

LAWS OF THE GAME

THEORY EXAMINATION

2005

LEVEL I







NEW ZEALAND RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LAWS OF THE GAME THEORY EXAMINATION 2005 LEVEL I

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Each correct answer is worth 1 mark.
- 2 Note on Advantage

You should assume that **no advantage** occurs following any of the situations described in the questions.

- You are reminded to answer the paper as per **New Zealand Domestic Safety Law Variations (DSLV)**, where they exist, in place of International Law and according to the **Law Book**.
- Whenever you are asked, "What should the referee rule?" give a single answer such as Scrum, Penalty kick, Lineout, Play continues, etc. It is not necessary to provide the reason for your answer, eg Offside, Foul Play, Advantage etc. The exam does not require you to provide a reason, only the ruling.
 - Answer only the question being asked.
- 5 Pass Mark

There are 100 marks available from the questions. A pass is obtained by attaining at least 80 marks - 80%

6 Gender

Wherever words indicating masculine gender are used, this is to be interpreted to include both genders.

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1.	May the referee apply advantage if a front row player is forced upwards out of a scrum?	Yes	No
2.	An attacker knocks the ball on. While the referee is playing advantage a defender knocks the ball on. May the referee play advantage to the defender's knock-on?	Yes	No
3.	An attacker collapses the scrum and the ball then becomes immediately available to the defenders. May the advantage law be applied?	Yes	No
4.	One attacker knocks the ball on and it is then knocked on by another attacker. May the referee play advantage to the second knock-on?	Yes	No
5.	An attacker knocks the ball on and a defender gathers it and has the freedom to play it. Although no territory has been gained, may the referee continue to play advantage?	Yes	No
6.	A kick-off is taken by the wrong type of kick. Should the referee offer options to the defenders?	Yes	No
7.	A kick-off is taken and an opponent crosses the 10m line and catches the ball. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
8.	At a drop-out the ball is kicked directly into touch on the half-way line. The attackers accept the kick. Where should the line-out take place?		
9.	May a ruck take place in in-goal?	Yes	No
10.	An attacker with the ball in the field of play is held by two defenders. The ball is placed on the ground between the attacker and the two defenders. Has a ruck been formed?	Yes	No
11.	The referee awards a free kick against players joining a ruck with their heads and shoulders lower than their hips. Is the referee correct?	Yes	No
12.	Players rucking for the ball step over players on the ground to ruck the ball. Should these players be penalised?	Yes	No

At a ruck, the scrum-half is behind the ball but in front of the hindmost		
foot of the last team-mate.	Yes	No
Is this player off-side? A player leaves a ruck and wishes to re-join it.		
What action must the player take before re-joining the ruck?		
Must players in a ruck endeavour to stay on their feet?	Yes	No
The ball carrier is held by two opponents. All the players are on their feet, in the field of play.		
Has a maul been formed?	Yes	No
A player is caught in a maul but not bound. Must this player now bind on to another player?	Yes	No
The ball carrier in a maul goes to ground and the ball becomes immediately available. Should play continue?	Yes	No
A maul is close to the goal-line and the attackers are in possession of the ball in the field of play. Most of the defenders in the maul are in-goal. Has the maul ended?	Yes	No
Does a maul end when the ball is on the ground?	Yes	No
A defender kicks the ball and an attacker in the field of play places one foot on the touchline before catching the ball. Which team throws the ball into the lineout?		
An off-side player cannot avoid being touched by a team-mate carrying the ball, and their team gains no advantage from this. Should the referee award a scrum?	Yes	No
Should the referee penalise for off-side when: a) an off-side player advances towards the ball?	Yes	No
b) the kicker follows up in touch and stays in touch, passing an off-side team-mate who then plays the ball?	Yes	No
Is a retiring off-side player within the 10m off-side area put on-side when an opponent catches the ball and passes it to a team-mate?	Yes	No

25.	The defenders have won a quick ruck and the ball is being passed along the backline when it is lost forward. No player has run more than 3m with the ball. The ball is picked up by a retiring attacker who had been off-side		
	when the ruck had formed. Should the attacker be penalised for off-side?	Yes	No
26.	An off-side player is waiting outside the 10m off-side area. Do the following actions place this player back on-side?		
	 a) An opponent waiting for the ball knocks it forward without recovering it. 	Yes	No
	b) An opponent catches the ball and runs 5m with it	Yes	No
27.	Does an off-side player always have to be behind the 10m off-side area to be placed on-side by a team-mate?	Yes	No
28.	A defender knocks the ball forward and it is immediately recovered		
	by a team-mate in front of the ball. There are no attackers nearby. Should the referee award a scrum for the knock-on?	Yes	No
29.	A defender goes to ground and gathers the ball and an attacker		
	intentionally falls on that player. Should the referee award a penalty kick against the attacker?	Yes	No
30.	In general play a player is lying on the ground near the ball.		
	This player, while still on the ground, kicks the ball away from an approaching opponent. Should this player be penalised?	Yes	No
31.	A defender, who is not a tackled player, is on the ground with the ball and is held by an opponent.		
	May the defender now immediately stand up with the ball?	Yes	No
32.	At a maul the defending team are awarded a free kick 2m from the goal-line and 2m from touch.		
	Should the referee make the mark for the free kick at this place?	Yes	No
33.	A free kick to the defenders is awarded 2m from the goal-line.		
	May the kicker take the kick from in in-goal?	Yes	No
34.	The defenders are awarded a free kick and the kicker places the ball on the mark.		
	May the attackers who are back 10m from the mark now immediately move forward to try and prevent the kick from being taken?	Yes	No
35.	May the kicker at a penalty kick place kick the ball for touch?	Yes	No

36.	At a penalty kick, the kicker indicates an intention to kick at goal, then immediately tap-kicks the ball. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
37.	An attacker is prevented from scoring closer to the goal post by foul play. Should a penalty try be awarded?	Yes	No
38.	An attacker carries the ball into in-goal and places it gently on the ground. Is downwards pressure on the ball required before a try can be awarded?	Yes	No
39.	An attacker in in-goal places a hand on top of the ball, unintentionally pushing it forward along the ground. Should the referee award a scrum for a knock-on?	Yes	No
40.	Has a tackle occurred when a player carrying the ball is held by an opponent and has not been brought to the ground?	Yes	No
41.	A player carrying the ball is held by an opponent and goes down on one knee. Is this a tackle?	Yes	No
42.	After a tackle, the tackler has rolled away from the ball and is still on the ground. May this player now play the ball?	Yes	No
43.	At a tackle, may the tackled player immediately place the ball in the direction of the opponents' goal-line?	Yes	No
44.	After a tackle, may arriving players who are on their feet support themselves on players on the ground while playing the ball?	Yes	No
45.	A player is tackled and is reaching out to place the ball for a try. May an opponent kick the ball from the hands of the attacking player?	Yes	No
46.	A defender is tackled in the field of play and immediately releases the ball. An on-side standing attacker picks up the ball. May the defender on the ground tackle the ball carrier?	Yes	No
47.	An attacker carrying the ball forward is tackled and the ball becomes unplayable. The referee decides that no player was responsible for the ball not becoming available and awards a scrum. Which team should throw the ball into the scrum?		
48.	At a mark, should the mark for the place of the kick always be where the mark was claimed?	Yes	No

49.	Should a mark be awarded when it is claimed by a defender standing with one foot in the 22m area and the other foot in front of the 22m line?	Yes No
50.	A defender is injured while taking a mark and is unable to continue. Should the referee allow another player of the defender's team to take the free kick?	Yes No
51.	A defender has the ball outside the 22m area, throws it into the 22m area, retires, picks up the ball and kicks it so that it goes into touch on the half-way line. Should the line-out take place on the half-way line?	Yes No
52.	A defender takes a quick throw in half a metre in front of the goal-line. Should play be allowed to continue?	Yes No
53.	At a line-out, may the non-throwing team line up less players than the throwing team?	Yes No
54.	Does the line-out begin when the players are lined up waiting for the ball to be thrown in?	Yes No
55.	Is the line-out over when the front player in the line-out catches the ball and moves into the area between the touch-line and the 5m line?	Yes No
56.	A player in the line-out catches the ball. Is the line-of-touch the off-side line for all players in the line-out?	Yes No
57.	At a line-out, should the referee award a free kick against a player who jumps before the ball has left the hands of the thrower?	Yes No
58.	At a line-out, should the referee award a free kick against a player standing at the front of the line-out who stops the ball being thrown in 5m?	Yes No
59.	May players in the line-out change their positions in the line-out before the ball is thrown in?	Yes No
60.	Is the in-goal area part of the field of play?	Yes No
61.	Are the flag posts marking the goal-line in in-goal?	Yes No
62.	Should the referee allow a replacement player to go on to the field of play to replace an injured player limping off the field, before the ball becomes dead?	Yes No

63.	A player with a leg-cramp goes off the field of play and has not been replaced. Is this player permitted to resume playing in the match following treatment?	Yes	No
64.	A player with a bleeding wound leaves the playing area and is temporarily replaced. Within how many minutes must this player return before the temporary replacement becomes permanent?	mins	
65.	If the referee considers that it is unsafe for an injured player to continue may the referee order this player from the field?	Yes	No
66.	At the pre-match clothing inspection, a referee directs a player to remove a bangle. During the match the referee notices the same player wearing the bangle. Should the referee order this player off the field for misconduct?	Yes	No
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67.	Is a player permitted to wear a single stud at the toe of the boot?	Yes	No
68.	May a player be exempt from wearing a mouth guard during a rugby match if that player provides a medical certificate prior to the game?	Yes	No
69.	Should the referee allow extra time for a player to put a boot back on?	Yes	No
70.	The referee awards a free kick and time is up. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
71.	Should the touch judge lower the flag when the wrong team , at a quick throw in, throws the ball in from touch?	Yes	No
72.	The referee awards a try. May the referee disallow the try if the touch judge flags and reports that a knock-on occurred before the try was scored?	Yes	No
73.	The match referee has twisted an ankle and cannot continue. The match organiser has not arranged a replacement. Who next decides on a replacement referee?		
74.	Should the referee continue play when the ball touches the referee's arm with neither team gaining an advantage?	Yes	No
75.	At a charge down, a player clearly knocks the ball forward with a hand from the kick. What should the referee rule?		

76.	A defending player close to the goal-line intentionally punches the ball forward and prevents a try being scored. What should the referee rule?		
77.	A player intentionally knocks the ball forward when intercepting a pass and catches the ball again before the ball touches another player or the ground. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
78.	A player unintentionally knocks the ball on and recovers it before the ball touches another player or the ground. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
79.	At a conversion, must the kicker use the ball that was in play unless it is defective?	Yes	No
30.	At a penalty kick at goal, the defenders lift a team-mate in the air who touches the ball and prevents the goal from being scored. What should the referee rule?		
1.	A penalty try is awarded. May the conversion attempt be taken with a drop-kick?	Yes	No
2.	At a penalty kick at goal, a player uses sand to place the ball on. Should the referee allow the kick to proceed?	Yes	No
3.	Two opposing players are running for the ball. One uses a hand to push the other on the shoulder. What should the referee rule?		
4.	At a drop-out, a defending player intentionally wastes time. What should the referee rule?		
5.	A player tackles an opponent by grabbing the jersey collar and pulling the player to the ground. Is this a dangerous tackle?	Yes	No
6.	A player charges into a ruck without binding on to another player. Is this dangerous play?	Yes	No
7.	The ball has gone into touch and a player approaching the line of touch strikes an opponent. Where is the penalty kick awarded?		

88.	A defending player 6m from the goal-line and 4m from touch intentionally throws the ball into touch. (a) What should the referee rule?		
	(b) Where should the referee make the mark?		
89.	An attacker running with the ball across the 22m line swerves inside a defender. The defender manages only to stick out a foot and trip the attacker. Should the defender be penalised?	Yes	No
90.	At a 5m scrum, which part of the scrum must be 5m from the goal-line?		
91.	In a scrum, the No.8 packs down between a lock and a flanker. Should this player be penalised?	Yes	No
92.	What is the maximum distance apart the two front rows should be standing, before they prepare to engage?		
93.	At a scrum, the flanker has only a hand on a lock's back. Should this player be penalised?	Yes	No
94.	If a scrum wheels unintentionally more than 45 degrees, should the team which originally threw the ball into the scrum, do so again?	Yes	No
5.	A flanker plays the ball with the foot while it is still in the tunnel of the scrum. Should the referee allow play to continue?	Yes	No
96.	If the ball comes out of the scrum between the prop and the flanker , has the scrum ended?	Yes	No
7.	During a game, a scrum-half leaves the field to obtain a mouth guard. Is a temporary replacement allowed?	Yes	No



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Answers







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(Reference: RUGBY THE LAWS of the GAME 2005 including NZRU DSLV's)

No.	Answer	Law Reference	Comments
1	No	Law 8.3(e)	
2	No	Law 8.5(b)	
3	No	Law 8.3(d)	
4	Yes	Law 8.5(a)	
5	Yes	Law 8.1(a) & (d) & definition	
6	Yes	Law 13.1(b)	
7	Yes	Law 13.6	
8	On the 22m line	Law 13.14	
9	No	Law 16.1(a)	
10	Yes	Law 16.1(b) & definition	
11	Yes	Law 16.3(e)	
12	No	Law 16.3(f)	
13	Yes	Law 16.5(a) & (d)	
14	Retire to the	Law 16.5(c) & (a) & (b)	Accept: Retire behind his
	hindmost foot of own		offside line.
	team		
15	Yes	Law 16.3(a)	
16	No	Law 17 definition	
17	No	Law 17 definition & Law 17 2(b)	
18	Yes	Law 17.2(d)	
19	No	Law 17.1(a) & Law 17.5	
20	Yes	Law 17.5	
21	Defenders	Law 19 Definition, para 6 & 7	
22	No	Law 11.6(a)	Should allow play to continue
23a	Yes	Law 11.1(a) paragraph 3	
23b	Yes	Law 11.2(d)	
24	No	Law 11.4(b)	
25	Yes	Law 11.8	
26a	Yes	Law 11.3(c)	
26b	Yes	Law 11.3a	
27	No	Law 11.2(a-c) & Law 11.5(b)	
28	Yes	Law 11.7 & Law 12 Definition	The offside player has not
		Knock on	deprived the attackers of an opportunity of advantage
29	Yes	Law 14.2(b)	

No.	Answer	Law Reference	Comments
30	Yes	Law 14.2(a) & Law 14 Definition	
		para 3	
31	Yes	Law 14 Definition para 5 & Law	
		14.1.	
32	Yes	Law 21.1 & Law 21.2	
33	Yes	Law 21.8(g) & Law 21.2(a)	
34	No	Law 21.8(e)	Kicker must start to approach to kick
35	No	Law 21.4(d)	
36	No	Law 21.5(b)	Irrevocable – must kick at goal
37	Yes	Law 22.16(b)	
38	No	Law 22.1(a)	
39	No	Law 22.1(b)	Should award a try
40	No	Law 15 definition	
41	Yes	Law 15.3(a)	
42	No	Law 15.4(c)	
43	Yes	Law 15.5(c)	
44	No	Law 15.6(a)	
45	No	Law 15.6(i)	Must immediately play the ball
46	No	Law 15.6(h)	
47	Attackers	Law 15.8	Team last moving forward
48	Yes	Law 18.2 & definition 2 nd para	
49	Yes	Law 18 definition 1 st para	
50	No	Law 18.4	Must award a scrum
51	No	Law 19.1(b)	Opposite place of kick
52	Yes	Law 19.2(b)	
53	Yes	Law 19.7(c)	
54	No	Law 19.8(a)	When ball leaves thrower's hands
55	Yes	Law 19.8(b) 3 rd para	
56	No	Law 19.9(a) & Law 19.13(a)	The ball becomes the off-side line
57	Yes	Law 19.9(i)	
58	Yes	Law 19.9(m)	
59	Yes	Law 19.11(c)	
60	No	Law 1 definition 2 nd para	
61	No	Law 1.5(b)	
62	No	Law 3.7	
63	Yes	No offence	
64	15 mins	Law 3.10(a)	Do not accept 15 mins playing time
65	Yes	Law 3.9	
66	Yes	Law 4.5(c)	
67	No	Law 4.4(i)	

No.	Answer	Law Reference	Comments
68	Yes	Law DSLV 4.1(f) note	
69	Yes	Law 5.4(b)	
70	Yes	Law 5.7(e)	
71	No	Law 6B.5(d) exception 2	
72	No	Law 6.A.6 & Law 6.A.7(a)	May alter the decision for touch and foul play
73	The Referee	Law 6.A.2	
74	Yes	Law 6.A.10(a)	
75	Play Continues	Law 12 definition - Knock-On exception	
76	A Penalty Try	Law 12.1(e) & Penalty & Law 10.2(a)	Accept yellow card caution but must have Penalty Try in the answer
77	No	Law 12.1(e)	PK for intentional offence/knock forward
78	Yes	Law 12 definition Knock On 1 st para	
79	Yes	Law 9B. 1(a)	
80	Penalty Kick	Law 9A.2(d)	
81	Yes	Law 9B definition	
82	No	Law DSLV 9.B.1(d) 2 nd para	
83	Penalty Kick	Law 10.1(a)	Shoulder to shoulder only
84	Free Kick	Law 10.2(b) & Law 13.11	
85	Yes	Law 10.4(e) para 2	This is above the line of the shoulders
86	Yes	Law 10.4(i) para 3	
87	15m line on line of touch	Law 10.4(1) & Penalty at end of section 4	
88a	Penalty Kick	Law 10.2(c)	
88b	15m line 6m from the goal line	Law 10.2(c) Penalty	
89	Yes	Law 10.4(d)	
90	Middle line of the scrum	Law 20 definition para 3	
91	Yes	Law DSLV 20.1(f)	Award a Penalty Kick
92	An arms length	Law 20.1(g)	One metre not acceptable
93	Yes	Law 20.3(f) & Law 20.3 definition	1
94	Yes	Law DSLV 20.9(j)	
95	No	Law 20.9(f)	
96	Yes	Law 20.10(a)	
97	No	Law DSLV 4.1(f) Penalty	Either no replacement until returned or permanent replacement after 10 minutes.