ARBA MINCH UNIVERSITY
STREAM SELECTION QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION
Civics, Exam Code 01

Instruction: Choose the best answer and put the letter of your choice on the answer sheet

1. All of the following justifies the reason behind the provision of Civics and Ethical Education to all students across lower and higher educational institutions in Ethiopia **except**?
   A. Creating citizens who work within the provision of constitution and abide by the rule of law
   B. Creating citizens who peruse their rights without due respect for the right of others
   C. Creating responsible citizens who nurture tolerant culture and resolve difference peacefully
   D. Creating citizens who are active participant in the political process of their country and dedicated to work for common good
   E. Creating citizen who have decision making capacity on the basics of knowledge and objectivity
2. If other countries interfere in the internal affairs of Ethiopia and if the Ethiopian government doesn't make decision in the international arena independently and freely, which essential element of state is violated?
   A. Territorial integrity
   B. Population
   C. State sovereignty
   D. Recognition
   E. None of the above
3. In 1990, Ethiopia has introduced multiparty system and since then a number of political parties has increasing steadily. However, the Ethiopian politics and political parties are still less effective to develop the culture of negotiation and compromise. This is because (of) :___
   A. Lack of experience in party politics prior to the current generation
   B. Parties have no strong personality so leaders can easily create or break for profit
   C. The idea or game of multi-party politics is imported not implanted
   D. Parties are largely a collection of personalities with little institutionalization
   E. All of the above
4. In democracy the ultimate and final decision making power resides in the hands of
   A. Prime minster
   B. People
   C. President
   D. Council of minsters
   E. None of the above

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5. All of the following characterize good citizens **except**?
   A. They are self-disciplined
   B. They adhere fundamental rules of their country
   C. They advance personal interests at the expense of common will
   D. They are tolerant and open minded
   E. They believe in negotiation and compromise
6. The 1995 FDRE constitution stipulates for elections to be held every five years interval and this refers to the:
   A. Principle of free and fair election
   B. Principle of periodic election
   C. Principle of secret ballot
   D. Principle of inclusiveness
   E. Principle of transparency
7. In countries with heterogynous society like Ethiopia, harmonious and peaceful coexistence can be ensured when everyone develops all of the following cultures except?
   A. Valuing difference
   B. Group centered mentality
   C. Respecting difference
   D. Recognizing difference
   E. None of the above
8. The phenomena that forced the world health organization to declare a global public health emergency on 30 January 2020 is?
   A. The outbreak of Ebola virus
   B. Increasing of terrorist acts
   C. The outbreak of corona virus
   D. The proliferation of nuclear weapons
   E. All of the above
9. Which one of the following organ of government is entrusted with Law making power?
   A. Legislative organ
   B. Executive organ
   C. Judiciary organ
   D. Council of minsters
   E. All of the above

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10. Which one of the following is true about a constitution?
   A. It serves as a source to other laws of a country
   B. It safeguards individual and collective rights of citizens
   C. It serves as a guideline and framework for government activities
   D. It is the supreme law of the land
   E. All of the above

11. All of the following can be taken as basic values and principles of democracy except?
   A. Popular sovereignty
   B. Rule of law
   C. Secularism
   D. Rule of men
   E. Constitutional government

12. Now a days, in the era of globalization, skirmish and conflict between states is becoming a usual phenomenon in the international system and this is due to__?
   A. Existence of contradictory goals and desires of states
   B. Inconvenient strategies used by states to realize their interest
   C. The selfish nature or motive of states
   D. The existence of scarce resource
   E. All of the above

13. According the 1995 FDRE constitution, which one of the following best describes Ethiopia?
   A. Unitary state
   B. Federal state
   C. Democratic state
   D. Presidential democracy
   E. All of the above

14. Which one of the following statement is wrong about rights and duties of citizens?
   A. Rights and duties of citizen are inseparable
   B. Right has an explicitly or implicitly stated legal boundary or limitation
   C. Right is understood as an entitlement that people enjoy as a citizen of a state
   D. Duty is an obligation expected to be fulfilled by citizens of a state
   E. None of the above

15. In countries like Ethiopia, the document that provides a general outlines of the respective powers and authority of regional and federal government is called?
   A. Decree
   B. Regulation
   C. Directive
   D. Constitution
   E. Proclamation

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Critical Thinking, Exam Code 01

Instruction 1: Choose the best answer and put the letter of your choice on the answer sheet

1. One of the following alternative is the sufficient condition to make a passage an argument?
   A) Statement.
   B) Premise.
   C) Conclusion.
   D) Inference.
   E) B and C.
2. One of the following can compose an argument **except one**?
   A) Abebe spent an average of eleven hour within a day for studying.
   B) The sun set in the west.
   C) It had better to spent our vacation in Paris next year.
   D) Ethiopian population raised by 3% annually for the last three decade.
   E) None of the above.
3. Avatar is the film made by Hollywood.
   Therefore, Avatar is film made by American film industry.
   This argument is characterized by one of the following?
   A) Inductive, casual inference and strong.
   B) Deductive, definition and valid.
   C) Inductive, analogy and strong.
   D) Deductive, syllogism and invalid
   E) Inductive, authority and strong.

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4. Dr. Abiy Ahmed is Ethiopian prime minister (T)

   All Ethiopian prime minister are white man. (F)

   Therefore, Dr. Abiy Ahmed is white man (F)

   This argument is characterized by one of the following?

   A. Deductive, valid and unsound.
   B. Inductive, strong and uncogent.
   C. Deductive, valid and sound.
   D. Inductive, strong and cogent.
   E. Deductive, invalid and unsound.

Ramose said that South African government plant so many industrial infrastructure in the suburbs of Johannesburg

Mobogo said that it is impossible for industry to grow within a soil.

Answer question 5 and 6 based on the above conversation

5. The dispute between Ramose and Mobogo is because of_____?
   A. Different understanding about whether industrial infrastructure are in fact planted or not.
   B. Different understanding on the meaning of the word **'plant'**.
   C. Different understanding on the meaning of the word **'industry.'**
   D. The word **'industry'** have multiple meaning.
   E. A and C.
6. A third party can resolve the dispute, if he/she_____?
   A. Investigate the fact and clearly state the truth about planted industry.
   B. Gives lexical definition for the word **'industry'** based on the context of the speech of Ramose.
   C. Gives lexical definition for the word **'industry'** to know which meaning of the word **'industry'** is used by Ramose.
   D. Gives lexical definition for the word **'plant'** to know which meaning of the word **'plant'** is used by Ramose.
   E. B and C.

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7. "Facebook is the social media". This definition is _____?
   - A. Persuasive.
   - B. Theoretical.
   - C. Enumerative.
   - D. Genus and difference.
   - E. Synonymous.
8. "The ultimate justification for my thought is its relevance for promoting my self - interest."
   This statement refers to_____
   - A. Prejudice.
   - B. Sociocentrism.
   - C. Egocentrism.
   - D. Open-mindedness.
   - E. Charity.
9. "During discussion different premises/evidences cited by one discussant should not contradict each other." This statement represents the principle of _____?
   - A. Clarity.
   - B. Rebuttal.
   - C. Structure of argument.
   - D. Charity.
   - E. None of the above
10. "A thought should be based on true and correct information." This statement match with the principle of_____?
    - A. Clarity.
    - B. Rebuttal.
    - C. Precision.
    - D. Accuracy.
    - E. Relevance.
11. One of the following **is not true** for an argument that commits fallacy of relevance?
    - A. Its evidence is psychologically irrelevant for the conclusion.
    - B. Its evidence is not logically irrelevant for the conclusion.
    - C. The premise only provides little logical support for the conclusion.
    - D. It is error in the reasoning process.
    - E. None of the above.

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STREAM SELECTION QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION
General Law, Exam Code 01

Instruction: Choose the best answer and put the letter of your choice on the answer sheet

1. **Under the FDRE Constitution, who has the power to declare state of emergency?**
   - A. The House of Peoples Representatives
   - B. The House of Federation
   - C. The prime minister
   - D. The Council of Ministers
2. **One of the following not correct statement about rule of law?**
   - A. Citizens are subject to the law
   - B. Rulers are subject to law likewise citizens
   - C. No one is above the law
   - D. Judges who interpret the law may be treated as above man made law
3. **One is not among the fundamental principles of Ethiopian Constitution?**
   - A. Supremacy of the constitution
   - B. Accountability of the public officials
   - C. Compromise of inviolable and inalienable human rights
   - D. Separation of state and religion
4. **One of the following democratic right can be enjoyed only by Ethiopian citizen?**
   - A. The right to be elected
   - B. The right to elect
   - C. Right to be benefited from affirmative action
   - D. All
5. **One of the following institution has the power to interpret the FDRE Constitution?**
   - A. The federal supreme court
   - B. House of peoples representatives
   - C. House of federations
   - D. Ethiopian human right commission

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6. **One of the following statement is accurate description of time table in the FDRE Constitution to carryout major national activities?**
   - (A) Every five years, the nation shall conduct election of members of house of peoples representatives
   - (B) The national population census shall be conducted every seven years
   - (C) The members of house of federations shall be elected every five years
   - (D) All except B
7. **Which one of the following electoral system used in Ethiopia for election to the federal parliament?**
   - (A) Proportional election system
   - (B) Plurality of votes
   - (C) Fifty plus majority
   - (D) None
8. **Which one of the following is not one of the key features of government according to law?**
   - (A) Public bodies exercising statutory duties must do what the law requires them to do
   - (B) The court are duty bound to correct any abuse of power by the executive and the judges are free to exercise this jurisdiction independently
   - (C) The law cannot be enforced by the courts against ministers acting in their official capacity
   - (D) The judiciary enforce the law against individuals, institutions and the executive.
9. **Federalism is a system of government;**
   - (A) With a strong national government whose decision override regional government decisions
   - (B) That divides power between three branches of the government
   - (C) With a weak national government whose decisions defer to regional government
   - (D) Where power is constitutionally divided between the national government and regional government

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12. "Ethiopian university is contributing in the production of graduates with specialized competency. But Ethiopian university is now become the center for politically driven violence. This is because of ethnic tension, which is not dealt by the government extensively and formally. Therefore, the prime minister should take action to deal the problem of ethnic tension formally and extensively." This argument commits the fallacy of_____?

A. Appeal to pity.
B. Appeal to force.
C. Missing the point.
D. Straw man.
E. No fallacy.

13. Plant has chlorophyll.
Factory are plants.
Therefore, factory has chlorophyll.
This argument commits the fallacy of_____?

A. Appeal to people.
B. Argument against person.
C. Red herring.
D. Composition.
E. Equivocation.

14. Professional CNN reporter asserted that the theory of Stephen Hawking made significant and paradigmatic leap from the theory of Einstein theory. Therefore, based on this statement, we can say that, indeed Stephen Hawking made such tremendous theoretical improvement. This argument commits the fallacy of_____?

A. Begging the question.
B. Hasty generalization.
C. Appeal to ignorance.
D. Unqualified authority.
E. Accident.

15. Language is means for purpose of communication.
Hammer is means for certain purpose
Therefore hammer is the means for communication.
This argument commits the fallacy of_____?

A. Division.
B. Amphiboly.
C. Weak analogy.
D. Ignorance.
E. Suppressed evidence.

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PASSAGE 1

Instruction 1: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The first murder ever committed in the United States occurred in September 1630, shortly after the Pilgrims arrived in Massachusetts. John Billington was the father of two sons, one of the first to settle in the new Plymouth Colony near what is today Boston, and one of the people who signed the Mayflower Compact—and he was also the colony's first murderer.

Billington, in fact, was the first person to commit any crime in the colony, as far as we know today. He was also the first to be executed by the state in the New World. Billington's crime was to shoot a man named John Newcomen, for reasons which are lost to history.

But Billington's problems had not begun on the soil of North America. He and his sons had nearly caused a mutiny aboard the Mayflower during the **arduous** trip across the ocean. One of his sons, in fact, fired his gun aboard the Mayflower—near an open keg of gunpowder! The flash from the gun could easily have ignited the powder, which would probably have sunk the ship.

Once in Plymouth Colony, Billington's behavior did not improve. He refused to serve any form of military duty under the leadership of Miles Standish, a duty that was seen by the colonists as part of every man's responsibilities in the New World. He was later implicated in a plot to overthrow the entire leadership of Plymouth Colony, but a lack of evidence prompted the town's leaders to let him go free. In the end, Billington's rebellious and angry nature caught up with him. He was found guilty of the murder of John Newcomen, and died in disgrace on the gallows.

1. Based on the information in the passage, which of the following best describes John Billington?

A. quiet and shy
B. angry and rebellious
C. clever and amusing
D. bold and patriotic

2. Which of the following is NOT true of John Billington, according to the passage?

A. He had two sons.
B. He served in the military under Miles Standish.
C. He tried to lead a mutiny.
D. He attempted to overthrow the government.

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3. The nearest meaning of the underlined word arduous, as used in the passage, is

A. difficult B. simple
C. long D. stormy

4. Why didn't the leaders of Plymouth Colony punish Billington for rebelling against their authority?

A. He was not guilty. B. They didn't have enough evidence.
C. He had two sons who needed him. D. Billington was Miles Standish's nephew.

5. A good title for this passage would be:

A. History of Plymouth Colony B. The Injustices of Miles Standish
C. America's First Murderer D. Early American Legal Battles

II. VOCABULARY

Instruction II: Read the following sentences and try to choose the best definition for the underlined word by searching for context clues in the sentence.

6. The attorney wanted to expedite the process because her client was becoming impatient.

A. reverse B. evaluate C. accelerate D. justify

7. She showed a blatant disregard for the rules.

A. obvious B. hidden C. last-minute D. rebellious

8. Since the townspeople were so dissatisfied, various methods to alleviate the situation were debated.

A. clarify B. tolerate C. ease D. intensify

9. The doctors were pleased that their theory had been fortified by the new research.

A. disputed B. reinforced C. altered D. developed

10. The editor of the newspaper needed to be sure the article presented the right information, so his review was meticulous.

A. painstaking B. objective C. delicate D. superficial

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III. PASSAGE 2

Instruction III: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

(1) An upsurge of new research suggests that animals have a much higher level of brainpower than previously thought. If animals do have intelligence, how do scientists measure it? Before defining animals' intelligence, scientists defined what is not intelligence. Instinct is not intelligence. It is a skill programmed into an animal's brain by its genetic heritage. Rote conditioning is also not intelligence. Tricks can be learned by repetition, but no real thinking is involved. Cuing, in which animals learn to do or not to do certain things by following outside signals, does not demonstrate intelligence. Scientists believe that insight, the ability to use tools, and communication using human language are all effective measures of the mental ability of animals.

(2) When judging animal intelligence, scientists look for insight, which they define as a flash of sudden understanding. When a young gorilla could not reach fruit from a tree, she noticed crates scattered about the lawn near the tree. She piled the crates into a pyramid, then climbed on them to reach her reward. The gorilla's insight allowed her to solve a new problem without trial and error.

(3) The ability to use tools is also an important sign of intelligence. Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. The crow exhibits intelligence by showing it has learned what a stick can do. Likewise, otters use rocks to crack open crab shells in order to get at the meat. In a series of complex moves, chimpanzees have been known to use sticks and stalks in order to get at a favorite snack— termites. To make and use a termite tool, a chimp first selects just the right stalk or twig. He trims and shapes the stick, then finds the entrance to a termite mound. While inserting the stick carefully into the entrance, the chimpanzee turns it skillfully to fit the inner tunnels. The chimp attracts the insects by shaking the twig. Then it pulls the tool out without scraping off any termites. Finally, he uses his lips to skim the termites into his mouth.

(4) Many animals have learned to communicate using human language. Some primates have learned hundreds of words in sign language. One chimp can recognize and correctly use more than 250 abstract symbols on a keyboard. These symbols represent human words. An amazing

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parrot can distinguish five objects of two different types. He can understand the difference between the number, color, and kind of object. The ability to classify is a basic thinking skill. He seems to use language to express his needs and emotions. When ill and taken to the animal hospital for his first overnight stay, this parrot turned to go. "Come here!" he cried to a scientist who works with him. "I love you. I'm sorry. Wanna go back?"

(5) The research on animal intelligence raises important questions. If animals are smarter than once thought, would that change the way humans interact with them? Would humans stop hunting them for sport or survival? Would animals still be used for food, clothing, or medical experimentation? Finding the answer to these tough questions makes a difficult puzzle even for a large-brained, problem-solving species like our own.

11. Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. Which of the following is the kind of intelligence or conditioning the situation describes?

A. rote learning B. tools C. communication D. instinct

12. The underlined word upsurge, as it is used in the first paragraph of the passage, most nearly means

A. an immeasurable amount B. a decreasing amount
C. a well-known amount D. an increasingly large amount

13. The concluding paragraph of this passage infers which of the following?

A. Research showing higher animal intelligence may fuel debate on ethics and cruelty.
B. Animals are being given opportunities to display their intelligence.
C. There is no definitive line between those animals with intelligence and those without.
D. Animals are capable of untrained thought well beyond mere instinct.

14. Which of the following is not a sign of animal intelligence?

A. shows insight B. cues C. uses tools D. makes a plan

15. In paragraph 3, what conclusion can be reached about the chimpanzee's ability to use a tool?

A. It illustrates high intelligence because he is able to get his food and eat it.
B. It illustrates instinct because he faced a difficult task and accomplished it.
C. It illustrates high intelligence because he stored knowledge away and called it up at the right time.
D. It illustrates high intelligence because termites are protein-packed.

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