



LAWS OF THE GAME

THEORY EXAMINATION 2010

LEVEL I

CANDIDATE SCRIPT AND ANSWER PAPER



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY UNION LAWS OF THE GAME THEORY EXAMINATION 2010 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, unless advantage is clearly indicated in the question.
- 3 You are reminded to answer the paper as per **New Zealand Domestic Safety Law Variations (DSLVS)** where they exist, in place of International Law and according to the **Law Book**.
- 4 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 **Yes / No Questions** – When answering a question requiring you to indicate **Yes** or **No**, please clearly circle your chosen answer.
- 6 **Multiple Choice Questions** – When answering a question providing a number of options, please write the letter of your chosen option on the line provided to the bottom right of the question.
- 7 **Pass Mark**
There are 100 marks available from the questions.
A pass is obtained by attaining at least 80 marks - 80%
- 8 **Gender**
Wherever words indicating masculine gender are used, this is to be interpreted to include both genders.

1	Is it compulsory for a player at all levels of domestic rugby to wear a mouth guard?	Yes / No
2	Must a player change a blood stained jersey when ordered to do so by the referee?	Yes / No
3	At the first stoppage of play the referee observes a player wearing shoulder pads that the referee considers dangerous. Is the referee correct in ordering this player to remove the shoulder pads?	Yes / No
4	At a penalty kick at goal the ball is blown back after crossing the crossbar, landing in the field of play. What should the referee rule? a) Play continues b) Award the goal c) Scrum back at the mark	_____
5	A defender attempting to charge down a dropped goal touches the ball in flight before it goes over the crossbar. What should the referee rule? a) Play continues b) Award the goal c) 5m scrum	_____
6	After indicating an intention to kick at goal the kicker has one minute to complete the kick. When does the timing start? a) When the referee blows the whistle b) When the referee makes the mark c) When the kicking tee arrives at the mark d) When the kicker begins the approach to kick	_____

7	<p>At a conversion attempt 15 metres in from touch, as the kicker begins the approach to kick the ball falls over and the defenders start to charge.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play continues b) Award a re-kick c) Award a re-kick with no charge permitted 	_____
8	<p>In open play a player goes to ground to gather the ball.</p> <p>Which of the following actions is not permitted?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pass the ball b) Kick the ball c) Release the ball d) Get up with the ball 	_____
9	<p>A defender goes to ground to gather the ball. An arriving attacker falls on this player lying on the ground.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play continues b) Penalty kick c) Free kick d) Scrum 	_____
10	<p>A player lying on the ground attempts to tackle an opponent carrying the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play continues b) Penalty kick c) Free kick d) Scrum 	_____
11	<p>A player standing in touch kicks the ball back into the field of play before it crosses the touch-line.</p> <p>Is the ball in touch?</p>	Yes / No

12	<p>A defender with one foot in the field of play and one foot on the touch-line catches the ball directly from a kick by an attacker.</p> <p>Which team throws into the lineout? _____</p>	
13	<p>The defenders are awarded a free kick on their 10m line. A defender kicks the ball directly into touch on the attackers 10m line.</p> <p>Where should the line-out take place?</p> <p>a) Defenders 10 metre line b) Attackers 10 metre line</p>	_____
14	<p>An attacker takes a quick throw-in to a teammate standing 15m in field and 10 metres behind the line of touch.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Scrum</p>	_____
15	<p>May the defenders charge a conversion attempt after a penalty try?</p>	Yes / No
16	<p>An attacker on the 10 metre line kicks ahead into the defender's in-goal. The attacker follows up and dives on the ball as it touches the dead ball line.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) 5m scrum – attacker's throw-in b) 5m scrum – defender's throw-in c) Option of Drop out or scrum on 10m line d) Award a try</p>	_____
17	<p>A defender in-goal knocks-on and then grounds the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Drop Out c) Scrum</p>	_____

18	<p>An attacker dives for the corner with the ball secure in outstretched hands, the ball touches the corner post before being grounded in-goal.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Drop out b) Try c) Scrum 	_____
19	<p>A defender in-goal and 2 metres from the corner flag kicks the ball and is late charged. The ball goes directly into touch on the defenders' 22.</p> <p>The referee awards a penalty kick to the defenders.</p> <p>What two (2) choices are there for where play can restart?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2m in field from touchline, 5m from goal line b) 5m in field from touchline, 5m from goal line c) 5m in field from touchline, on the 22 d) 15m in field from touchline, on the 22 	_____ _____
20	<p>An attacker kicks ahead into in-goal where a defender secures the ball but cannot ground it. The ball becomes unplayable and a scrum is awarded.</p> <p>Which team throws into the scrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Attackers b) Defenders 	_____
21	<p>The Field of Play is the area of the field bounded by the goal lines and the touch lines.</p> <p>Does it include the goal lines and touch lines?</p>	Yes / No
22	<p>Is the Playing Enclosure the Field of Play and a space of not less than 5 metres around it, where practicable?</p>	Yes / No
23	<p>In a lower grade match the referee considers a touch judge to be unsatisfactory.</p> <p>May the referee ask for the touch judge to be replaced?</p>	Yes / No

24	<p>At a quick throw-in should an assistant referee keep the flag raised when:</p> <p>a) The ball is thrown in by the wrong team?</p> <p>b) The thrower gets the ball from the ball boy?</p>	<p>Yes / No</p> <p>Yes / No</p>
25	<p>At a scrum the scrum half does not throw the ball in when told to do so by the referee. What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Reset the scrum b) Penalty kick c) Free kick.</p>	_____
26	<p>When does a scrum begin?</p> <p>a) when the front rows engage b) when the ball leaves the hands of the scrum half c) when the ball enters the tunnel</p>	_____
27	<p>At a scrum a player unintentionally kicks the ball out of the tunnel. Should the referee allow play to continue?</p>	Yes / No
28	<p>At a scrum a flanker attempts to hook the ball while it is in the tunnel. What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
29	<p>At a scrum may a scrum half grasp an opposing flankers jersey?</p>	Yes / No
30	<p>A scrum wheels less than 45 degrees and a flanker is now the hindmost player in the scrum. May this player unbind and pick up the ball at his feet?</p>	Yes / No
31	<p>After the ball has emerged from a scrum the No 8 returns the ball back into the scrum. What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____

32	<p>The referee awards a defender a mark in-goal 5 metres from the dead ball line.</p> <p>Should the place for the free kick be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At the place the mark was claimed b) On the goal line opposite the place the mark was claimed c) 5m out from the goal line opposite the place the mark was claimed 	_____
33	<p>A defender in the 22m area in attempting to catch the ball directly from an opponent's kick juggles the ball and claims a mark.</p> <p>Should the referee award the mark?</p>	Yes / No
34	<p>A defender claims a mark one metre from the goal line but is injured and has to leave the field.</p> <p>How does play restart?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Another defender takes the free kick b) Five metre scrum, defenders ball c) Five metre scrum attackers ball 	_____
35	May a defender in the 22m area take a mark direct from a kick-off?	Yes / No
36	<p>The referee sustains an injury during a game and is unable to continue.</p> <p>Is the visiting team correct in appointing a replacement?</p>	Yes / No
37	<p>The referee stops the game due to a serious injury. There has been no infringement.</p> <p>How does play restart? _____</p>	
38	<p>The attacker carrying the ball in in-goal collides with the referee. Neither team gains an advantage.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play continues b) Try c) 5 meter scrum 	_____

39	<p>A player charges into a ruck and fails to bind onto a team-mate. What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Penalty kick c) Free kick</p>	_____
40	<p>In general play an opponent attempts to tackle the ball carrier. The attempted tackle started below the line of the shoulders and accidentally slips above the shoulder line.</p> <p>Should the referee penalise the tackler?</p>	Yes / No
41	<p>A kick is made downfield. A team-mate who is in front of the kicker but not within 10 meters of an opponent waiting to play the ball moves forward.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) play continues b) scrum c) penalty kick d) option of scrum or penalty kick</p>	_____
42	<p>A kicker runs forward whilst in touch in an attempt to put a team-mate onside. The kicker stays in touch and runs past the offside team-mate.</p> <p>Is the team-mate now onside?</p>	Yes / No
43	<p>In general play an offside attacker is within five metres of a defender waiting to catch the ball direct from a kick. The defender drops the ball.</p> <p>May this attacker now move forward and play the ball?</p>	Yes / No
44	<p>In general play an offside attacker is 15m away from a defender waiting to catch the ball direct from a kick. The defender drops the ball.</p> <p>May this attacker now move forward and play the ball?</p>	Yes / No
45	<p>In general play a team-mate of the kicker is offside under the 10-metre law and is retiring.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) play continues b) scrum c) penalty kick d) option of scrum or penalty kick</p>	_____

46	<p>As the ball emerges from a ruck an offside defender is retiring. The ball is passed between two stationary attackers.</p> <p>Is the offside defender now allowed to tackle the ball carrier?</p>	Yes / No
47	<p>At a tackle onside players on their feet handle the ball on the ground before a ruck is formed.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) play continues b) free kick c) penalty kick</p>	_____
48	<p>A player at a ruck goes to the ground and the ruck moves forward. This player then rejoins the ruck alongside the hindmost team-mate in the ruck.</p> <p>Is this player onside?</p>	Yes / No
49	<p>At a ruck a player unbinds and remains standing in front of the offside line.</p> <p>Should the referee penalise this player?</p>	Yes / No
50	<p>A ruck moves towards the goal-line and the hindmost player picks the ball up but remains bound to the ruck.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) play continues b) scrum c) free kick d) penalty kick</p>	_____
51	<p>Following a tackle some players from both teams who were on the ground get to their feet and are in physical contact over the ball which is still on the ground.</p> <p>Has a ruck been formed?</p>	Yes / No
52	<p>At a scrum the referee calls "crouch" then "touch" and one prop makes no attempt to touch.</p> <p>Should the referee allow play to continue?</p>	Yes / No

53	<p>A team is reduced to fourteen players due to the No.8 forward being temporarily suspended. At the next scrum this team elects to place their centre in the No.8 position.</p> <p>Should the referee allow this?</p>	Yes / No
54	<p>At a scrum may the tight head prop bind on the arm of the opposing loose head prop?</p>	Yes / No
55	<p>You have been appointed to referee a match between a visiting overseas school 2nd XV team and a local schoolboy team.</p> <p>What laws apply?</p> <p>a) NZDSLVS b) Normal IRB laws c) IRB U19 Variations</p>	_____
56	<p>The referee observes a player who has temporarily left the Field of Play rejoin the match without permission when play is in progress. This player attempts to tackle an opponent as the game continues.</p> <p>Must the referee penalise this player?</p>	Yes / No
57	<p>How many times may a player be used as a substitute?</p> <p>a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) There is no restriction</p>	_____
58	<p>Can a player who has been substituted later be used as a temporary or permanent replacement?</p>	Yes / No
59	<p>At a restart a player of the opposing team is 8m from halfway when the ball is kicked and this player catches the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play Continues b) Free kick c) Re-kick d) Scrum</p>	_____

60	<p>How much time is permitted for the covering of an open wound before a temporary replacement becomes permanent?</p> <p>a) 10 mins actual time b) 10 mins playing time c) 15 mins actual time d) 15 mins playing time e) There is no time limit</p>	_____
61	Must an advantage only be territorial?	Yes / No
62	<p>At a restart a player of the kicking team is in front of the kicker and attempts to catch the ball but knocks-on.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Re-kick b) Scrum at centre of halfway c) Option of a) or b) d) Scrum at place of knock-on</p>	_____
63	May a drop-out be taken anywhere behind the 22-metre line?	Yes / No
64	<p>During a maul the ball carrier releases the ball which drops to the ground.</p> <p>Has the maul ended?</p>	Yes / No
65	Does the advantage law take precedence over all other laws?	Yes / No
66	<p>The ball comes out of a maul to the scrum half. An opponent within the maul grabs the scrum half and prevents the ball from being passed.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
67	<p>A player is caught in a maul but not bound to another player.</p> <p>Should this player be penalised?</p>	Yes / No

68	<p>If a maul remains stationary how long should the referee wait before ordering a scrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) longer than 5 seconds b) longer than 10 seconds c) no time limit 	_____
69	<p>At a maul, the scrum half dummy passes to a team mate before the ball has emerged. What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick 	_____
70	<p>The referee awards a Free Kick. The ball boy throws in the spare ball and the non offenders take the kick quickly and put the ball into touch. What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lineout b) Re-kick c) Scrum 	_____
71	<p>A penalty kick is awarded to the attackers 5m from touch and 5m from the goal-line. The kicker takes the ball back to the 22 metre line to kick for goal. As the ball is kicked, an attacker in mid-field is in front of the ball. Where should the referee award the scrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At the original mark b) At the place the ball was kicked c) At the place the player was in front of the kick 	_____
72	<p>At a drop-out the ball is kicked but does not cross the 22-metre line and is caught by an on-side attacker who then runs and grounds the ball in-goal. Should the referee award a try?</p>	Yes / No

73	<p>At a kick off, the ball travels directly into the opponents' in-goal. A defender picks the ball up and waits until an attacker is nearby before grounding the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Drop Out b) Option of re-kick or scrum at centre of half-way line</p>	_____
74	<p>At a Penalty kick at goal a defender attempts to block the kick. The referee awards another Penalty kick.</p> <p>May another player take the kick?</p>	Yes / No
75	<p>An attacking team is awarded a Free kick and opt to take a scrum instead. They win the ball and the half back drop kicks a goal and the ball goes dead.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Award the goal b) Drop-out c) Scrum</p>	_____
76	<p>A player loses a boot.</p> <p>When the ball is dead may the referee allow time for the player to put the boot back on?</p>	Yes / No
77	Does the referee allow time when a player is substituted?	Yes / No
78	<p>Two opposing players are running for the ball. One player charges the other player shoulder to shoulder.</p> <p>What does the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
79	<p>A player intentionally runs in front of a team-mate carrying the ball preventing an opponent from tackling the ball-carrier.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____

80	<p>A player intentionally wastes time. What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
81	<p>A defender in the field of play intentionally throws the ball into touch.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Lineout b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
82	<p>A player intentionally offends and prevents a try that would probably have been scored. The referee awards a penalty try.</p> <p>Must the offending player also be temporarily suspended or sent off?</p>	Yes / No
83	<p>At a lineout the jumper taps the ball back to the scrum-half who knocks-on.</p> <p>Where is the mark for the scrum?</p> <p>a) At the place the scrum-half knocked-on b) On the line-of-touch in line with the place the knock-on occurred c) 15 metres in field on the line-of-touch</p>	_____
84	<p>A player waiting to receive a kick loses possession of the ball when it goes through the arms and bounces forward off the chest.</p> <p>Has a knock-on occurred?</p>	Yes / No
85	<p>An attacker charges down the ball immediately after a defender has kicked it. The ball goes forward off the attacker's arm.</p> <p>Has a knock-on occurred?</p>	Yes / No
86	<p>A player passes the ball back to a team-mate. Before the team-mate catches the ball the wind blows it forward.</p> <p>Does the referee rule a forward pass?</p>	Yes / No

87	<p>An attacker carrying the ball is held and brought to the ground by a defender. The defender does not go to ground.</p> <p>a) Has a tackle occurred? b) Is the defender a tackler?</p>	<p>Yes / No Yes / No</p>
88	<p>The ball-carrier is partially brought down and held, so that one knee is touching the ground.</p> <p>Has a tackle occurred?</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
89	<p>A player with the ball is tackled and both players go to ground.</p> <p>When must the tackler release the ball-carrier?</p> <p>a) As soon as the ball carrier releases the ball b) Immediately they go to ground c) As soon as another player is in close proximity</p>	<p>_____</p>
90	<p>May there be more than one tackler at a tackle?</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
91	<p>When does a lineout begin?</p> <p>a) When the ball is thrown in and crosses the 5 metre line b) When the ball is first touched by a lineout participant c) When the ball leaves the hands of the player throwing it in</p>	<p>_____</p>
92	<p>A lineout player prevents the ball being thrown in 5 metres.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	<p>_____</p>
93	<p>A lineout player behind the jumper gives support above the knees but below the shorts?</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	<p>_____</p>

94	After a lineout has formed may participating players change places before the ball is thrown in?	Yes / No
95	At a lineout where must the immediate opponent of the thrower stand? a) 2 metres from the touchline and anywhere between the line of touch and the offside line for non-participants b) 2 metres from the line of touch and 2 metres from the 5-metre line c) 0.5 metres from the line of touch and 2 metres from the 5-metre line	_____
96	At a lineout must a team have a receiver?	Yes / No
97	At a lineout may the thrower move into the receiver position if that position is empty?	Yes / No
98	The attackers kick the ball into touch one metre from the corner post. May the defenders take a quick throw-in at this mark?	Yes / No



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1	Yes	DSLVL Law 4.1 (f)	
2	Yes	Law 4.4 (a) & 4.5 (b)	
3	Yes	Law 4.5 (b)	
4	b)	Law 9.A.2 (b)	
5	b)	Law 9.A.2 (a) & Law 9.A.1	
6	c)	Law 9.B.1 (e)	
7	a)	Law 9.B.3 (b)	
8	b)	Law 14.1 (a)	
9	b)	Law 14.2 (a) & (b)	
10	b)	Law 14.1 (d)	
11	No	Law 19 Definition, last para	
12	Defenders	Law 19 Definition, para 6 & Law 19.4	
13	a)	Law 19.1 (j)	
14	a)	Law 19.2 (e) & (f)	
15	Yes	Law 22.4 (i)	
16	c)	Law 22.8	
17	c)	Law 22.14	
18	b)	Law 22.12	
19	a) & d)	Law 22.17 (a)	
20	a)	Law 22.10	
21	No	Law 1 Definition para 2	
22	No	Law 1 Definition para 4	
23	Yes	Law 6.B.3	
24a)	Yes	Law 6.B.5 (d) Exception 2	
b)	Yes	Law 6.B.5 (d) Exception 3	
25	c)	Law 20.5	
26	b)	Law 20.7 (a)	
27	No	Law 20.8 (d)	
28	b)	Law 20.9 (f)	
29	No	Law 20.9 (i)	
30	Yes	Law 20.10 (c)	
31	b)	Law 20.9 (d)	
32	a)	Law 18.2	
33	No	Law 18 Definition para 1	Ball not caught cleanly
34	b)	Law 18.6 (b)	
35	No	Law 18 Definition para 1	
36	No	Law 6.A.2	
37	Scrum	Law 6.A.8	Team in possession throws-in
38	a)	Law 6.A.9(a)	
39	b)	Law 16.2 (b) & Law 10.4(h)	
40	Yes	Law 10.4(e) para 2	
41	d)	Law 11.1 (c) And Law 11.4 (f) Sanctions	
42	No	Law 11.2 (c)	
43	No	Law 11.4(d)	
44	Yes	Law 11.3 (c)	

45	a)	Law 11.4 (a)	
46	No	Law 11.8	
47	a)	Law 16.4(b)	
48	Yes	Law 16.5(c)	
49	Yes	Law 16.5(b)	
50	d)	Law 16.4(b)	
51	Yes	Law 16.1(b)	
52	No	Law 20.1(g)	Restart the engagement process or Free Kick
53	No	DSLVLaw 20.1(e) Exception	
54	No	Law 20.3(d)	
55	a)	DSLVLBooklet page 2 sub clause (c)	
56	Yes	Law 3.11 (c)	
57	a)	DSLVLLaw 3.12 Page 4	
58	Yes	DSLVLLaw 3.12 page 4	
59	c)	Law 13.4	
60	c)	Law 3.10 (a)	
61	No	Law 8.1 (b)	
62	b)	Law 13.3	
63	Yes	Law 13.10 Definition	
64	Yes	Law 17.5	
65	No	Law 8. Definition	
66	a)	Law 17.5	No offence. Maul has ended
67	No	Law 17.2 (b)	
68	a)	Law 17.6 (a)	
69	b)	Law 17.3(b)	
70	c)	Law 21.3(c)	Kicker must use the ball that was in play
71	a)	Law 21.2 (a) & Law 21.4 (h)	
72	Yes	Law 13.13 (c)	
73	a)	Law 13.9(c)	Player elected to play on
74	Yes	Law 21.7 (d) Sanction	
75	b)	Law 21.6 (a)	
76	Yes	Law 5.4 (b)	
77	Yes	Law 5.4 (c)	
78	a)	Law 10.1 (a)	
79	c)	Law 10.1 (b) and (c)	
80	b)	Law 10.2 (b)	
81	c)	Law 10.2 (c)	
82	Yes	Law 10.2 (a)	
83	a)	Law 12.1 (a)	The lineout has ended
84	No	Law 12 Definition - knock on	

85	No	Law 12 Definition – exception/charge down	
86	No	Law 12 Definition – throw forward	
87a)	Yes	Law 15 Definition	
b)	No	Law 15 Definition	
88	Yes	Law 15.3 (a)	
89	b)	Law 15.4 (a)	
90	Yes	Law 15 Definition para 3	
91	c)	Law 19.9 (a)	
92	b)	Law 19.10 (h)	
93	b)	Law 19.10 (d)	
94	Yes	Law 19.8 (k)	
95	b)	Law 19.8 (j)	
96	No	Law 19 Lineout Definitions “Receiver” Also Law 19 .11 (d)	No mandatory requirement to have a receiver
97	Yes	Law 19.11 (d)	
98	Yes	Law 19.2 (b)	