JGAA Rules Quiz Questions – 2019 Rules of Golf

1) When proceeding under a Rule that requires a player to drop a ball, the ball must be dropped from:
   a. Knee height
   b. Shoulder height
   c. Any height they choose
   d. Any height above knee height

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 14.3b(2)

2) A player is allowed how much time to find the golf ball, before it is lost?
   a. 2 minutes
   b. 3 minutes
   c. 5 minutes
   d. As much time as needed

   Answer: b Reference: Definition - Lost

3) A player who is searching for his or her ball in the rough kicks it accidentally during search. The player receives:
   a. No penalty, player replaces the ball, estimating the spot where it was
   b. No penalty, player drops the ball, estimating the spot where it was
   c. No penalty, player plays the ball from the new spot where it moved to, after he or she kicked it
   d. 2-stroke penalty, player replaces the ball, estimating the spot where it was

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 7.4

4) A player finds a ball and thinking that it is his or her ball, marks it and lifts it and properly identifies it as his or her golf ball. However, the player fails to announce or inform his marker or another player and does not give him or her a chance to observe the process. The player receives:
   a. No penalty
   b. 1-stroke penalty
   c. 2-stroke penalty
   d. Is disqualified

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 7.3
5) A player’s ball lies in a penalty area (previously called a water hazard). The player proceeds to ground his or her club and moves loose impediments in the penalty area.
   a. No penalty
   b. 1-stroke penalty
   c. 2-stroke penalty
   d. 4 stroke penalty

   **Answer:** a **Reference:** Rule 8.1b(4) and Rule 15.1a

6) A player’s ball is off the green. He or she chips the ball and it hits his or her golf bag on the far side of the green.
   a. No penalty, but must replay the stroke from the previous location
   b. No penalty, must play the ball as it lies
   c. 1-stroke penalty, must play the ball as it lies
   d. 2-stroke penalty, must play the ball as it lies

   **Answer:** b **Reference:** Rule 11.1

7) A player’s ball lies on the putting green. The player putts and the ball hits the flagstick that the player decided to leave in the hole before the stroke was made. The ball bounces off the flagstick and rolls two feet from the hole.
   a. The player receives no penalty, and must place the ball on the edge of the hole
   b. The player receives a 1-stroke penalty, and play the ball from the new location
   c. The player receives a 2-stroke penalty, and play the ball from the new location
   d. The player receives no penalty, and must play the ball from its new location

   **Answer:** d **Reference:** Rule 13.2a(2)

8) The player’s ball is on the green. He or she accidentally kicks it. The player:
   a. Receives no penalty and must play the ball from the new location
   b. Receives no penalty and must replace the ball
   c. Receives 1-stroke penalty and must replace the ball
   d. Receives 2-stroke penalty and must replace the ball

   **Answer:** b **Reference:** Rule 13.1d(1)

9) The player’s ball is on the putting green. He or she touches the line of play, pointing out the target. He or she then repairs multiple spike marks and animal damage, on the putting green, on his line of play. The player:
   a. Receives no penalty
   b. Receives 1-stroke penalty
   c. Receives 2-stroke penalty
   d. Is disqualified

   **Answer:** a **Reference:** Rule 13.1c(2) and Rule 10.2b(2)
10) The player slammed his driver into the ground in anger, after a bad shot, on the 1st hole. The club head is now damaged. The player proceeds to use the driver on the 2nd hole. The player:
   a. Receives 1-stroke penalty
   b. Receives 2-stroke penalty
   c. Receives no penalty
   d. Is disqualified

   Answer: c Reference: Rule 4.1a(2)

11) A player’s tee shot lies on a cart path, and he or she is entitled to free relief. The player decides to substitute his or her ball, before he or she properly drops it in the correct location. He or she then hits her 3rd shot. The player:
   a. Is not penalized for substituting his or her ball
   b. Receives a 1-stroke penalty, for substituting his or her ball
   c. Receives a 2-stroke penalty, for substituting his or her ball
   d. Is disqualified

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 14.3a

12) The player damages his or her driver (driver A) during the 3rd hole while making a practice swing. He or she uses driver A for his or her tee shot on hole #4. Since the player started the round with 13 clubs, during the 5th hole he or she adds another driver (driver B) to his or her golf bag (now a 14th club). The player:
   a. Is disqualified
   b. Receives no penalty
   c. Receives 1-stroke penalty
   d. Receives 2-stroke penalty

   Answer: b Reference: Rule 4.1b(1)

13) The player marks and properly lifts his or her ball from the putting green. He or she then properly replaced the ball on the green. The wind then blows the ball 2 feet closer to the hole. The player:
   a. Must replace the ball, no penalty
   b. Must play the ball from its new position, no penalty
   c. Must replace the ball and receives a 1-stroke penalty
   d. Must replace the ball and receives a 2-stroke penalty

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 9.3 Exception
14) The player’s ball is in the bunker and he or she declares it unplayable. He or she decided to take back-on-the-line relief, dropping outside the bunker. The player properly drops the ball 10 feet from its original position, outside the bunker and plays the ball. The player:
   a. Receives a 1-stroke penalty
   b. Receives 2 penalty strokes
   c. Is disqualified

   **Answer: b Reference: Rule 19.3b**

15) The player places his or her golf bag 3 feet from his or her ball while the ball is in the fairway. The bag is blown over by the wind, and causes the ball to move 2 inches. The player:
   a. Must play the ball from the new location, and receives no penalty
   b. Must replace the ball, and receives a 1-stroke penalty
   c. Must replace the ball, and receives no penalty
   d. Must replace the ball, and receives a 2-stroke penalty

   **Answer: c Reference: Rule 9.6**

16) A player makes a stroke from the putting green and the ball strikes and moves another ball at rest on the putting green. The player receives:
   a. No penalty and must replay his or her stroke. The moved ball must be replaced
   b. No penalty and must play the ball from its new location. The moved ball must be replaced
   c. 1-stroke penalty and must play the ball from its new location. The moved ball must be replaced.
   d. 2-stroke penalty and must play the ball from where it lies. The moved ball must be replaced.

   **Answer: d Reference: Rule 11.1a, 11.1b and 9.6**

17) A player hits his or her tee shot into a wooded area. Without saying anything he or she tees up another ball and hits it into the fairway. The player finds the original ball in the woods within three minutes of starting to search for it. The player must then:
   a. Continue play with the original ball incurring no penalty
   b. Play the second ball which is lying 3 and abandon the original ball
   c. Play his or her original ball but incurring a 1-stroke penalty and abandon the second ball
   d. Play his or her original ball but incurring a 2-stroke penalty and abandon the second ball

   **Answer: b Reference: Rule 18.3b**
18) A player arrives (with a club and a ball) at the teeing area of the starting hole of his or her round 3 minutes after their tee time. Two other players in the group of 4 have already played their shots. The player receives:
   a. No penalty
   b. 1-stroke penalty
   c. 2-stroke penalty
   d. Is disqualified

   Answer: c Reference: Rule 5.3a Exception 1

19) A player is taking relief from an abnormal course condition (cart path). He or she correctly establishes the nearest point of complete relief and measures the one club-length relief area. He or she drops a ball in the right way and it lands in the relief area but hits the player’s foot before coming to rest in the relief area. The player plays a stroke at the ball. The player receives:
   a) 1-stroke penalty
   b) 2-stroke penalty
   c) No penalty
   d) Is disqualified

   Answer: c Reference: Rule 14.3c(1)

20) A player is taking relief from an abnormal course condition (cart path). The player correctly establishes the nearest point of complete relief and measures the one club-length relief area. He or she drops a ball straight down from knee height, but it lands outside the relief area before coming to rest in the relief area. The player plays a stroke at the ball. The player receives:
   a) 1-stroke penalty
   b) 2-stroke penalty
   c) No penalty
   d) Is disqualified

   Answer: a Reference: Rule 14.3b(3)

21) A player is uncertain about how to proceed when his ball is lying in a deep tire rut close to the fairway. The player decides to play two balls and announces that he or she wants the ball dropped under the abnormal course condition Rule to count. The player correctly takes relief and plays both balls into the hole, scoring the same with both balls. At scoring he or she does not mention that he or she played two balls. The player receives:
   a) A 1-stroke penalty
   b) A 2-stroke penalty
   c) No penalty
   d) Is disqualified

   Answer: d Reference: Rule 20.1c(3)
22) A player’s ball in the fairway is picked up and taken by a player in another group thinking it is a stray ball. The player places a substituted ball on a spot in the fairway where the players in the group agree is their best estimate of where the ball was picked up and taken by the player in the other group. The player:
   a) Has proceeded correctly
   b) Incurs a penalty of 1 stroke
   c) Incurs a penalty of 2 strokes
   d) Is disqualified

   **Answer: a Reference: Rule 9.6 and Rule 14.2a Exception**

23) A player, in taking relief for interference from a cart path, picks up the ball from the cart path, substitutes another ball and places the substituted ball in the relief area. The player:
   a) Has proceeded correctly
   b) Incurs a penalty of 2 strokes for incorrect substitution
   c) Incurs a penalty of 2 strokes for placing the ball
   d) Incurs a penalty of 2 strokes for incorrect substitution and a penalty of 2 strokes for placing the ball

   **Answer: c Reference: Rule 14.3 Penalty Statement**

24) A player accidentally moves his or her ball in play in a desert area.
   a) The ball must be replaced, without penalty
   b) The player incurs a penalty of one stroke and plays the ball from its new position.
   c) The player incurs a penalty of one stroke and must replace the ball.
   d) The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.

   **Answer: c Reference: Rule 9.4a and 9.4b**
True or False Questions

25) A player may always play again from where he or she last played for a penalty of one stroke.
   Answer: T Reference: Rule 18.1

26) When a player takes relief from a cart path in the General Area, the player must drop the ball that was lifted from the cart path.
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 16.1b

27) When a player takes relief from an animal hole, the player must drop the ball that has interference from the animal hole.
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 16.1b

28) If a player accidentally moves his or her ball during search, the player gets a penalty of one stroke and the ball must be replaced
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 7.4

29) A player has 5 minutes to search for his or her ball before the ball is considered lost.
   Answer: F Reference: Definition of Lost

30) A player may take relief from a penalty area marked with red paint by dropping a ball outside the penalty area within two club-lengths of where the ball is likely to be
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 17.1d(3)

31) When a player’s ball is in a penalty area, the player is not permitted to touch or move a loose impediment in the penalty area.
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 15.1a

32) In stroke play, a player who makes practice swings touching the ground in a penalty area gets a two-stroke penalty
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 17.1b and 8.1

33) If a player’s ball is in an animal hole in an area marked as a penalty area, the player is entitled to relief without penalty from the animal hole.
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 16.1a(2)

34) If a player plays a stroke at a ball on the putting green and the ball hits the unattended flagstick in the hole, there is no penalty.
   Answer: T Reference: Rule 13.2a(2)

35) If a player accidentally moves his or her ball in play on the putting green, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.
   Answer: T Reference: Rule 13.1d(1)
36) If a player accidentally moves his or her ball in play in the fairway, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced
   
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 9.4b

37) If a player is uncertain as to how to proceed in taking relief for a ball unplayable, the player may ask another player in the group to explain the relief options.
   
   Answer: T Reference: Definition of Advice

38) If a player observes another player in the group dropping from shoulder height and reminds the player of the correct dropping procedure and the procedure is corrected prior to the stroke, no penalties are incurred by either player.
   
   Answer: T Reference: Definition of Advice

39) A movable obstruction, like a soda can, may be moved / removed anywhere on or off the course without penalty. If removal of the movable obstruction causes the ball to move, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.
   
   Answer: T Reference: Rule 15.2a(1)

40) A ball dropped by a player in the wrong way in taking relief may be lifted and corrected before playing the next stroke.
   
   Answer: T Reference: Rule 14.3b(3)

41) A ball on the putting that is moved by a ball in motion that was played from the fairway is played as it lies.
   
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 9.6

42) A player is entitled to relief for interference from an animal hole anywhere on the course.
   
   Answer: F Reference: Rule 16.1a(2)