sa kasunduan.

B Pumunta rin si Ben sa pulong.

C Nagbayad rin si Carlo ng buwis.

D Dumating rin ang tagapamahala.

18. Taun-taon, nagsasagawa ang barangay ng sama-samang paglilinis ng kanal bago sumapit ang tag-ulan. Maagang dumarating ang mga boluntaryong may dalang pala, walis at sako. Habang nagtatrabaho, nag-uusap ang magkakapitbahay tungkol sa mga plano para sa kanilang lugar. Sa loob ng isang umaga, napupuno ang dose-dosenang sako ng basura at isinasakay ang mga ito sa trak. Ayon sa kapitan, hindi lamang baha ang naiiwasan sa gawaing ito. Napapalapit din ang loob ng mga residente sa isa't isa.

Ano ang layunin ng may-akda sa talata? FIL

A Magreklamo tungkol sa dami ng basura sa barangay.

B Utusan ang mga residenteng magbayad para sa trak ng basura.

C Ipakita na may dagdag na pakinabang ang paglilinis.

D Ituro kung paano gumawa ng sako para sa basura.

19. Choose the word closest in meaning to **magnanimous**.

A arrogant

B generous

C ambitious

D cautious

20. Choose the verb form that correctly completes the sentence.

The budget was not approved last month, so the project has not started. If it ____ approved last month, the project would have started by now.

A. had been
B. has been
C. would have been
D. will be

21. Arrange the sentences below into a clear paragraph.

1. Some families respond by reusing the water from washing to clean floors and to water plants.
2. Others repair leaking pipes, which can waste a surprising amount of water over time.
3. Together, these small actions can delay the need for strict rationing.
4. In such a case, the water district may ask households to limit their use of water.
5. A long dry season can leave a city's reservoirs far below their usual level.

Which sequence of sentence numbers gives the best paragraph?

A. 5-4-1-2-3
B. 5-1-4-2-3
C. 5-4-2-1-3
D. 4-5-1-2-3

22. A storm warning system is not a single message but a series of signals that grow stronger as a storm draws near. At the lowest level, the storm is still some distance away, and its winds are expected to be strong but not destructive. At the highest level, the winds are expected to be violent, and people in affected areas should already be in safe shelters. Local officials use these signals to decide when to cancel classes, stop sea travel and begin evacuation. Residents who understand the signals can prepare early instead of waiting for last-minute announcements.

Which is the best title for the passage?

A. How Storms Form Over the Ocean

B. Why Classes Are Cancelled During Storms

C. The Dangers of Sea Travel in Bad Weather

D. Understanding Storm Signals Helps People Prepare

23. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

The mayor's reply was so ____ that reporters could not tell whether the project would go ahead.

A. categorical

B. emphatic

C. unequivocal

D. noncommittal

24. Which sentence is free of a dangling or misplaced modifier?

A. While waiting in line, the printer jammed again.

B. After completing the form, it was submitted to the cashier.

C. To qualify for the allowance, an employee must submit a medical certificate.

D. Walking into the hall, the speaker's voice was heard by everyone.

25. Ano ang kasalungat ng **dalisay**? FIL

A walang bahid

B malinaw

C matibay

D may halo

26. Aling pangungusap ang wasto ang gamit ng **kay**, **sa** at **ni**? FIL

A Ayon kay Liza, hindi pa tapos ang proyekto.

B Ayon sa Liza, hindi pa tapos ang proyekto.

C Ayon ni Liza, hindi pa tapos ang proyekto.

D Ayon kay ulat, hindi pa tapos ang proyekto.

27. Dumating si Aling Nena sa munisipyo nang alas-siyete ng umaga upang kumuha ng sertipiko. Mahaba na ang pila, ngunit hindi siya nagreklamo. May nakita siyang karatulang nag-uutos na punan muna ang pormularyo bago pumila sa bintana. Sinunod niya ito, kaya hindi na siya pabalik-balik sa bintana. Pagdating ng alas-nuwebe, hawak na niya ang kanyang sertipiko. Nakangiti siyang nagpasalamat sa kawaning nag-abot nito.

Ano ang layunin ng may-akda sa talata? FIL

A Himukin ang mga tao na huwag nang pumila sa munisipyo.

B Ipakita na nagiging maayos ang proseso kapag sumusunod sa tagubilin.

C Batikusin ang mga kawani ng munisipyo sa mabagal na serbisyo.

D Ilarawan ang kasaysayan at ang bagong gusali ng munisipyo.

28. Choose the word opposite in meaning to **prudent**.

A reckless

B careful

C wise

D thrifty

29. Choose the pronoun that correctly completes the sentence.

The task was shared equally between Mr. Aquino and ____.

A I

B myself

C me

D mine

30. Arrange the sentences below into a clear paragraph.

1. Over many months, a lack of sleep can also weaken the body's defenses against illness.
2. Good sleep is as important to health as food and exercise.
3. For these reasons, health workers advise adults to make time for enough sleep each night.
4. For example, they may make more errors when entering figures or writing reports.
5. Adults who sleep too little often find it hard to concentrate at work.

Which sequence of sentence numbers gives the best paragraph?

A 2-5-1-4-3

B 2-4-5-1-3

C 2-5-4-3-1

D 2-5-4-1-3

Numerical Ability

Items 31 to 55

31. Which number is missing?

12, 19, 26, ___, 40

A 32

B 33

C 34

D 35

32. A jeepney charges 13 pesos for the first 4 kilometers and 2 pesos for each kilometer after that. How much is the fare for a 9-kilometer ride?

A 18

B 21

C 23

D 31

33. A ribbon is 5 1/3 meters long. A seamstress cuts off 2 3/4 meters. How long is the ribbon that is left?

A 2 5/12 meters

B 2 7/12 meters

C 3 5/12 meters

D 3 7/12 meters

34. Simplify: $(-2)^3 \times (-3)^2 + (-40) \div (-8) - 6 \times (-2)$

A -79

B -67

C -55

D 89

35. A 54,000-peso bonus is shared by three employees in the ratio 2:3:4. How much more does the employee with the largest share receive than the one with the smallest share?

A 6,000 pesos

B 12,000 pesos

C 18,000 pesos

D 24,000 pesos

36. Which number is missing?

94, 87, 80, 73, ___, 59

A 63

B 64

C 65

D 66

37. A sprayer solution is made of 1 liter of pesticide and 3 liters of water. How many liters of water are in 20 liters of this same solution?

A 3

B 4

C 5

D 15

38. A grocer has 4 1/2 kilos of rice and packs it in bags of 3/8 kilo each. How many bags can be filled?

A 1 11/16 bags

B 12 bags

C 13 1/2 bags

D 36 bags

39. An 84-meter rope and a 126-meter rope are each cut into equal pieces, with no rope left over. What is the longest possible length of each piece?

A 6 meters

B 14 meters

C 21 meters

D 42 meters

40. A drink is made of water and juice concentrate in the ratio 5:2. How many liters of water must be added to 14 liters of this drink to change the ratio of water to concentrate to 7:2?

A 2 liters

B 3.5 liters

C 7 liters

D 4 liters

41. What number comes next?

4, 12, 36, 108, ___

A 144

B 216

C 324

D 432

42. The sum of two consecutive odd integers is 76. What is the larger integer?

A 36

B 37

C 38

D 39

43. Which of the following fractions is the greatest?

A 3/4

B 7/9

C 11/14

D 5/7

44. Three jeepney routes leave a terminal together at 6:00 a.m. Route A leaves every 12 minutes, Route B every 18 minutes and Route C every 30 minutes. At what time will all three routes next leave the terminal together?

A 6:36 a.m.

B 7:00 a.m.

C 7:30 a.m.

D 9:00 a.m.

45. Three cousins save money in the ratio 3:5:6. The one who saved the most has 1,800 pesos more than the one who saved the least. How much did the three cousins save altogether?

A 5,400 pesos

B 6,600 pesos

C 8,400 pesos

D 25,200 pesos

46. What number comes next?

3, 8, 15, 24, 35, ___

A 48

B 49

C 50

D 52

47. Mila, Nora and Olive share 2,400 pesos. Nora gets 300 pesos more than Mila, and Olive gets 300 pesos more than Nora. How much does Mila receive?

A 500

B 600

C 700

D 800

48. Which of the following values is the least?

A 37%

B 0.38

C 3/8

D 2/5

49. What is the smallest positive number that leaves a remainder of 3 when divided by 5 and a remainder of 2 when divided by 4?

A 18

B 13

C 23

D 38

50. The ages of a mother and her son are in the ratio 5:2. Ten years from now, their ages will be in the ratio 15:8. How old is the son now?

A 35 years

B 24 years

C 14 years

D 7 years

51. What number comes next?

3, 20, 6, 17, 9, 14, 12, ___

A 9

B 10

C 11

D 15

52. After a 20% discount, a rice cooker costs 1,440 pesos. What was its original price?

A 1,152

B 1,460

C 1,728

D 1,800

53. Maria saved 1,800 pesos, which is 15% of her monthly salary. What is her monthly salary?

A 270 pesos

B 2,070 pesos

C 12,000 pesos

D 27,000 pesos

54. Evaluate: $-3^2 + (-3)^2 - 2 \times (-3)$

A -6

B 6

C 12

D 24

55. On a map drawn to a scale of 1 : 50,000, a rice field appears as a rectangle 3 cm by 2 cm. What is the actual area of the field?

A 15 hectares

B 150 hectares

C 1,500 hectares

D 15,000 hectares

Analytical Ability

Items 56 to 80

56. Read the statements.

No contractual employee is eligible for the loyalty award.
All staff in the Planning Division are eligible for the loyalty award.

Which statement must be true?

A. All employees eligible for the loyalty award are in the Planning Division.
B. Some contractual employees are in the Planning Division.
C. No staff in the Planning Division is a contractual employee.
D. Some staff in the Planning Division are not eligible for the award.

57. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Trowel : Mason :: Loom : ?

A. Weaver
B. Tailor
C. Farmer
D. Painter

58. A school principal says:

"Since the new reading program began in June, our school's average reading score has risen from 72 to 80. The program should be adopted in every school of the district."

Which assumption does the principal's argument depend on?

A. Every school in the district had an average reading score below 72 before June.

B. The reading program costs less than other reading programs.

C. All pupils at the school improved by the same number of points.

D. The rise in the school's reading scores was caused by the program and not by some other change.

59. The table shows the complaints received by four sections last month.

Section A: 135
Section B: 98
Section C: 164
Section D: 121

How many more complaints did the section with the most complaints receive than the section with the fewest?

A. 29

B. 37

C. 43

D. 66

60. Read the statements.

No cashier is an approving officer.
Some of the employees on duty today are cashiers.

Which statement must be true?

A. No employee on duty today is an approving officer.
B. Some approving officers are on duty today.
C. Some employees on duty today are not approving officers.
D. All cashiers are on duty today.

61. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Sawmill : Lumber :: Mint : ?

A. Bank
B. Metal
C. Coins
D. Wallet

62. Read the facts.

An agency has 60 employees. Of these, 36 own a motorcycle. Of the 36 motorcycle owners, 12 also own a car.

Which conclusion must be true?

A. No more than 12 employees own a car.
B. Employees who own a motorcycle are more likely to own a car than employees who do not.
C. Exactly 12 employees own neither a motorcycle nor a car.
D. More than half of the employees own a motorcycle.

63. The attendance at five seminars was as follows.

Seminar 1: 64

Seminar 2: 72

Seminar 3: 58

Seminar 4: 81

Seminar 5: 70

What was the average attendance per seminar?

A 69

B 70

C 72

D 86.25

64. Read the statements.

All interviewers are managers.

No manager is a trainee.

Which statement cannot be true?

A Some managers are not interviewers.

B No trainee is an interviewer.

C Some trainees are not managers.

D Some interviewers are trainees.

65. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Verdict : Trial :: Diagnosis : ?

A. Hospital

B. Medicine

C. Nurse

D. Examination

66. Read the facts.

A survey covered 200 jeepney drivers. Of these, 120 had attended a road-safety training. None of the drivers who attended the training had an accident last year. In all, 30 of the 200 drivers had an accident last year.

Which conclusion must be true?

A. Most of the surveyed drivers who had not attended the training had an accident last year.

B. Every surveyed driver who had an accident last year had not attended the training.

C. Every surveyed driver who had no accident last year attended the training.

D. The training prevented 30 accidents.

67. A survey of 400 clients asked about the speed of service.

Very satisfied: 140

Satisfied: 120

Neutral: 80

Dissatisfied: 60

What percent of the clients were either neutral or dissatisfied?

A 15%

B 20%

C 35%

D 65%

68. Read the statements.

If a form has no signature, it is rejected.

Form 12 was not rejected.

Which statement must be true?

A Form 12 has no signature.

B Form 12 has a signature.

C Form 12 was complete and correct.

D It cannot be known whether Form 12 has a signature.

69. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Smoke : Fire :: Fever : ?

A. Illness

B. Medicine

C. Thermometer

D. Hospital

70. Read the facts.

A municipal office gave free flu shots at the plaza last Saturday. By noon, 180 people had been vaccinated. On the Saturday before, 150 people were vaccinated in the whole day. Last Saturday the office stayed open until 5:00 p.m.

Which conclusion goes beyond the facts?

A. At least 180 people were vaccinated last Saturday.

B. More people were vaccinated last Saturday than on the Saturday before.

C. More people came last Saturday because the shots were free.

D. The office was open during part of the afternoon last Saturday.

71. The number of online applications received by an agency is shown below.

2021: 800

2022: 920

2023: 1,104

By what percent did the number of applications increase from 2022 to 2023?

A 15%

B 20%

C 38%

D 120%

72. Read the statement.

If an employee is absent without leave, the salary for that day is deducted.

Which statement means exactly the same thing?

A If the salary for that day is deducted, the employee was absent without leave.

B If the salary for that day is not deducted, the employee was not absent without leave.

C If an employee is not absent without leave, the salary for that day is not deducted.

D If an employee is absent without leave, the salary for that day is not deducted.

73. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Treaty : Nations :: Contract : ?

A Lawyers

B Parties

C Paper

D Penalty

74. Read the facts.

In one office, most of the clerks who passed the computer test are under 30 years old. Rosa is a clerk in that office who passed the computer test.

Which conclusion must be true?

A. Rosa is under 30 years old.

B. At least one clerk who passed the computer test is under 30 years old.

C. All the clerks who passed the computer test are under 30 years old.

D. Most of the clerks in the office are under 30 years old.

75. A factory checked four machines for rejected units in one day.

Machine 1: 800 produced, 32 rejected
Machine 2: 300 produced, 21 rejected
Machine 3: 500 produced, 25 rejected
Machine 4: 1,000 produced, 40 rejected

Which machine had the highest percent of rejected units?

A. Machine 1

B. Machine 2

C. Machine 3

D. Machine 4

76. Read the statements.

An employee receives the performance bonus only if he has no unexcused absences.
Roberto received the performance bonus.
Cecilia has no unexcused absences.

Which statement must be true?

A. Cecilia received the performance bonus.
B. Roberto has no unexcused absences.
C. Cecilia did not receive the performance bonus.
D. Roberto has at least one unexcused absence.

77. Choose the word that completes the analogy.

Rapid : Quick :: Silent : ?

A. Noisy
B. Slow
C. Quiet
D. Empty

78. A city transport office says:

"Since new traffic lights were installed at the Mabini crossing in March, there have been fewer accidents there. So the city should install traffic lights at every crossing."

Which statement, if true, most weakens the argument?

A. Most accidents in the city happen at crossings that have no traffic lights.

B. The new lights at the Mabini crossing cost less than the old lights.

C. In March, the Mabini crossing was also closed to heavy trucks, and trucks caused most of the earlier accidents there.

D. Drivers say the new lights at the Mabini crossing are easy to see.

79. Two offices recorded the following complaints.

Office X, 2022: 160
Office X, 2023: 120
Office Y, 2022: 90
Office Y, 2023: 80

Which statement is correct?

A. Total complaints fell by 25 percent from 2022 to 2023.

B. Complaints at Office Y fell by 20 percent from 2022 to 2023.

C. Office X handled 60 percent of all complaints in 2023.

D. Office X handled 70 percent of all complaints in 2022.

80. Read the statements.

At least one of three officers, Gil, Hana and Ivan, will receive the commendation.

Gil receives it only if Hana does not.

If Ivan receives it, Hana receives it too.

Which statement could be true?

A. Gil receives the commendation and Ivan does not.

B. Gil and Hana both receive the commendation.

C. Ivan receives the commendation but Hana does not.

D. None of the three officers receives the commendation.

General Information

Items 81 to 100

81. Article I of the 1987 Constitution says the waters around, between and connecting the islands of the archipelago, regardless of their breadth and dimensions, form part of which area?

A. The territorial sea of the Philippines

B. The internal waters of the Philippines

C. The exclusive economic zone

D. The high seas

82. Under Section 2 of RA 6713, public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to whom?

A. Their immediate superiors

B. The people

C. The leaders who appointed them

D. The Civil Service Commission

83. In what year did the United Nations General Assembly proclaim the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

A. 1945

B. 1966

C. 1948

D. 1987

84. Which Philippine law is known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000?

A. Republic Act 8749

B. Republic Act 9003

C. Republic Act 9275

D. Republic Act 7586

85. A general announces that the Armed Forces will no longer take orders from the elected civilian leaders of the country. Which principle in Article II of the Constitution does this go against?

A. The separation of Church and State is inviolable.

B. The State pursues an independent foreign policy.

C. The Philippines pursues a policy of freedom from nuclear weapons.

D. Civilian authority is supreme over the military at all times.

86. Which of the following is NOT counted as a "gift" under Section 3 of RA 6713?

A. An unsolicited item of nominal value, not given in anticipation of or in exchange for a favor

B. A sale of property to an official that is only a simulated, ostensibly onerous transaction

C. A thing of substantial value given for free to an official by a non-relative on Christmas Day

D. A thing given for free to an official in anticipation of a favor from the official

87. Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution says the Philippines renounces war as an instrument of what?

A. Economic policy

B. Foreign trade

C. Local government

D. National policy

88. Which agency is the primary government agency responsible for implementing and enforcing the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275)?

A. Department of the Interior and Local Government

B. Department of Public Works and Highways

C. Department of Health

D. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

89. Under Article III, Section 12, a person under investigation for an offense has the right to remain silent and to have competent and independent counsel. How may these rights be waived?

A. By an oral waiver witnessed by two police officers

B. By a written waiver signed before the investigating officer only

C. Only in writing and in the presence of counsel

D. By failing to ask for a lawyer at the start of questioning

90. A records officer serves a supporter of the mayor and a leader of the mayor's rival party with the same promptness and courtesy. Which norm of conduct does this show best?

A. Commitment to democracy

B. Nationalism and patriotism

C. Simple living

D. Political neutrality

91. Which power does Article XIII, Section 18 of the Constitution give to the Commission on Human Rights?

A. Issuing warrants of arrest against suspected violators

B. Exercising visitorial powers over jails, prisons or detention facilities

C. Trying and sentencing violators of human rights

D. Suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus

92. Presidential Decree 1151, the Philippine Environmental Policy, requires which document for every action or project that significantly affects the quality of the environment?

A. A clearance from the barangay captain

B. A detailed environmental impact statement

C. A certificate of title to the land

D. A tax clearance certificate

93. Which person is a citizen of the Philippines under Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution?

A. Someone whose father or mother is a citizen of the Philippines

B. Someone born in the Philippines whose parents are both foreign citizens

C. A foreigner who has lived in the Philippines for twenty years

D. A foreigner who is married to a Filipino citizen

94. An agency rewrites its permit procedure in plain language, posts the steps and fees at the counter, and removes two unnecessary signatures to cut red tape. Which norm of conduct is this?

A. Responsiveness to the public

B. Professionalism

C. Justness and sincerity

D. Commitment to democracy

95. RA 9745 treats freedom from torture as an absolute right. What does Section 6 mean by this?

A. Torture may be justified while the country is in a declared state of war.

B. Torture may be allowed in a public emergency if the President approves it.

C. Torture may be used when an order of battle names the person as a target.

D. War, a public emergency or an order of battle can never be used to justify torture.

96. An official proposes to use the Solid Waste Management Fund to create ten new positions and pay the salaries of the staff. What does RA 9003 say about this proposal?

A. It is not allowed, because the Fund cannot be used for positions or salaries

B. It is allowed if the Commission approves it by a majority vote of its members

C. It is allowed, but only for positions in the National Ecology Center under the Commission

D. It is allowed if the salaries are paid only from the fines collected under Section 49

97. On election day, which of these Filipino citizens, none disqualified by law, may vote? Take each description as true on election day.

A. A 17-year-old who has lived in the Philippines all his life

B. A 30-year-old who has lived in the Philippines for three years but in his town for only two months

C. A 25-year-old who has lived in the Philippines for only eight months

D. A 45-year-old who cannot read or write and has lived in his barangay for five years

98. A department head turns down a favored deal for a company owned by his sister-in-law, and he treats poor clients with the same respect as every other client. Which norm of conduct does this show best?

A. Professionalism

B. Justness and sincerity

C. Responsiveness to the public

D. Political neutrality

99. Mang Berto is arrested in Tarlac on a theft complaint, and no lawyer is at the station. The investigator tells him, "Just say out loud that you do not need a lawyer, and we can start." Mang Berto says it. What is the effect of this waiver under the Constitution and RA 7438?

A. It is invalid, because a waiver must be in writing and made in the presence of counsel

B. It is valid, because the barangay captain can later confirm that he said it

C. It is valid, because a spoken waiver heard by two police officers is enough

D. It is invalid, because the right to counsel can never be waived in any way

100. A city council is drafting a solid waste fee ordinance under RA 9003. Which of these is NOT one of the minimum factors the Act lists as a basis for the fees?

A. The types of solid waste

B. The amount or volume of waste

C. The monthly income of the household that generates the waste

D. The distance of the transfer station to the waste management facility

Answers and short explanations

Verbal Ability

1. **D** To mitigate means to lessen. We mitigate a problem when we make it less harsh, painful or serious, such as mitigating the damage of a flood. Worsen is the opposite, delay means to put off, and dispute means to argue. None of these describe making something less severe, so lessen is the closest word.

2. **B** The correct sentence is: Neither the clerks nor the supervisor was told about the new schedule. With neither and nor, the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. Here the closest subject is the singular supervisor, so the verb is was. The other choices match the verb to the wrong subject.

3. **B** The correct order is 4-5-2-1-3. The paragraph first announces the new filing system, then describes the old method. Next it states the slow search that resulted, introduced by As a result. Then it presents the new system as the solution to that problem, and it ends with the faster result that staff now enjoy.

4. **A** During the first week of the move, only the payment of real property tax at one counter will still be available. The notice says that all other services will be suspended during that week. Choices that mention other fees, business permits or full service at the annex building are not supported by the passage.

5. **C** The correct word is therefore. The first part gives a cause, the road was closed because of flooding, and the second part gives the result, employees reported late. Therefore introduces a result. However shows contrast, and although and unless begin clauses that need a main clause, so they do not fit after a semicolon.

6. **C** The comma splice is: The report was late, the director asked for an explanation. A comma splice joins two complete sentences with only a comma. The other choices fix the problem correctly with the conjunction so, a semicolon, or a period. So the sentence joined by a lone comma is the splice.

7. **C** Ang tayutay sa pangungusap ay pagsasatao. Ang mga dahon ay hindi tao, ngunit binigyan sila ng kilos ng tao, ang pagsasayaw. Kapag ang bagay o hayop ay gumagawa ng kilos ng tao, pagsasatao ang tawag dito. Hindi ito pagtutulad na gumagamit ng parang, hindi pagwawangis at hindi pagmamalabis.

8. **C** Ang wastong pangungusap ay Nagbasa nang malakas ng ulat ang kalihim sa pulong. Ginagamit ang nang bago ang salitang naglalarawan kung paano ginawa ang kilos, kaya nang malakas. Ginagamit ang ng bago ang layon ng pandiwa, kaya ng ulat ang wasto. Sa ibang pagpipilian, nagpalit o naulit ang dalawang gamit.

9. **B** Ang pangunahing diwa ay nakababawas sa gastos sa kuryente ang maliliit na gawi ng mga kawani. Ipinakita ng talata ang mga simpleng hakbang, gaya ng pagpatay ng ilaw at pagbukas ng bintana, at ang pagbaba ng singil pagkalipas ng tatlong buwan. Walang binanggit na pagbabawal sa aircon o dami ng kompyuter.

10. **A** Tenacious means persistent. A tenacious person holds firmly to a goal and does not give up easily, even when the task is difficult. Fragile tempts people who confuse tenacious with tenuous, which means weak. Talkative and hasty describe speech and speed, not determination. So the closest word to tenacious is persistent.

11. **D** The correct verb is is. The subject of the sentence is the phrase reading the guidelines carefully, which names one action, so it takes a singular verb. Guidelines is only the object of reading, so the plural noun should not decide the verb. Are, were and have been wrongly follow the plural noun nearest to the blank.

12. **C** The correct order is 4-3-1-5-2. The paragraph starts with the time before the printing press, when books were copied by hand. It explains that this work made books costly, then says the press changed this by producing many copies quickly. Cheaper books let more people read, and in time reading helped ideas travel faster.

13. **B** The main purpose of the notice is to inform residents of a temporary change in service and advise them what to do. It explains that the payment counters are moving, that only one counter will work in the first week, and that residents should pay early. It does not announce a new tax or an opening.

14. **A** The correct word is Although. The word still shows that the second part is surprising compared with the first: a limited budget normally makes finishing on time harder. Although introduces that contrast. Because gives a reason, unless gives a condition, and therefore gives a result, so none of them match the meaning.

15. **D** The best revision is: The auditor returned to the cashier the receipts that were missing signatures. A describing clause must sit next to the noun it describes. The receipts are the ones missing signatures, so the clause must follow the receipts. The other choices keep it beside the cashier.

16. **D** Ang isang kahig, isang tuka ay sawikaing nangangahulugang kakasya lamang ang kita sa pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan. Galing ang larawan sa manok na kailangang kumahig bago makatuka ng pagkain. Kapag walang kinita ngayon, walang magagastos bukas. Hindi ito literal na tungkol sa manok, pagtitipid para sa bahay o paglipat ng tirahan.

17. **B** Ang wastong pangungusap ay Pumunta rin si Ben sa pulong. Ginagamit ang rin pagkatapos ng salitang nagtatapos sa patinig, at ginagamit ang din pagkatapos ng salitang nagtatapos sa katinig. Ang pumunta ay nagtatapos sa a, kaya rin ang tama. Ang nagbayad at dumating ay nagtatapos sa katinig, kaya din ang dapat gamitin.

18. C Ang layunin ng may-akda ay ipakita na may dagdag na pakinabang ang paglilinis ng kanal. Ayon sa kapitan sa talata, hindi lamang baha ang naiiwasan, kundi napapalapit din ang loob ng mga residente. Walang reklamo tungkol sa basura, utos na magbayad para sa trak o aralin sa paggawa ng sako.

19. B Magnanimous means generous in spirit. A magnanimous person is big-hearted and forgiving, especially toward a rival or someone with less power. Generous is the closest word. Arrogant, ambitious and cautious describe pride, drive and care, none of which is the same as being noble and forgiving. So the best synonym of magnanimous is generous.

20. A The correct answer is had been. The first sentence says the budget was not approved, so the second imagines an unreal past situation. An unreal past condition uses had plus the past participle in the if-part. Has been, would have been and will be do not fit the if-part.

21. A The correct order is 5-4-1-2-3. The paragraph begins with the problem of low reservoirs after a long dry season. It then says the water district may ask households to limit their use. Some families reuse water, and others repair leaking pipes. The last sentence sums up these small actions and says they can delay strict rationing.

22. D The best title is Understanding Storm Signals Helps People Prepare. The passage explains that warnings come as a series of signals that grow stronger as a storm nears, and that residents who understand them can prepare early. The other titles focus on storm formation, class cancellation or sea travel, which are not the whole message.

23. D The correct word is noncommittal. The clue is that reporters could not tell whether the project would go ahead, so the reply did not state a clear position. Noncommittal means avoiding a firm answer. Categorical, emphatic and unequivocal all mean clear and firm, so they would have told reporters exactly what the mayor decided.

24. C The sentence free of a dangling modifier is: To qualify for the allowance, an employee must submit a medical certificate. The employee is the one who qualifies, so the opening phrase fits the subject. In the other sentences, a printer cannot wait in line, a form cannot complete itself, and a voice cannot walk into a hall.

25. D Ang kasalungat ng dalisay ay may halo. Ang dalisay ay puro at walang halong ibang bagay, gaya ng dalisay na ginto o dalisay na hangarin. Ang may halo ay hindi puro dahil may kahalong iba. Ang walang bahid ay halos kapareho ng dalisay, kaya hindi ito kasalungat, at ang malinaw at matibay ay ibang katangian.

26. **A** Ang wastong pangungusap ay Ayon kay Liza, hindi pa tapos ang proyekto. Ginagamit ang kay bago ang pangalan ng tao, at ginagamit ang sa bago ang karaniwang pangngalan, gaya ng ayon sa ulat. Hindi ginagamit ang ni pagkatapos ng ayon. Mali rin ang ayon sa Liza at ayon kay ulat dahil nagpalit ang gamit.

27. **B** Ang layunin ng may-akda ay ipakita na nagiging maayos ang proseso kapag sumusunod sa tagubilin. Sumunod si Aling Nena sa karatula, kaya hindi na siya pabalik-balik sa bintana at hawak na niya ang sertipiko pagdating ng alas-nuwebe. Hindi nito hinihimok ang mga tao na huwag pumila o binabatikos ang mga kawani.

28. **A** The opposite of prudent is reckless. A prudent person thinks ahead and avoids unnecessary risk, while a reckless person acts without thinking about the danger. Careful and wise are close in meaning to prudent, so they are wrong in an opposite-meaning question. Thrifty is limited to saving money. So reckless is the correct antonym.

29. **C** The correct pronoun is me. The blank comes after between, which is a preposition, and a pronoun after a preposition takes the object case. I is a subject pronoun, so between Mr. Aquino and I is wrong. Myself is reflexive and needs an I earlier in the sentence, while mine is possessive and does not fit.

30. **D** The correct order is 2-5-4-1-3. The paragraph opens with the general claim that sleep matters as much as food and exercise. It then gives a specific effect, poor concentration, followed by an example of errors at work. A second effect, weakened defenses, comes next, and the paragraph ends with advice to make time for sleep.

Numerical Ability

31. **B** The missing number is 33. In the series 12, 19, 26, ___, 40, each term is 7 more than the one before it, because 19 minus 12 and 26 minus 19 both equal 7. Adding 7 to 26 gives 33, and adding 7 to 33 gives the next term, 40, so the pattern fits.

32. **C** The fare is 23 pesos. The first 4 kilometers cost 13 pesos. A 9-kilometer ride has 9 minus 4, or 5 extra kilometers, and 5 times 2 pesos is 10 pesos. Adding the base fare and the extra charge gives 13 plus 10, which is 23 pesos.

33. **B** The ribbon that is left is 2 7/12 meters long. Change both mixed numbers to twelfths: 5 1/3 is 5 4/12 and 2 3/4 is 2 9/12. Since 4/12 is less than 9/12, borrow 1 whole from the 5, which makes it 4 16/12. Then 16/12 minus 9/12 is 7/12, and 4 minus 2 is 2.

34. **C** The value is -55. Do the powers first: $(-2)^3$ is -8 and $(-3)^2$ is 9. Then $-8 \times 9 = -72$, $(-40) \div (-8) = 5$, and $6 \times (-2) = -12$. The expression becomes -72 + 5 - (-12). Subtracting a negative number means adding, so the result is -72 + 5 + 12, which equals -55.

35. B The largest share is 12,000 pesos more than the smallest. The ratio 2:3:4 has 9 parts in all, so one part is 54,000 divided by 9, or 6,000 pesos. The shares are 12,000, 18,000 and 24,000 pesos. The difference between the largest and the smallest is 2 parts, which is 12,000 pesos.

36. D The missing number is 66. The series 94, 87, 80, 73, ___, 59 goes down by 7 each time, since every neighboring pair differs by 7. Subtracting 7 from 73 gives 66, and subtracting 7 from 66 gives 59, the next given term. So the number that completes the series is 66.

37. D There are 15 liters of water in 20 liters of the solution. The solution has 1 part pesticide and 3 parts water, which is 4 parts in all, so water is 3/4 of the solution. Three quarters of 20 liters is 15 liters. The other 5 liters are pesticide, and 15 plus 5 makes 20.

38. B The grocer can fill 12 bags. Change 4 1/2 to 9/2, then divide by 3/8 by multiplying by the flipped fraction 8/3. Then 9/2 times 8/3 equals 72/6, which is 12. As a check, 12 bags of 3/8 kilo each make 36/8, or 4 1/2 kilos. Multiplying instead of dividing would wrongly give 1 11/16.

39. D The longest possible piece is 42 meters. The length must divide both 84 and 126, so find their greatest common factor. The shared prime factors are 2, 3 and 7, and 2 × 3 × 7 is 42. Smaller lengths such as 21 or 14 also work, but they are not the longest.

40. D Four liters of water must be added. The 14 liters has 10 liters of water and 4 liters of concentrate. Adding water does not change the concentrate, so for a ratio of 7:2 the water must be 7 times 2, or 14 liters. The water to add is 14 minus 10, which is 4 liters.

41. C The next number is 324. In the series 4, 12, 36, 108, each term is 3 times the term before it, because 12 divided by 4, 36 divided by 12 and 108 divided by 36 all equal 3. The differences are not equal, so this is a ratio series. Multiplying 108 by 3 gives 324.

42. D The larger integer is 39. Consecutive odd integers differ by 2, so call them n and n plus 2. Their sum is 2n plus 2, which equals 76, so n is 37. The two numbers are 37 and 39, and their sum is 76. The larger one is 39. Half of 76, which is 38, is not odd.

43. C The greatest fraction is 11/14. Each fraction is less than 1, so compare how far each one falls short of 1. The gaps are 1/4, 2/9, 3/14 and 2/7. The smallest gap is 3/14, about 0.21, so 11/14 is the largest. In decimals, 3/4, 7/9, 11/14 and 5/7 are 0.75, 0.78, 0.79 and 0.71.

44. D They will next leave together at 9:00 a.m. The waiting time must be a multiple of 12, 18 and 30, so find the least common multiple, which is 180 minutes, or 3 hours. Using only two of the routes gives an earlier time, which is wrong.

45. C The cousins saved 8,400 pesos altogether. The most and least savers differ by 6 minus 3, or 3 parts, and that gap is 1,800 pesos, so one part is 600 pesos. All three shares make 14 parts, and 14 times 600 gives 8,400 pesos.

46. **A** The next number is 48. The differences are 5, 7, 9 and 11, so each difference is 2 more than the one before. The next difference is 13, and 35 plus 13 is 48. Each term is also a perfect square minus 1, and the next is 7 squared minus 1, which is 48.

47. **A** Mila receives 500 pesos. Call her share x. Nora gets x plus 300, and Olive gets x plus 600. The total is 3x plus 900, which equals 2,400, so 3x is 1,500 and x is 500. The shares are 500, 800 and 1,100, which add up to 2,400.

48. **A** The least value is 37 percent. Change everything to decimals so they can be compared: 37 percent is 0.37, 3/8 is 0.375, the decimal 0.38 stays as it is, and 2/5 is 0.4. Written as 0.370, 0.375, 0.380 and 0.400, the numbers show that 0.37 is the smallest, so 37 percent is the least.

49. **A** The smallest such number is 18. Numbers that leave remainder 3 when divided by 5 are 3, 8, 13 and 18. Dividing these by 4 leaves remainders 3, 0, 1 and 2, so 18 is the first one that leaves 2. Check: 18 ÷ 5 = 3 remainder 3, and 18 ÷ 4 = 4 remainder 2.

50. **C** The son is 14 years old. Write the ages as 5k and 2k, then set (5k + 10) over (2k + 10) equal to 15 over 8. Cross-multiplying gives 40k + 80 = 30k + 150, so k is 7. The son is 2 times 7, or 14. The mother is 35.

51. **C** The next number is 11. The series mixes two patterns. The terms in odd places, 3, 6, 9 and 12, go up by 3. The terms in even places, 20, 17 and 14, go down by 3. The next term is in an even place, so it is 14 minus 3, which is 11.

52. **D** The original price was 1,800 pesos. A 20 percent discount means the customer pays 80 percent of the original price. So 0.80 times the original price equals 1,440. Dividing 1,440 by 0.80 gives 1,800. As a check, 20 percent of 1,800 is 360, and 1,800 minus 360 is 1,440.

53. **C** Maria's monthly salary is 12,000 pesos. Since 1,800 pesos is 15 percent of the salary, divide 1,800 by 0.15 to find the whole. Another way is to see that 5 percent is 600, so 100 percent is 20 times 600, or 12,000. Taking 15 percent of 1,800 would give 270, which is a common slip.

54. **B** The value is 6. In -3^2, the exponent applies only to the 3, so it equals -9. In $(-3)^2$, the brackets make the whole -3 squared, so it equals 9. Subtracting 2 × (-3), which is -6, adds 6. So -9 + 9 + 6 equals 6. Treating -3^2 as 9 gives the wrong answer 24.

55. **B** The field covers 150 hectares. At a scale of 1 to 50,000, each centimeter on the map is 0.5 kilometer on the ground. The sides are 1.5 km and 1 km, so the area is 1.5 square kilometers. Since 1 square kilometer equals 100 hectares, the field is 150 hectares.

Analytical Ability

56. C No staff in the Planning Division is a contractual employee. All Planning staff are eligible for the award, while no contractual employee is eligible, so the two groups cannot overlap. The choice that all eligible employees are in Planning reverses "all", and the other two choices contradict the statements.

57. A A trowel is the tool of a mason, so the analogy pairs a tool with the worker who uses it. A loom is the tool for weaving cloth, and the worker who uses a loom is a weaver. A tailor, a farmer and a painter use different tools, so weaver is the only match.

58. D The principal assumes that the new program, not some other change, caused the rise in reading scores. If something else raised the scores, the program proves nothing and the recommendation falls. The other choices are not needed, since the argument uses an average and does not mention cost or the scores of other schools.

59. D The section with the most complaints received 66 more than the section with the fewest. Section C had the most with 164 and Section B had the fewest with 98, and 164 minus 98 is 66. The other choices subtract the wrong pair of sections, such as the highest and the second highest.

60. C Some employees on duty today are not approving officers. At least one cashier is on duty, and no cashier is an approving officer, so that person is on duty without being an approving officer. The claim that no one on duty is an approving officer goes too far, because only the cashiers are described.

61. C A sawmill is a place that makes lumber, so the analogy pairs a place with the product it makes. A mint is the place where coins are made. A bank only keeps money, metal is the raw material and not the product, and a wallet holds money, so coins is the answer.

62. D More than half of the employees own a motorcycle, since 36 is more than half of 60. The other choices are not forced by the facts: the 24 employees without a motorcycle may own cars, so car owners could exceed 12, and the facts give no figures for a comparison or for those who own neither.

63. A The average attendance was 69 per seminar. The five figures add up to 345, and dividing by the five seminars gives 69. The choice of 70 is the middle value, which is the median and not the mean, and 86.25 comes from dividing the total by 4 instead of 5.

64. D The statement "Some interviewers are trainees" cannot be true. Every interviewer is a manager, and no manager is a trainee, so no interviewer can be a trainee. The other choices can be true: some managers may not be interviewers, no trainee is an interviewer, and trainees are not managers.

65. D A verdict is the outcome of a trial, so the analogy pairs a conclusion with the process that produces it. A diagnosis is the conclusion that comes out of an examination. A hospital is a place, medicine is a treatment that follows a diagnosis, and a nurse is a person, so examination is the match.

66. B Every surveyed driver who had an accident had not attended the training. The 120 trained drivers had no accident, so all 30 accidents belong to the other 80 drivers. That makes only 30 of 80 untrained drivers accident-prone, not most, and leaves 50 untrained drivers with no accident, so the other choices fail.

67. C Thirty-five percent of the clients were neutral or dissatisfied. Add the neutral and dissatisfied groups to get 140 clients, then divide by the 400 clients surveyed to get 0.35, or 35 percent. The choices of 15 and 20 percent count only one of the two groups, and 65 percent is the satisfied side.

68. B Form 12 has a signature. The rule says a form with no signature is rejected, and Form 12 was not rejected, so it cannot lack a signature. Saying it has no signature contradicts the rule. Saying it was complete and correct adds facts the statements never give, and the facts do allow a conclusion.

69. A Smoke is a sign of fire, so the analogy pairs a sign with the thing it points to. A fever is a sign of illness in the same way. Medicine and a hospital come after an illness is found, and a thermometer only measures the fever, so illness is the best match.

70. C The conclusion that more people came because the shots were free goes beyond the facts. The other three are supported: at least 180 people were vaccinated, which is more than 150 the week before, and the office was open in the afternoon. The facts never say why people came, so a cause is only a guess.

71. B Applications increased by 20 percent from 2022 to 2023. The increase is 1,104 minus 920, or 184, and dividing by the starting figure of 920 gives 0.2, or 20 percent. The choice of 15 percent is the earlier change, 38 percent spans two years, and 120 percent is the new figure as a share of the old.

72. B The equivalent statement is the contrapositive: if the salary is not deducted, the employee was not absent without leave. You swap the two parts and negate both. The converse and the inverse can fail, since pay may be deducted for other reasons, and the last choice directly contradicts the original rule.

73. B A treaty is an agreement made between nations, so the analogy pairs an agreement with those who make it. A contract is an agreement made between parties. Lawyers may draft it, paper may carry it and a penalty may appear in it, but none of these is who makes the agreement.

74. B At least one clerk who passed the computer test is under 30. If most of a group is under 30, some members certainly are. Rosa may be one of the older passers, "most" does not mean "all", and the fact says nothing about clerks who did not pass, so the other choices can be false.

75. B Machine 2 had the highest percent of rejected units. Its rate is 21 rejected out of 300 produced, which is 7 percent. The other machines have rates of 4, 5 and 4 percent. Machine 4 has the most rejects, 40, but it also produced 1,000 units, so the raw count is misleading.

76. B Roberto has no unexcused absences. "Only if" sets a requirement: the bonus is given only when there are no unexcused absences. Roberto got the bonus, so he met it. Cecilia also meets the requirement, but that does not prove she received the bonus, so the statements say nothing certain about her.

77. C Rapid and quick are synonyms, so the second pair must also be synonyms. Silent means making no sound, which is the same as quiet. Noisy is the opposite of silent, while slow and empty describe speed and contents rather than sound. Quiet is therefore the word that completes the analogy.

78. C The statement that heavy trucks were also banned from the crossing in March, and trucks caused most earlier accidents, weakens the argument most. It offers another explanation for the drop in accidents, so the lights may not be the cause. The other statements either support the argument or are unrelated, such as cost and visibility.

79. C The correct statement is that Office X handled 60 percent of all complaints in 2023. The 2023 total is 120 plus 80, or 200, and 120 out of 200 is 60 percent. The other statements fail: total complaints fell by 20 percent, Office Y fell by about 11 percent, and Office X had 64 percent in 2022.

80. A The statement that Gil receives the commendation and Ivan does not could be true. Gil alone satisfies every rule: someone is chosen, Gil is not paired with Hana, and Ivan is not chosen without Hana. The other choices each break one rule: Gil with Hana, Ivan without Hana, or nobody chosen.

General Information

81. B The answer is the internal waters of the Philippines. Article I of the 1987 Constitution says the waters around, between and connecting the islands of the archipelago, regardless of their breadth and dimensions, form part of the internal waters. The territorial sea, exclusive economic zone and high seas are different areas.

82. B Public officials and employees are accountable to the people. Section 2 of RA 6713 declares that the State promotes a high standard of ethics in public service. Officials must at all times answer to the people, act with responsibility, integrity, competence and loyalty, and uphold public interest over personal interest.

83. C The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. It was proclaimed in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It has 30 articles and is the foundation of international human rights law.

84. B Republic Act 9003 is the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, as its Section 1 states. It sets up a systematic and ecological program for the segregation, collection, transport, treatment and disposal of solid waste. The other choices are different laws: RA 8749 is on clean air, RA 9275 on clean water, and RA 7586 on protected areas.

85. D The announcement goes against the principle that civilian authority is supreme over the military at all times. Article II, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution states this rule and adds that the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State, with the goal of securing sovereignty and territorial integrity.

86. A The excluded item is an unsolicited gift of nominal or insignificant value that is not given in anticipation of, or in exchange for, a favor. Section 3(c) of RA 6713 otherwise treats anything given gratuitously as a gift, including a simulated sale, and a valuable present stays a gift even at Christmas.

87. D The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy. Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution says so, and it also adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation and amity with all nations.

88. D The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is the lead agency. Section 19 of RA 9275 makes the Department the primary government agency responsible for implementing and enforcing the Philippine Clean Water Act, unless the Act provides otherwise, and Section 4 defines the Department as the DENR. Local government units share responsibility for water quality in their areas.

89. C The rights can be waived only in writing and in the presence of counsel. Article III, Section 12(1) says a person under investigation must be told of the right to remain silent and to have competent and independent counsel, and these rights cannot be waived except in writing with a lawyer present.

90. D The scenario shows political neutrality. Section 4(A)(d) of RA 6713 requires public officials and employees to provide service to everyone without unfair discrimination and regardless of party affiliation or preference. Giving a supporter and a rival of the mayor the same prompt and courteous service is exactly what this norm asks.

91. B The Commission on Human Rights exercises visitorial powers over jails, prisons or detention facilities. Article XIII, Section 18 also lets it investigate civil and political rights violations, monitor treaty compliance and grant immunity to certain witnesses. Arrest warrants, trials and suspension of the writ are not on that list.

92. B The required document is an environmental impact statement. Section 4 of PD 1151 requires agencies, government corporations and private firms to prepare, file and include a detailed statement on the environmental impact, unavoidable adverse effects and alternatives in every action, project or undertaking that significantly affects the quality of the environment.

93. A A person whose father or mother is a citizen of the Philippines is a citizen. Article IV, Section 1 also lists those who were citizens when the Constitution was adopted, certain persons born before January 17, 1973 of Filipino mothers who elect citizenship, and those naturalized under law. Place of birth, long stay or marriage alone is not listed.

94. A This is responsiveness to the public. Section 4(A)(e) of RA 6713 requires prompt, courteous and adequate service, information on policies and procedures in clear and understandable language, simplified rules and procedures, and the avoidance of red tape. Plain language, posted steps and fewer signatures do exactly that.

95. D It means torture can never be justified. Section 6 of the Anti-Torture Act (RA 9745) says a state of war or threat of war, internal political instability, any other public emergency, or an order of battle shall not and can never be invoked as a justification for torture or other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

96. A Section 46 of RA 9003 states that in no case shall the Solid Waste Management Fund be used for the creation of positions or the payment of salaries and wages. The Fund may finance facilities, awards, research, information activities, technical assistance and capability building, but not staff. The proposal is therefore not allowed.

97. D The 45-year-old who cannot read or write may vote. Article V, Section 1 requires age eighteen, one year of residence in the Philippines and six months in the place of voting, and it bars any literacy, property or other substantive requirement. The other three persons fail the age or the residence rule.

98. B The scenario shows justness and sincerity. Section 4(A)(c) of RA 6713 bars discrimination, especially against the poor and the underprivileged, and bars undue favors on account of office to relatives by consanguinity or affinity. Refusing a favored deal for a sister-in-law and treating poor clients equally fit this norm.

99. A The waiver is invalid. Under Article III, Section 12(1) of the 1987 Constitution and Section 2 of RA 7438, a person under investigation may waive the right to remain silent and to have counsel only in writing and in the presence of counsel. A spoken statement with no lawyer present has no legal effect.

100. C Section 47 of RA 9003 bases local solid waste fees on at least three factors: the types of solid waste, the amount or volume of waste, and the distance of the transfer station to the waste management facility. The monthly income of the household is not a listed factor, so it is the correct exception.

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