

Maine Emergency Communications Course
Final Exam

1. You can impress a served agency most by
 - a. Assuming a “take charge” attitude when arriving at your assignment
 - b. Making sure that everyone at your assignment knows what your job is and how well you do it
 - c. Working long hours and getting very little sleep
 - d. Being as quiet as you can and doing your job well

2. The four levels of the ARES structure are
 - a. National, Regional, County and Local
 - b. National, Section, District and Local
 - c. National, Regional, Section and Local
 - d. National, Section, County and Local

3. ARES can be considered more flexible than RACES
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. If approached by a media representative and asked for information about an incident
 - a. Tell the media all you know about the incident
 - b. Speculate on the progress of the incident up to the moment
 - c. Refer the media representative to the on-site served agency Public Information Officer
 - d. Have the media representative thrown out

5. Simulations are important
 - a. To better prepare ARES members for real emergencies
 - b. Only if they have a direct bearing on ARES operations
 - c. If they are totally realistic in use of resources and in duration
 - d. Only if they always include all affected agencies

6. Which is *not* an example of a net type
 - a. Directed
 - b. Tactical
 - c. Traffic
 - d. Swap and Talk

7. Formal traffic should be
 - a. Corrected when an operator sees a mistake
 - b. Transmitted exactly as written
 - c. Changed when the operator does not understand it
 - d. Refused if the operator feels it is not appropriate

8. Different net modes
 - a. Always require the same skills and techniques
 - b. Never differ
 - c. Always involve the same type of traffic
 - d. Require the operator to use different skills and knowledge
9. It is necessary to identify your station after every transmission
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. Which of the following is **not** a tip for emergency communicators
 - a. Keep your EMA ARES/RACES ID with you at all times
 - b. ARES members are always considered first responders
 - c. Stay out of the "hot zone" unless instructed
 - d. Test your techniques before an exercise or an event
11. The Maine ARES Emergency Communications Plan
 - a. Defines the roles of the Section Manager and Section Emergency Coordinator
 - b. Details how all of the Maine ARES counties and districts "play" together
 - c. Details how all ARES operations throughout the state will be conducted
 - d. Allows the SEC to micro-manage the ARES program in Maine
12. What is **not** a common AEC position
 - a. Logistics
 - b. Training
 - c. Administration
 - d. Recruiting
13. The top safety priority is
 - a. Yourself
 - b. Your team
 - c. Your mission
 - d. Your served agency
14. During an incident or event
 - a. ARES will assume the lead role in all communications activities
 - b. ARES will provide supplemental communication to the public service community
 - c. The ARES EC will always assume a position on the command staff of the Incident Commander
 - d. ARES will always play a role
15. All served agencies will cover you, as a volunteer, under Workman's Compensation
 - a. True
 - b. False

16. At what level does most of the real emergency organizing get accomplished
- Regional
 - Section
 - Local
 - District
17. Dual membership in ARES and RACES is
- Recommended
 - Not necessary as they both serve the same function
 - Discouraged
 - Encouraged only if the two organizations agree on common goals
18. Served agency communications systems
- Are irrelevant as ARES only deals with amateur radio issues
 - Are seldom busy during an incident
 - Should only be considered if they are non-operational
 - Are important to understand and how they are used
19. What are the two different types of communications
- Written and Tactical
 - ARRL and Red Cross
 - Formal and Informal
 - CW and Digital
20. Tactical calls are used to identify a location during an event regardless of who is operating
- True
 - False
21. While participating in a net it is important to
- Follow NCS Instructions.
 - Talk as much as possible
 - Check in as soon as possible even if you are not able to participate
 - Check in to insure that the number of net participants is maximized
22. A "ready kit" should be
- Prepared as soon as an ARES member is notified of an activation
 - Packed only if an ARES operator expects an impending activation
 - Planned and packed before an emergency happens
 - Packed only if the served agency does not provide communications equipment
23. ARES and RACES are one in the same
- True
 - False

24. RACES

- a. Is part of the ARRL's Field Organization
- b. Was originated by the Federal Government
- c. Will operate in all emergency situations
- d. Will only operate during a national disaster

25. Your attitude is

- a. Not a factor when serving in an emergency situation
- b. Is important only if you are in a leadership role
- c. Possibly the most important thing you can bring to your assignment
- d. Is important only in stressful situations

After completing the final exam, forward your answers (question numbers and appropriate answer, by letter) to John Goran,

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