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## Code of Ethics Exam

### Matching:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Items of value given because of role or position, rather than a personal relationship
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Stopping an individual based solely on racial characteristics
3. \_\_\_\_\_ An internal discipline system where police investigate themselves
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The responsibilities attached to a specific role
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The option to choose between two or more courses of behavior
6. \_\_\_\_\_ An unofficial fraternity of police officers that promotes an “us versus them” mentality
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Exploitation of one’s role by accepting bribes or protection money
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Exploiting one’s position for personal gain at the expense of those one is authorized to serve
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Occurs when a discretionary decision-maker treats a group or individual differently from others for no justifiable reason
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Occurs when an officer goes beyond what is necessary for arrest or has no lawful reason to use force but uses it anyway
11. \_\_\_\_\_ A code of values which guide our choices and determines the purpose and course of our lives
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Involves officers employing unethical means to catch criminals because “it’s the right thing to do”
13. \_\_\_\_\_ An independent civilian agency that audits complaints and investigations against police

- a) Discretion
- b) Duty
- c) Police Subculture
- d) Racial Profiling
- e) Gratuities
- f) Internal Affairs
- g) Noble Cause Corruption
- h) Excessive Force
- i) Discrimination
- j) Ethics
- k) Graft
- l) Corruption
- m) Civilian Review/Complaint Model Discipline Approach

**Multiple Choice:**

14. \_\_\_\_\_ What is not the mission of law enforcement in protecting a democratic society?
- a) To fight crime
  - b) To serve and protect
  - c) To protect the vested interests of the police department
  - d) To provide “due process” and “equal protection” for all
  - e) To promote public safety
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Whom specifically do the police serve?
- a) The chief
  - b) The city council
  - c) The citizens
  - d) The courts
16. \_\_\_\_\_ To what point does the police officer have the duty to protect the community?
- a) To the point of physical exhaustion
  - b) To the point of mental exhaustion
  - c) To the point of psychological exhaustion
  - d) To the point of death
17. \_\_\_\_\_ What do police not have power to do in our society?
- a) The power to arrest
  - b) The power to mediate or to charge
  - c) The power to use force
  - d) The power of life and death
  - e) All of the above
18. \_\_\_\_\_ This is the means to dominate others. It implies that there might be resistance to overcome. If there is resistance, it will be crushed.
- a) Police Authority
  - b) Police Power
19. \_\_\_\_\_ This is the entitlement to unquestioned obedience that derives from fulfilling a specific role. The officer has power simply because he or she is a police officer.
- a) Police Authority
  - b) Police Power
20. \_\_\_\_\_ According to the Social Contract Theory, in Quid Pro Quo, what does each person give up in exchange for the guaranteed protection of the society against others?
- a) Complete freedom
  - b) Democracy
  - c) The right not to pay taxes
  - d) All of the above
21. \_\_\_\_\_ What offers protection to citizens from unreasonable intrusions in their lives by law enforcement?
- a) Declaration of Independence
  - b) U.S. Constitution
  - c) Police department policy
  - d) An officer’s own conscious

22. \_\_\_\_\_ What is an example of an exception to the rights afforded to citizens by the U. S. Constitution?  
a) Reasonable suspicion  
b) Probable cause  
c) A warrant  
d) All of the above
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Where are the U.S. Constitution and other laws sometimes defined in regard to their application to law enforcement?  
a) The local city council  
b) The Chief's office  
c) Court cases  
d) The executive branch of the state (the Governor)
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Which is a reason ethics are important to law enforcement?  
a) Career survival  
b) Increasing the number of arrests  
c) Innocent people can suffer  
d) A and C only
25. \_\_\_\_\_ What is not a place we get our ethics from?  
a) Society as a whole  
b) Religion  
c) Our upbringing  
d) None of the above
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Police corruption is a rare problem in most parts of the world.  
a) True  
b) False
27. \_\_\_\_\_ Everyone has some form of prejudice. Officers must not act on theirs.  
a) True  
b) False
28. \_\_\_\_\_ What, when specifically studied, is important for an officer to properly understand so citizens' Constitutional rights are not violated?  
a) Their role in their police department  
b) Their department's Standard Operating Procedure  
c) Their duty  
d) Their law book
29. \_\_\_\_\_ The police subculture attempts to break through the cynical nature and isolation that police work can bring a person.  
a) True  
b) False
30. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer is actively corrupt.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
31. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer engages in criminal activities.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater

32. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer takes bribes and gratuities.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
33. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer shops at burglary scenes.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
34. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer takes advantage of opportunistic ethical violations.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
35. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer is passively corrupt.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
36. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer regularly engages in ethical violations.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
37. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer robs drug dealers.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
38. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer accepts unsolicited protection money.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
39. \_\_\_\_\_ This officer participates in shakedowns.  
a) Grass-eater  
b) Meat-eater
40. \_\_\_\_\_ Every decision we make should not be assessed with which of the following questions?  
a) Is it legal?  
b) Is it fair to all concerned?  
c) Is something I need to keep to myself?  
d) How will the decision make me feel about myself?
41. \_\_\_\_\_ In making an ethical decision in law enforcement, what would be the symbol for seeing if the decision will withstand public scrutiny?  
a) The bell  
b) The book  
c) The candle
42. \_\_\_\_\_ In making an ethical decision in law enforcement, what would be the symbol for the warnings in your head?  
a) The bell  
b) The book  
c) The candle
43. \_\_\_\_\_ In making an ethical decision in law enforcement, what would be the symbol for seeing if any codes would be violated?

- a) The bell
  - b) The book
  - c) The candle
44. \_\_\_\_\_ Which provides more transparency and trust with the department and the public?
- a) Internal Affairs
  - b) Civilian Review/Complaint Model Discipline Approach
45. \_\_\_\_\_ A committee formed to make a recommendation to the police chief for the punishment of an officer who has been found guilty of unethical behavior would be a characteristic of what?
- a) Internal Affairs
  - b) Civilian Review/Complaint Model Discipline Approach
46. \_\_\_\_\_ Which of the following is not one of qualifications a police department would use in their hiring process to weed out the good potential employees from the bad ones?
- a) Clean or limited criminal record
  - b) Good work history
  - c) No limits on history of drug abuse
  - d) At least some college education or military experience
47. \_\_\_\_\_ A good hiring process will include
- a) Extensive background investigation
  - b) Polygraph test
  - c) Oral review board
  - d) Psychological Examination
  - e) Physical Examination
  - f) All of the above
48. \_\_\_\_\_ By the time an officer is in field training, undergoing ethics training would be too late to have much of an impact.
- a) True
  - b) False
49. \_\_\_\_\_ Increasing pay for police officers is one way to reduce corruption.
- a) True
  - b) False
50. \_\_\_\_\_ A written code of ethics is an effective way to reduce corruption.
- a) True
  - b) False