



# **R&A LEVEL 2 RULES SEMINAR**

## **2019 PREPARATION GUIDE**



# WELCOME

On behalf of The R&A, thank you for choosing to attend a Level 2 Rules Seminar.

Many of you already will have completed a Level 1 Seminar or the online Rules education or will have attended some other Rules course; the Level 2 programme is designed to build on and improve your existing knowledge.

The Level 2 Rules Seminar looks at the Rules in more detail, particularly the more important playing Rules, e.g. Course Played as it is Found (Rule 8) and Relief Situations (Rules 15-19). We also explore further into the Rules and what the role of the Committee is in golf and golf competitions. Ultimately though it should be remembered that the Rules do not exist in a vacuum or on the page of a book - they must be applied on the golf course. The last part of the Seminar, therefore, introduces the practical aspects of refereeing, something that is then the entire focus of our Level 3 Tournament Administrators and Referees Seminar.

This Level 2 Rules Seminar is aimed at individuals with an involvement in tournament administration at any level of the game or a desire to have such an involvement, e.g. club managers, committee members, referees, club professionals. The objective is to produce competent and confident individuals who are able to give decisions on the Rules, give clubhouse decisions as part of a Committee running a competition, and can resolve Rules disputes.

I hope that you enjoy the Level 2 Seminar. Prepare well, listen carefully, and ask lots of questions!

Have fun and good luck.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Rickman'.

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## INTRODUCTION

The R&A Rules Education Programme consists of three tiers, the aim being to increase the Rules knowledge of delegates as they progress through the three Levels. The Rules Education Programme is designed to provide basic instruction for those newer to the game, as well as meeting the demands of those more experienced looking for tournament specific guidance.

Ideally, delegates should successfully complete each stage before progressing to the next Level, thus building a comprehensive Rules knowledge in the process. However, it is acknowledged that not everyone desires, or has the need, to complete all three Levels. The three Levels are:

### **Level 1 Rules Seminar**

### **Level 2 Rules Seminar**

### **Level 3 Tournament Administrators and Referees Seminar**

At each Level, the opportunity to sit the appropriate Exam (Level 1, 2 or 3) is made available.

Level 3 Seminars concentrate on the practical aspects of running and organising golf tournaments and refereeing. As such, delegates intent on attending a Level 3 Seminar should ideally have experience in organising events and refereeing.

**NOTE:** This Preparation Guide has been supplied to you as a delegate attending a Level 2 Rules Seminar. As such, it should not be copied, sold, or distributed to any other third party.

### **R&A Level 2 Rules Seminar**

As a delegate participating in the R&A Level 2 Rules Seminar you may already have had some practical experience as a referee or you may have been identified as an individual who could fulfil such a role in the future. The purpose of the Seminar is to provide instruction on the Rules and advice on officiating, and it is hoped that all delegates will leave the Seminar having learned something that will aid them in their continuing or future role as referees.

The R&A Level 2 Examination is included as part of the Seminar. While the Level 2 Examination is optional, it is an important part of the School and all delegates are strongly recommended to take it.

We would recommend that a preparation schedule be developed, for example, reading an individual Rule each day. Bearing in mind that there are 24 Rules, such a schedule should be completed in approximately four weeks. After this it may be worth attempting the sample exam contained in this Guide, which will give you an indication of how you are progressing.

It is vital that, to gain the most from the Seminar, delegates should come to the Seminar prepared.

### **Status of The R&A Level 2 Examination**

The R&A Level 2 Examination is intended to identify those who have the potential to develop a strong knowledge of the Rules of Golf.

- The R&A Level 2 Examination is based on the 2019 Rules of Golf
- The Level 2 Examination lasts 2 hours.
- The pass mark for the Level 2 Examination is 60%.

Examination Certificates are awarded as follows:

- 60-79% - Level 2 Examination "Pass" Certificate.
- 80-89% - "Pass with Merit" Certificate

- 90-100% - “Pass with Distinction” Certificate.

It is a matter for each National Governing Body affiliated to The R&A to decide how it regards The R&A Level 2 Examination, and whether the Level 2 Examination, or any of the other levels of examination, are included as part of its own national qualification process. Passing the Level 2 Examination does not mean that the individual has become an “R&A Qualified Referee” or “R&A Rules Official”, and it is not permissible for individuals to state that they are an “R&A Qualified Referees/Rules Official”.

It is The R&A’s recommendation that an R&A Examination (or an equivalent Examination set by the National Governing Body) should be taken at least once every four years, as this ensures that the individual is maintaining a good up-to-date knowledge of the Rules.

Any written Examination, whether that of The R&A or a National Governing Body, should be seen as a stepping-stone to becoming a good referee. While a good knowledge of the Rules is essential for any referee, in order to become a proficient referee it is necessary to gain practical on-course experience. A National Governing Body may, therefore, make it a further requirement of its qualification process that refereeing skills are developed over several events that it organises or endorses.

**NOTE: Electronic devices are not permitted to be used in the Exam.**

## PREPARATION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Level 2 is a considerable step up from Level 1; you must be prepared to set aside adequate preparation time in order to do well in the course and the examination.**

- Complete the online Rules course at [www.RandA.org](http://www.RandA.org).
- Set aside time to do some work on the Rules each day.
- Review the section in the Rule Book entitled “How to Use the Rules of Golf”.
- Read through the Definitions Section a few times before starting to read the Rules. Continue to review the Definitions Section throughout your preparation, as a good knowledge of the Definitions is essential to understanding the Rules.
- Prepare a schedule for reviewing the Rules of Golf, e.g. read an individual Rule each day.
- **The Level 2 Examination covers the full Rules of Golf.**
- More Rules questions can be found on The R&A’s website, [www.RandA.org](http://www.RandA.org). Go to the Rules section on the website, then click on Rules Modernisation and scroll down to the “Rules Quiz”. Additional questions can be found on the United States Golf Association’s website, [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).
- After completing an initial review of the Rules, attempt the Sample Examination contained in this Preparation Guide. Remember, you have two hours to complete the Exam, so time yourself.
- The Role Play session that is conducted during the Seminar will require some participants to give rulings, i.e. delegates will give rulings to instructors (who will be acting as players). We realise that this can be quite daunting, but we would strongly encourage you to give it a go. The more often you give rulings, the better you will become. If you have little experience of giving rulings, try to undertake some practice, even with your golfing friends, prior to attending the Seminar.
- The Rules of Golf can also be found online at the R&A’s website, [www.RandA.org](http://www.RandA.org). Click on “Rules Modernisation” and “Explore the Rules” from the menu in the Rules section. There you will find lots of frequently asked questions and videos illustrating and explaining the Rules.
- You can download free of charge, the Rules of Golf App (English) for iOS, Android and Windows devices. This free Rules of Golf app is also available in Chinese (Mandarin), German, Japanese and Spanish.

## TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BASED ON THE RULE BOOK- EXERCISE #1

**Instructions:** Using the Rule book, answer each question either true or false.

1. The general area includes all wrong greens.
2. Advice includes any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence a player in making a stroke.
3. A ball is in play as soon as the player has teed up the ball in the teeing area.
4. Manufactured ice is temporary water.
5. Material piled for removal by a greenkeeper is ground under repair.
6. Sand and loose soil are loose impediments.
7. A ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its original spot and comes to rest on any other spot and can be seen by the naked eye.
8. A ball is out of bounds only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the course.
9. A partner competes together with two other players as a side, in a match only.
10. Par/Bogey is a form of match play.
11. An outside influence includes the player's opponent.
12. A no play zone is a part of the course where the Committee has prohibited play.
13. A player may only have the flagstick attended when his ball lies on the putting green.
14. A player may substitute a ball when taking relief from an immovable obstruction.
15. In match play, the penalty for playing from outside the teeing area is loss of hole.
16. In no circumstances may a player touch or bend long grass when searching for his ball.
17. In stroke play, the penalty for testing the condition of a penalty area is two strokes.
18. A player may touch his line of play when repairing ball marks on the putting green.
19. If a ball at rest is moved by an outside influence, the player incurs no penalty and the ball is replaced.
20. The hole must be 4 ½ inches (11 cm) in diameter.

## TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BASED ON THE RULE BOOK - EXERCISE #2

**Instructions:** Using the Rule book, answer each question either true or false.

1. An animal hole is any hole dug in the ground by any a worm.
2. The line of play does not extend beyond the hole.
3. Information on the position of the flagstick on the putting green is not advice.
4. A ball is in a bunker when any part of the ball touches the sand on the ground inside the edge of the bunker.
5. The stroke has been made if the player accidentally strikes the ball when making a practice swing.
6. A round is 18 or more holes played in the order set by the Committee.
7. Temporary water is a temporary accumulation of water on the surface of the ground that is not in a penalty area.
8. A tee may be longer than 4 inches (101.6mm).
9. A stance is the position of the player's body in preparing for a stroke.
10. A player must give his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor the opportunity to observe the lifting of the ball when it is to be lifted for identification.
11. Replacing the ball involves dropping the ball with the intent for it to be in play.
12. A player may play a provisional ball in case the ball just played might be in a penalty area.
13. Natural forces are the effects of nature such as wind or water.
14. On the putting green, a player may repair a spike mark on their line of play.
15. Spider webs are loose impediments event though they are attached to an object.
16. Loose impediments and movable obstructions are part of the lie of a ball.
17. A player must take relief from a wrong green if the wrong green interferes with the area of intended stance.
18. In the general area, the player is entitled to relief from an immovable obstruction when there is intervention on his line of play.
19. A concession may be done verbally or by an action that clearly shows the player's intent to concede the next stroke.
20. Penalty area stakes may not be moved even if they are physically movable.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE EXERCISE

**Instructions:** Answer each question A, B or C

1. In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a bunker. While waiting for another player to play, the player picks up a rake that was lying near his ball and leans on it, with the head of the rake touching the sand in the bunker. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In stroke play, a player believes that her ball may be lost. She decides to play a provisional ball and says to her marker that she is going to play "another ball". What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets two penalty strokes
  - C. The player gets the stroke and distance penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. A player's ball comes to rest touching a line on the ground marking an abnormal course condition. What is the ruling?
- A. The player must declare it unplayable
  - B. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1
  - C. The player must play the ball as it lies

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The balls of A and B lie in the same bunker, with B's farther from the hole. Player B plays and his ball and in doing so creates some footprints close to Player A's ball. Before play, Player A smooths the bunker in order to restore the condition to its original state. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty to either player
  - B. Player A gets the general penalty
  - C. Player B gets the general penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



5. In stroke play, a player searches for her ball. After 2 minutes and 30 seconds, a ball is found but it is uncertain whether it is the player's ball. The player immediately makes her way to identify the ball but it takes her another minute to reach the ball to positively identify it. What is the ruling?
- A. The ball is lost
  - B. The ball is in play, but the player incurs the general penalty
  - C. The ball is in play with no penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. On the putting green, a player marks the position of and lifts his ball. Prior to the player replacing his ball, the wind moves his ball-marker. What is the ruling?
- A. The ball should be replaced without penalty in its new position
  - B. The ball or ball-marker must be replaced with a one stroke penalty
  - C. The ball or ball-marker must be replaced without penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. In stroke play, a player in error plays a wrong ball. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets two penalty strokes and must correct the error by playing the original ball
  - C. The player is disqualified

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. In match play, a player's caddie removes the flagstick from the hole and the player's ball accidentally hit it. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player loses the hole
  - C. The player loses the match

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. In stroke play, a player playing from the teeing ground misses the ball completely. He pushes his tee farther into the ground and plays the ball. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets the stroke and distance penalty
  - B. The player incurs the general penalty
  - C. There is no penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. A player's ball lies on the bank in a penalty area. As the ball is not in any water, she decides to play the ball. Prior to making the stroke, she grounds her club in making a practice swing and removes some leaves lying close to her ball. What is the ruling?

- A. The player gets one penalty stroke
- B. The player gets two penalty strokes
- C. There is no penalty

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

11. In stroke play, a player positions his golf bag near the teeing ground for the purpose of blocking sunlight in the area where he tees up the ball. He then makes a stroke. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty
- B. The player gets one penalty stroke
- C. The player gets two penalty strokes

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

12. A player's ball comes to rest on a cart path such that his nearest point of complete relief is behind the obstruction. He properly determines this point and lifts and drops the ball from knee height in the relief area. The ball rolls and comes to rest outside of the relief area. What is the ruling?

- A. The player must drop the ball again
- B. The player must play the ball from where it comes to rest
- C. The player must place the ball in the relief area

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

13. In stroke play, there is a bunker between a player's ball and the hole. Before playing, the player smooths footprints and other irregularities in the bunker on her line of play. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty
- B. The player gets two penalty strokes
- C. The player is disqualified

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

14. In stroke play, a player putts on the putting green and, while the ball is still in motion, it is picked up and carried away by a dog. What is the ruling?

- A. The stroke counts, and the player must play another ball under penalty
- B. The stroke does not count, and the player must replace the ball and replay
- C. The stroke counts, and the player must replace the ball and replay

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEVEL 2 RULES EXAMINATION

### GUIDANCE NOTES

The Level 2 Exam lasts 2 hours and consists of two parts, which are divided into two sections respectively.

Part I of the Exam should take approximately 20-30 minutes and no reference materials are permitted.

Examinees can commence Part 2 of the Exam when they have returned their Part I papers. Reference materials such as the Player's Guide and the Rules of Golf are allowed in Part 2, which lasts the balance of the 2 hours (i.e. if you take 30 minutes on Part I, you have 1 hour and 30 minutes for Part 2).

Please note:

- No electronic devices are permitted during the Exam.
- Level 2 Exam questions are based on the Definitions and Full Rules of Golf effective January 2019.
- Please note that the Exam does not include any questions on the Official Guide to the Rules.

An outline of each section follows.

**Part I      Should take approximately 20-30 minutes**  
**No reference materials permitted in Sections A and B**

#### **Section A - 'True or False?'**

Format:            25 questions  
Recommended time allocation:      10-15 minutes  
Mark allocation:                      25% of total  
A correct answer will be awarded one mark.  
Marks are not deducted for incorrect answers.

#### **Section B - 'Multiple Choice'**

Format:            10 questions  
Recommended time allocation:      10-15 minutes  
Mark allocation:                      10% of total  
A correct answer will be awarded one mark.  
Marks are not deducted for incorrect answers.

**Part 2      It is recommended that approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes should be spent on Part II, but the time allowed will depend on how long the candidate takes to complete Part I.**

**Any reference materials may be used in Sections C and D but not electronic devices e.g. apps.**

#### **Section C – 'Multiple Choice with Rules Authority'**

Format:            10 questions  
Recommended time allocation:      30 minutes  
Mark allocation:                      25% of total

The questions in Section C are all covered by specific Rules from the Rules of Golf. We are looking for the specific Rule number, sub-section and letter that corresponds with the situation (e.g. Rule 8.1b).  
A correct answer will be awarded 1½ marks and an extra mark for the correct authority.

### **Section D - 'Four Holes with the Rules of Golf'**

Format: Four 'holes' with five Rules situations  
Recommended time allocation: 60 minutes  
Mark allocation: 40% of total

Shona and Grant are playing in a stroke play competition. This section involves following them around a four-hole course, and you have been appointed by the Committee to ensure they complete the round correctly.

On each hole, they encounter several Rules situations. Each situation requires you to give a Rule number, subsection and letter (e.g. Rule 8.1b) and to indicate the number of penalty strokes incurred in that situation. **Please note:** the situation may not actually involve any penalty strokes and if no penalty applies you should indicate this by writing "0".

Where the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball or playing ball from a wrong place in breach of a Rule is sought, it is the breach of the Rule itself that is required rather than Rule 6.3b or 14.7a.

A correctly answered question in all respects will be awarded the number of marks indicated at the end of each hole. Giving the correct authority is worth one mark, as is giving the correct penalty.

It should not take more than 60 minutes to complete Section D.

## **LEVEL 2 RULES EXAM**

### **SAMPLE EXAMINATION**

#### **SECTION A (No Reference Materials Permitted for Section A)**

#### **TRUE OR FALSE?**

##### Example Question

Ex. Grass covered ground within a bunker is part of the bunker. A. False

1. A referee is an official named by the Committee to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules.
2. Ground under repair does not include a hole made in removing a tree stump.
3. A stroke is the backward movement of the club only.
4. A ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its original spot and moves downwards from that spot.
5. A Committee may declare ground under repair to be a no play zone.
6. 'Advice' does not include information on the Rules.
7. A pile of grass cuttings is always considered ground under repair.
8. In stroke play, if a player returns a score for a hole higher than the actual score, the higher returned score stands.
9. If a player fails to hole out at any hole, and does not correct that mistake, the player is disqualified.
10. A player is permitted to listen to music to eliminate distractions or to help with swing temp.
11. A ball is inside the teeing area when any part of the ball touches or is above part of the teeing area.
12. Foursomes is a form of play where two partners compete as a side by playing one ball in alternating order on each hole.
13. Objects used for the care of the course, such as rakes, are always considered to be part of the player's equipment.
14. If a player's ball breaks into pieces after a stroke, the stroke counts.
15. If a player's ball lies in the general area a hole made by a rabbit, a snake or a bird, he is entitled to free relief.
16. A player may brush aside sand and loose soil from anywhere on the course.
17. Artificial objects defined by the Committee as integral objects retain their status as obstructions.
18. When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, a ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on the line.
19. In match play, a player doubtful of his rights may play a second ball.
20. A stake defining the edge of a penalty area is in the penalty area.

21. Strokes made by a player in playing out a hole whose result has been decided are practice strokes.
22. A ball may always be cleaned when it is lifted.
23. Players may choose to stop play if the Committee immediately suspends play for a dangerous situation.
24. A player is the only person who may decide to treat his or her ball as unplayable.
25. If a player considers the concession of a putt too generous he may decline it.

## SECTION B (No Reference Materials Permitted)

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

#### Notes

Please answer each question A, B or C by marking an "X" in the appropriate box. A correct answer will be awarded one mark.

Mark allocation: 10% of total

It should not take more than 10 minutes to complete Section B.

#### **Example Question**

In a match play, there is a bunker between a player's ball and the hole. Before playing, the player smoothes footprints in the bunker on his line of play. What is the penalty?

- A. No penalty
- B. He gets one penalty stroke
- C. He loses the hole

1. In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a bunker. The player removes a loose impediment, which lies behind her ball and the ball moves. She replaces the ball and plays her next stroke. What is the ruling?
  - A. She gets one penalty stroke
  - B. She gets two penalty strokes
  - C. She gets a three penalty strokes
2. In stroke play, a player plays from the teeing area and his ball hits a tree and comes back, coming to rest in the teeing area. The player picks up the ball, re-tees it and plays the ball onto the green and holes the putt. Which statement is true?
  - A. The player has played 3 strokes
  - B. The player has played 4 strokes
  - C. The player has played 5 strokes
3. In stroke play, a player places his towel on the ground so that when he kneels down to play his next stroke from under a tree, his clothes will not get dirty. He plays the stroke while kneeling on the towel. What is the ruling?
  - A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes

4. In stroke play, a player finds her ball in a bunker. In making the backswing for the stroke she touches some sand that is behind her ball. She continues and makes the stroke. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes
5. Player A and Player B are partners in a foursomes match. Player A accidentally plays a stroke when Player B should have played. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty and the side must correct the mistake by playing in the correct order
  - B. The side gets two penalty strokes and must correct the mistake by playing in the correct order
  - C. The side gets two penalty strokes and must continue with the order changed
6. In stroke play, during the play of a hole, two players exchange information concerning the distance of their respective balls from the hole. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. Both players get two penalty strokes
  - C. Both players are disqualified
7. A player plays his second shot, searches for his ball briefly and then goes back and drops another ball under Rule 18.1. Before he plays the dropped ball, and within the three-minute search period, the original ball is found. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. The player must play the hole out with both balls and report to the Committee.
  - B. The player must play the dropped ball
  - C. The player must abandon the dropped ball and play the original ball
8. In stroke play, a player's ball is on the putting green. The player putts too strongly and her ball comes to rest in a penalty area. She places a ball where she played her last stroke from on the putting green and plays. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets two penalty strokes for proceeding incorrectly under Rule 17, but no other penalties.
  - B. The player gets one stroke penalty prescribed by Rule 17 and an additional penalty of two strokes for proceeding incorrectly under the penalty area Rule.
  - C. The player gets one penalty stroke for proceeding under the stroke and distance option prescribed by Rule 17.



9. On the putting green, a player replaces his ball and, in the act of removing the coin marking its position, he accidentally moves the ball. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets no penalty and must replace the ball or ball-marker
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball or ball-marker
  - C. The player gets one penalty stroke and must play the ball from its new position
10. In stroke play, a player is asked to mark her ball just off the putting green as it is interfering with another player's play. The player marks her ball and places it to the side on the ground. Before replacing the ball, she accidentally cleans it. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes

## SECTION C

(Reference materials may be used for this Section)

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE WITH RULES AUTHORITY**

The questions in Section C are all covered by specific Rules from the Rules of Golf. We are looking for the specific Rule number, sub-section and letter that corresponds with the situation (e.g. Rule 8.1b).

A correct answer will be awarded 1½ marks and an extra mark for the correct authority.

Mark allocation: 25% of total.

It should not take more than 30 minutes to complete Section C.

#### **Example Question**

In stroke play, a player's ball is on the putting green. There is some sand between the ball and the hole. His caddie removes the sand from the line of play by brushing it aside with a towel. He does not press anything down. What is the ruling?

- A. No penalty
- B. The player gets one penalty stroke
- C. The player gets two penalty strokes

1. In stroke play, a player's ball lies in the general area against a loose tree branch. It appears likely that the ball will move if the player removes the tree branch. The player is asked to lift his ball by another player as it interferes with his play. The player does this but, prior to replacing the ball, he removes the tree branch. What is the ruling?
  - A. No penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes
  
2. In match play, a player marks and lifts her ball on the putting green. She hands it to her caddie to clean the ball. When it is her turn to play, her caddie replaces the ball. She putts out. What is the ruling?
  - A. No penalty
  - B. The player incurs one penalty stroke
  - C. The player loses the hole

3. In stroke play, a player's ball is overhanging the hole. He runs up to the hole to see if it will fall in. He waits for 14 seconds and the ball then falls into the hole. The player lifts the ball from the hole and proceeds to the next tee. What is the ruling?
- A. The player has holed out but gets one penalty stroke
  - B. The player has holed out but gets no penalty
  - C. The player must replace the ball overhanging the hole and putt out
4. In stroke play, a player's ball goes into a red penalty area and cannot be found. The player uses her best judgement in estimating the point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. The player drops the ball back-on-the-line without choosing a reference point. The ball lands within a few centimetres of where it first touched the ground and she plays it. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - B. The player gets two penalty strokes
  - C. There is no penalty
5. In stroke play, a player accidentally moves his ball whilst searching for it in the rough. The spot where the ball originally lay is not determinable. The player replaces the ball on top of the long grass so that the ball is sitting up. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes
6. In stroke play, a player addressed his ball on a flat part of the putting green and it immediately moved. It is uncertain what caused the ball to move as the conditions at the time were calm, there were no outside influences present and the player did nothing obvious to cause the ball to move.
- A. There is no penalty and the ball is played as it lies
  - B. There is no penalty and the ball must be replaced
  - C. The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball
7. In stroke play, a player tapes up their thumb as he is concerned he may get a blister. The tape is applied in a way that immobilises the joint of the thumb and after hitting one stroke, the player discovers that it helps him in gripping the club. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets two penalty strokes
  - C. The player is disqualified

8. In stroke play, on the putting green a player lays her golf bag parallel to the line of play to shield the line from the wind. She plays her stroke with the bag in this position. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes
9. A player searches for his ball for 2 minutes and then announces that he will return to play a provisional ball. The player drops the ball and then, prior to making a stroke with the provisional, the original ball is found within the 3 minutes search period. What is the ruling?
- A. The player must proceed with his original ball
  - B. The player must proceed with the provisional ball
  - C. The player may choose whether to proceed with his provisional ball or the original ball
10. In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a bunker. She casually throws the rake into the bunker for use after her stroke. The rake does not move the ball or improve the lie of the ball. Does the player incur a penalty?
- A. There is no penalty
  - B. The player gets one penalty stroke
  - C. The player gets two penalty strokes

## **SECTION D**

(Reference materials may be used for this Section)

### **FOUR HOLES WITH THE RULES OF GOLF**

#### Notes

Grant and Shona are players in a stroke play competition. You are going to follow them around four holes of golf and ensure they complete the round correctly.

On each hole, they encounter several Rules situations relating to the Rules. Each situation requires you to give a Rule number, sub-section and letter and to indicate the number of penalty strokes they get for that situation. If the situation does not result in a penalty, you must indicate this by marking "0" in the penalty strokes box.

Where the penalty for playing an Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in breach of a Rule is sought, it is the Breach of the Rule itself that is required rather than Rule 6.3b or 14.7a.

A correctly answered hole in all respects will be awarded the number of marks indicated at the end of each hole. Giving the correct Rule, sub-section and letter (where applicable) is worth one mark, and giving the correct penalty is worth one mark.

This section is worth 40% of the exam total.

It should not take more than 60 minutes to complete Section D.

#### **Example Question**

1. Grant hits his tee shot, and it lands in a fairway bunker. Before attempting to play the ball, he removes a leaf, which was lying near his ball.  
[Give Rule number and penalty strokes]

Answer: Rule 12.2a and 0 penalty

#### **HOLE 1 - PAR 4**

1. Grant does not have a yardage book. So he asks Shona, who was carrying a yardage book, what the length of the hole is. Shona advises Grant that it is 380 yards.
2. Grant tees up his ball within the teeing area and uses a tee that is designed to stop slicing. Grant plays from the tee.
3. Shona's ball is lying on the fairway, but there is interference to her stance from a water hydrant cover. Shona establishes the nearest point of complete relief correctly, lifts her ball and drops it in the one club-length relief area.
4. Grant's ball has come to rest in a bunker. As he steps into the bunker, he starts to fall so he puts his club out to steady himself. By doing so he grounds his club in the sand in the bunker.
5. Shona's ball is on the putting green. Before putting she taps down spike marks near the hole.

(10 marks)

#### HOLE 2 - PAR 4

1. Shona uses her club to create an irregularity of surface in the teeing area, which she places her ball on and then hits a driver into the middle of the fairway.
2. Grant's ball comes to rest amongst some leaves. He removes the leaves immediately behind his ball improving his lie, but the ball does not move.
3. In the general area, Shona grounds her club behind the ball prior to making her second stroke and in doing so causes the ball to move. She replaces the ball.
4. Grant chips his ball close to the hole with his sandwedge. Somewhat frustrated with his golf, he removes the flagstick and holes out with his sandwedge while holding the flagstick in his other hand.
5. Before putting out, Shona repairs the side of the hole which has naturally worn away.

(10 marks)

#### HOLE 3 - PAR 4

1. Grant hits a poor drive into the right side of a fairway bunker. The rake is lying on the left side of the bunker, so he enters the bunker and collects the rake. Grant smooths his footprints that he made in retrieving the rake to care for the course but does not smooth anywhere near his own ball.
2. Grant decides that his ball is unplayable in the bunker. He decides that his best option for relief is to drop the ball outside of the bunker. He takes back-on-the-line relief outside the bunker.
3. Shona's next shot accidentally strikes her caddie standing out of bounds and comes to rest in bounds.
4. Shona plays a good shot to the middle of the green. Prior to putting, she asks her caddie to show her the line of play. Her caddie points out the line of play and in doing so lightly touches the putting green surface.
5. Grant chips up onto the green and as the ball has come to rest near to the hole, he borrows Shona's putter and holes out.

(10 marks)

#### HOLE 4 - PAR 3

1. Shona is aware that her ball might be lost in a penalty area. To save time, she announces to Grant that she is going to play a provisional ball and plays the ball.
2. Grant plays a bad shot which comes to rest close to the line of stakes defining out of bounds. To play the ball in bounds, Grant must stand out of bounds to play the ball and one of the stakes interferes with his stroke, so he removes it.
3. Shona finds a ball half buried in the rough. She touches the ball and rotates it to see her identification mark. She establishes that it is her ball.
4. On the putting green, Shona's ball is close to the hole. Grant is further away and putts. While his ball is in motion, Shona marks and lifts her ball to clean it. Grant's ball finishes short of where Shona's ball-marker is on the putting green.
5. Shona putts with the flagstick in the hole. The ball strikes the flagstick and comes to rest against it in the hole. Part of her ball is below the surface of the putting green, so she picks it up.

(10 marks)

**SAMPLE EXAMINATION - ANSWER GRID**

**PART I**

**SECTION A**

	True	False
Example		X
1.		
2.		
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**SECTION B**

	A	B	C
Example			X
1.			
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3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

**SAMPLE EXAMINATION - ANSWER GRID**

**PART II**

**SECTION C**

	A	B	C	Rule
Example	X			8.1b
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				



**SECTION D**

**HOLE 1**

<b>Hole 1</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	

**(10 Marks)**

**HOLE 2**

<b>Hole 2</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	

**(10 Marks)**

**HOLE 3**

<b>Hole 3</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	

**(10 Marks)****HOLE 4**

<b>Hole 4</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Rule</b>	

**(10 Marks)**

## ANSWERS

### TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BASED ON THE RULE BOOK – EXERCISE #1

1	True	11	False
2	True	12	True
3	False	13	False
4	False	14	True
5	True	15	False
6	False	16	False
7	True	17	False
8	True	18	False
9	False	19	True
10	False	20	False

### TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BASE ON THE RULE BOOK – EXERCIS #2

1	False	11	False
2	True	12	False
3	True	13	True
4	True	14	True
5	False	15	True
6	False	16	False
7	True	17	True
8	False	18	False
9	False	19	True
10	False	20	False

### MULTIPLE CHOICE EXERCISE

1	A	8	A
2	C	9	C
3	B	10	C
4	A	11	C
5	C	12	B
6	C	13	B
7	B	14	B

**SAMPLE EXAM - ANSWERS**

**PART I**

**SECTION A ANSWERS**

	True	False
Example		X
1.	X	
2.		X
3.		X
4.	X	
5.	X	
6.		X
7.		X
8.	X	
9.	X	
10.		X
11.	X	
12.	X	
13.		X
14.		X
15.	X	
16.		X
17.		X
18.	X	
19.		X
20.	X	
21.		X
22.		X
23.		X
24.	X	
25.		X

**SECTION B ANSWERS**

	A	B	C
Example			X
1.	X		
2.	X		
3.			X
4.			X
5.		X	
6.	X		
7.		X	
8.			X
9.	X		
10.		X	

**PART II ANSWERS**

**SECTION C**

	A	B	C	Rule
Example	X			8.1b
1.		X		15.1a
2.		X		14.2b
3.	X			13.3a
4.			X	17.1d
5.			X	7.4
6.		X		13.1d
7.		X		4.3
8.			X	10.2b
9.	X			18.3c
10.	X			12.2b

## **SECTION D ANSWERS**

### **HOLE 1**

<b>Hole 1</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
1.	10.2a	0
2.	6.2b	2
3.	16.1b	0
4.	12.2b	0
5.	13.1c	0

**(10 Marks)**

### **HOLE 2**

<b>Hole 2</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
1.	6.2b	0
2.	15.1a	0
3.	9.4b	1
4.	13.2b	0
5.	13.1c	2

**(10 Marks)**

### **HOLE 3**

<b>Hole 3</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
1.	12.2b	0
2.	19.3b	2
3.	11.1a	0
4.	10.2b	0
5.	4.1b	2

**(10 Marks)**

**HOLE 4**

<b>Hole 4</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty Strokes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>18.3a</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>8.1a</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>13.2c</b>	<b>0</b>