

**2013 Agricultural Communications CDE
Communications Quiz**

Contestant Name: _____ Score: _____

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Instructions: This quiz covers items from the AP Stylebook such as style, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling and word usage. There are 25 questions, valued at one point each.

Multiple Choice: In the blank to the left of the question number, write the correct letter choice.

_____ 1. Which of the following is correct?

- A. "He forgot to feed the horses," Laura said.
- B. "He forgot to feed the horses", Laura said.
- C. "He forgot to feed the horses" said Laura.
- D. "He forgot to feed the horses." said Laura.

_____ 2. Which of the following is correctly used?

- A. groundkeeper
- B. grounds keeper
- C. grounds-keeper
- D. groundskeeper

_____ 3. You found a photo via Twitter that you would like to use in the publication you work for. You should do all of the following EXCEPT:

- A. Verify the authenticity of the photo
- B. Determine who controls the copyright of the material.
- C. Get permission from the content originator to use it.
- D. Re-tweet it.
- E. All of the above are correct.

_____ 4. Please select the correct photo caption choice.

- A. President Barak Obama delivers his policy on Iraq speech, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2009, in Clinton, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)
- B. President Barak Obama, Wednesday, September 12, 2009, in Clinton, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)
- C. President Barak Obama delivers his policy on Iraq speech, Wednesday, September 12, 2009.
- D. President Barak Obama delivers his policy on Iraq speech, Wed. Sept. 12, 2009, in Clinton, IA. (Photo/Charlie Neibergall).

_____ 5. Please select the correct choice.

- A. 7 p.m.
- B. 7 P.M.
- C. 7 pm
- D. 7 PM

_____ 6. Please select the correct choice.

- A. sixthgrader
- B. 6th grader
- C. sixth grader
- D. sixth-grader

_____ 7. Which of the following things must a successful libel plaintiff prove?

- A. A defamatory statement was made.
- B. The defamatory statement is a matter of fact, not opinion.
- C. The defamatory statement is false.
- D. All of the above.

_____ 8. Which of the following is correct?

- A. She was the first girl governor of New Mexico.
- B. She was the first female governor of New Mexico.
- C. She was the first woman governor of New Mexico.
- D. She was the first lady governor of New Mexico.

_____ 9. Which of the following is correct?

- A. David presented his research to the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- B. David presented his research to the Food & Ag Organization.
- C. David presented his research to the Food and Agricultural Organization.
- D. David presented his research to the Food & Agricultural organization.

_____ 10. Which of the following is correct when using titles?

- A. The First Lady, Michelle Obama, will read to the children.
- B. The First lady, Michelle Obama, will read to the children.
- C. The First-Lady Michelle Obama, will read to the children.
- D. The first lady, Michelle Obama, will read to the children.

_____ 11. When writing a news article, when should USDA be used?

- A. Acceptable on first reference
- B. Acceptable on second reference, always use United States Department of Agriculture on first reference
- C. Never acceptable, always use USDA
- D. Only acceptable in quotations

_____ 12. Which of the following datelines is correct?

- A. DALLAS – Prime Minister Harold Wilson made a stop in Texas before returning to London.
- B. DALLAS, TX – Prime Minister Harold Wilson made a stop in Texas before returning to London.
- C. DALLAS, TEXAS – Prime Minister Harold Wilson made a stop in Texas before returning to London.
- D. Dallas, Texas – Prime Minister Harold Wilson made a stop in Texas before returning to London.

- _____ 13. Which of the following is correct?
- A. She has a Southern accent.
 - B. The cold front is moving east.
 - C. A storm system that developed in the Midwest is spreading eastward.
 - D. All of the above.
- _____ 14. In a photo caption, in what should be included?
- A. A date.
 - B. Names of people in the photo.
 - C. About two sentences describing what the photo is about.
 - D. All of the above.
- _____ 15. Which of the following types of statements are capable of defamatory meaning?
- A. Statements that accuse someone of being a criminal.
 - B. Statements that injure someone's professional reputation.
 - C. Statements that accuse someone of being insane.
 - D. All of the above.
- _____ 16. Which of the following is correct?
- A. Bill is a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board.
 - B. Bill is a member of the FFCB.
 - C. Bill is a member of the federal farm credit board.
 - D. Bill is a member of the Federal Farm Credit board.
- _____ 17. Which of the following is correct?
- A. The car traveled 5 miles per hour.
 - B. The car traveled five mph.
 - C. The car traveled five miles per hour.
 - D. The car traveled five miles-per-hour
- _____ 18. Which of the following is correct?
- A. Carly plans to join the work-force after he finishes college.
 - B. Carly plans to join the workforce after he finishes college.
 - C. Carly plans to join the work force after he finishes college.
 - D. Carly plans to join the workforce after he finishes college.
- _____ 19. Which of the following is correct?
- A. Mark's savings should increase 5%-7% by next fall.
 - B. Mark's savings should increase 5 to 7 percent by next fall.
 - C. Mark's savings should increase 5 percent to 7 percent by next fall.
 - D. Mark's savings should increase five to seven percent by next fall.

_____ 20. Which of the following is correct?

- A. The committee meeting will meet Dec. 16, 2013, to discuss the grant.
- B. The committee meetings will meet December 16, 2013, to discuss the grant.
- C. The committee meeting will meet Dec. 16, 2013 to discuss the grant.
- D. The committee meeting will meet December 16, 2013 to discuss the grant.

_____ 21. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Dr. David DeSilva is the dean.
- B. David DeSilva, Ph.D., is the dean.
- C. Doctor, David DeSilva, is the dean.
- D. Dr. DeSilva is the dean.

_____ 22. Which state is not abbreviated in datelines or stories?

- A. Alabama
- B. North Carolina
- C. California
- D. Ohio

_____ 23. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Mom, please give me dollar.
- B. The movie ticket cost \$6.
- C. \$7 was stuck to the bottom of the washing machine.
- D. Sally paid \$28,000 for her new car.

_____ 24. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Bill Gates pledged to make an eight to ten million dollar investment into new research for agriculture.
- B. Bill Gates pledged to make an Eight to 10 million dollar investment into new research for agriculture.
- C. Bill Gates pledged to make an \$8-10 million dollar investment into new research for agriculture.
- D. Bill Gates pledged to make an \$8 million to \$10 million investment into new research for agriculture.