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Some questions are true and false, some are correct or not correct, some are yes or no. For the correct or not correct questions mark T for correct and F for not correct. For the yes or no questions, mark T for yes and F for no.

B1 is the batter, and R1, R2, and R3 are the runners who were at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases respectively.

REMEMBER: for a question to be True, it must always be True.

- 1 T F At the beginning of the game, the pitcher is wearing a tan and brown multi colored glove. The opposing manager complains that the glove is illegal. The umpires agree.
- 2 T F Only the catcher and the first baseman are allowed to wear a “mitt” while playing defense.
- 3 T F The batter hits a long fly ball to right-center field. The right fielder catches the ball on the run, takes 4 steps, collides with the centerfielder and drops the ball. Umpires rule this a catch.
- 4 T F B1 hits a fly ball down the right field line. The right fielder is standing completely in fair territory when he unsuccessfully attempts to catch the ball which was over foul territory. UIC rules foul ball.
- 5 T F Bases loaded. One out. The batter hits a high pop-up near the 3rd base line. Umpires declare, “infield fly”. The ball lands in front of 3rd base, approximately 5 feet foul and spins back into fair territory. F6 picks up the ball and tags 3rd base. R3 had scored before the base was tagged. Ruling: 3 outs, One run scores.
- 6 T F On any play involving offensive interference, an immediate dead ball situation exists.
- 7 T F The strike zone is the area over home plate between the batters armpits and the bottom of the knee.
- 8 T F 2-2 count. The batter swings and tips the baseball. The ball deflects off of the catcher’s bare hand and is consequently trapped against his chest protector. Umpires rule strike 3 batter out.
- 9 T F In the 4th inning, Coach Bentson has his Designated Hitter pinch run for his catcher. The umpires are correct in allowing the courtesy.
- 10 T F The visitors score 6 runs in the top of the first inning. Coach Peters, figuring he may not need his ace starter anymore, substitutes for F1 to start the bottom of the first inning. After one pitch to the first hitter, the opposing coach realizes this was an illegal change and appeals to the UIC. The umpires allow the change, because the appeal was not made before the next pitch.
- 11 T F 1 out, Runner on 2nd base. B1 hits a grounder towards the hole at short. As the ball is gloved by the 3rd baseman, R2 collides with the shortstop who was getting into position to field the grounder. F5 fires to first to retire the batter and throws the ball over the 1st baseman’s head. The right fielder retrieves the ball and throws B1 out at 2nd base. The UIC rules interference on R2 for colliding with the shortstop. Ruling: 3 outs, inning over.
- 12 T F Able is due up to lead off the top of the 4th inning, but Baker bats in his place and singles. After first pitch to Charles, the defense appeals batting out of order. Umpires agree and call Charles out.

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- 13 T F B1 triples and is standing on third base when you notice the defense is about to try a hidden ball trick, the third baseman still has the ball. The catcher who is not in on the trick requests and is granted time by your partner at the plate. After F2 confers with his pitcher, the pitcher stands astride the rubber and assumes his pitching position. F5 still has the ball. Ruling: Balk
- 14 T F No outs. R3 misreads the pitcher's intentions and breaks for home before the pitcher starts their wind up. F1 legally steps off the rubber and fires the ball home. B1 squares around and bunts the ball fair. When the smoke clears, R3 has scored and B1 is grinning at first. As plate umpire you immediately call B1 out.
- 15 T F With the bases loaded and score tied in the bottom of the last inning, B1 receives a 2-out walk. B1 runs down and touches first as R3 scores, but R1 trots off to celebrate and does not advance to touch second base. Ruling: Score the run, game over.
- 16 T F With R2 on second, B1 grounds to short. F6 fields the ball and chases R2 back towards 2nd base, swipes at and misses R2, then throws wildly to first into dead ball territory. Before F6 throws, B1 touches 1st base. Score R2 and place B1 at third base.
- 17 T F R1 is stealing second when the umpire interferes with the catcher and the throw goes into center field. The runner tries for third and is thrown out by F8. The umpire should call umpire's interference and return R1 to 1st base.
- 18 T F Late in a tie game, with a runner on 3rd base, the home manager calls time to confer with his pitcher. After the conference, the batter hits the first pitch over the fence but foul. Fearing another miscue by the pitcher, the manager calls time and comes out again to his pitcher. You immediately inform him that he is in violation of the rules. He ignores you and continues out to the mound to confer with F1. You now must eject the manager and immediately remove the pitcher.
- 19 T F A relief pitcher enters the game and pitches to a 1-2 count on Jones, the batter. Jones is replaced by pinch hitter Smith. The relief pitcher can now be substituted for.
- 20 T F If a runner is standing on 2nd base and is hit by a declared "infield fly", both the runner and the batter are out.
- 21 T F Runners on 1st and 2nd, one out, when B1 hits a high pop up to the shortstop. The umpires call "infield fly". F6, being the smart player that he is, intentionally drops the pop-up, picks up the ball and tags R2 who broke for third base when he saw the ball hit the ground. Legal play. Inning is over.
- 22 T F An imaginary line separates live ball from dead ball territory. There is a runner on 3rd, game tied in the bottom of an extra inning with one out. B1 hits a high pop-up near the imaginary line. F5 makes the catch while straddling the line. Umpire rules no catch.
- 23 T F One out. R2 is stealing when the catcher interferes with the batters swing and B1 flies out to center field. When the smoke clears, you as the umpire, invoke the penalty, place B1 at 1st base and send R2 back to second base.

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- 24 T F Visitors lead 4-3 in the bottom of the last inning. The home team has runners on 2nd and 3rd, one out when R3 attempts to steal home. R2 is holding. The catcher interferes with the batter. You immediately call interference, score the run, send B1 to first and keep R2 at 2nd base.
- 25 T F Peter Williams is listed as the designated hitter on the home team's lineup card. We're in the first inning of the second game of a double header. Peter's coach decides to give Peter a rest and sends up a pinch hitter for him. This is perfectly legal.
- 26 T F An obstructed runner is always awarded at least one base beyond the last base legally touched at the time of the obstruction.
- 27 T F B1 chops the ball off home plate and the ball bounces straight up and is fielded by the catcher directly over home plate. The catcher is standing with both feet in the opposite batters box when he fields the ball. F2 fires to first to retire B1. Umpire rules B1 out.
- 28 T F After the first pitch of the 4th inning, the home coach chooses to have Smith, his pitcher, change positions with Peters, his 1st baseman. The new pitcher retires the side. In the top of the next inning, Smith is again pitching and with one out the home coach comes out again and makes the same change. This is not permitted under the rules.
- 29 T F Coach Follette at Plymouth North High school is using a DH for his pitcher. With one out in the 5th inning, he sends the pitcher to play center field and brings in a new pitcher from the bench. Plymouth North loses the DH for the remainder of the game.
- 30 T F Bases loaded, as F1 begins his windup. Just as F1 is about to deliver the pitch, the batter steps with one foot out of the batters box. F1 stops his delivery. Ruling, Balk
- 31 T F With a runner on third base, B1 hits a sharp grounder down the 3rd base line. In an effort to avoid the ball R3 turns his body and is struck by the fair ball. At the time, he has one foot on 3rd base and the other foot in foul ground. R3 is called out and B1 is awarded first base.
- 32 T F A defensive coach's trip to confer with his pitcher ends when he leaves the dirt area of the pitchers mound
- 33 T F With one out in the 2nd inning, Coach Goldman replaces his right fielder, Adams, with Smith. Just before the umpire calls play to restart the game, the coach realizes he sent the wrong kid in to play right field. He informs the UIC of his mistake and sends Jones out to right field. Smith is now ineligible to play for the remainder of the game.
- 34 T F It's raining and the field is muddy. 10 minutes prior to official start time, the Umpire-in-Chief informs both teams that he is canceling the game for safety reasons. The UIC is allowed this latitude.
- 35 T F When the ball is put in play at the start or resumption of an inning, all players except the catcher must be
- 36 T F Runner on first, nobody out. Pitcher comes to a legal set position and disengages the rubber (steps backward off the rubber) in a pick-off move to first base. The throw goes out of play. Runner is awarded third base.

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- 37 T F R1 is stealing on the pitch to the batter who grounds sharply to the shortstop. F6 looks at 2nd base, realizes he has no play on R1 and fires to first. The throw is high and goes into dead ball territory. At the time of F6's throw, R1 had already reached second base. You as the umpire correctly place B1 at
- 38 T F The lineup card handed to the UIC has no designated hitter listed, so for the entire game, there will be no DH for that team.
- 39 T F A pitched ball bounces in the dirt before the batter's box and then subsequently hits the batter. The batter is awarded first base.

Indicate whether the following results in a (L) live ball, -Immediate Dead Ball (I) or Delayed Dead Ball (D).

- 40 L I D An infield fly is caught.
- 41 L I D A balk is called
- 42 L I D A hit batsman
- 43 L I D A runner is hit by a batted ball before it passes a fielder other than the pitcher.
- 44 L I D Batter interferes with catcher's throw to retire a runner stealing 2nd base
- 45 L I D An intentional walk
- 46 L I D Base coach unintentionally interferes with a thrown ball
- 47 L I D Pitched ball lodges in umpires equipment.
- 48 L I D Catcher interferes with batter's swing.
- 49 L I D The batter-runner is called out for passing a preceding runner.
- 50 L I D Batter-runner is obstructed before reaching 1st base.

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