Decoding the Ethics Code
A Practical Guide for Psychologists, 2nd Edition

1) The first APA Committee on Ethical Standards for Psychologist was appointed in
   a) 1932
   b) 1937
   c) 1942
   d) 1947

2) The process used to develop the first ethical standards was the
   a) reasonable man standard
   b) critical incident method
   c) do no harm standard
   d) regression to the mean method

3) Which type of ethics code combines ethical principles with more explicit interpretations to help professionals make decisions in morally ambiguous contexts?
   a) aspirational code
   b) enforceable code
   c) educational code
   d) explicit code

4) All the following articles identified by the ECTF to guide the 2002 ethics code revision process EXCEPT
   a) education and professional socialization
   b) public trust
   c) enforcement value
   d) face validity

5) Membership in the APA commits student affiliates to comply with the standards of ethics code.
   a) True
   b) False

6) Terms such as "appropriate", "potentially" and "attempt to" are
   a) hedges
   b) modifiers
   c) excuses
   d) distracters

7) What term describes a complaint initiated by the members of the Ethics Committee?
   a) sua sponte
   b) postulatus
   c) vox vocis
   d) num interrog

8) What type of sanction can be recommended when the violation was likely to cause substantial harm to another person or the profession?
   a) censure
   b) stipulated resignation
   c) reprimand
   d) expulsion
9) Which General Principle reflects faithfulness of one human being to another?
   a) beneficence
   b) integrity
   c) fidelity
   d) justice

10) "Honest, reliable, and genuine" are the corresponding virtues to which APA General Principle?
   a) integrity
   b) justice
   c) fidelity
   d) beneficence

11) Which theory by Kant prioritizes absolute obligations over consequences?
   a) communitarianism
   b) ethical relativism
   c) ethical absolutism
   d) deontology

12) When reasonable actions taken by psychologists do not resolve the conflict, they are permitted to make
    a conscientious decision regarding whether to adhere to the Ethics Code or the legal or regulatory
    authority.
    a) True
    b) False

13) When there are conflicts between ethics and organizational demands, psychologists do all of the
    following EXCEPT
    a) clarify the nature of the conflict
    b) make a referral to state or national committees on professional ethics
    c) make known their commitment to the Ethics Code
    d) resolve the conflict in a way that permits adherence to the Ethics Code

14) As a rule of thumb, behaviors likely to cause substantial harm are of a kind similar to all EXCEPT
    a) sexual misconduct
    b) insurance fraud
    c) HIPPA violations
    d) plagiarism

15) Professional organizations are not bound by the Fifth Amendment.
    a) True
    b) False

16) To help identify competencies necessary for adherence to standard 2.01a psychologists should refer to
    a) the Ethics Code appendices
    b) state statutes
    c) relevant case law
    d) scientific and professional organization guidelines

17) Standard 2.01d reflects the balance articulated in the principle
    a) fidelity and responsibility
    b) beneficence and nonmaleficence
    c) integrity
    d) justice
18) School psychologists serving as expert witnesses should be familiar with all the following EXCEPT
   a) Brown v. Board of Education
   b) Plessy v. Ferguson
   c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
   d) Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

19) Psychologists who provide services in emergencies have to deal with the ethical dilemma of client abandonment.
   a) True
   b) False

20) The intent of standard 2.06a is
   a) educational
   b) fiscal
   c) preemptive
   d) aspirational

21) When the Ethics Code standard for sexual harassment establishes a higher standard of conduct than is required by law, psychologists must defer to law.
   a) True
   b) False

22) Which is NOT an example of an unavoidable multiple relationship?
   a) working in a rural community
   b) providing services on an American Indian reservation
   c) working in a small insulated religious community
   d) treating a relative

23) A psychologist used his professional web site to recommend internet mental health services in which he had an undisclosed financial interest. This is a violation of
   a) conflict of interest
   b) multiple relationships
   c) exploitive relationships
   d) referrals and fees

24) What is seen by many as the primary means of protecting the self-governing and privacy rights of those with whom psychologists work?
   a) the code of the West
   b) informed consent
   c) HIPPA guidelines
   d) professional integrity

25) What term describes someone who has not reached adulthood but who according to state law may be treated as an adult for certain purposes?
   a) emancipated minor
   b) mature minor
   c) temporal savant
   d) tempestivus

26) HIPPA permits covered entities to allow researchers to use PHI without patient authorization in all the following cases EXCEPT
   a) for deceased patients
   b) for Public Health research
   c) when the PHI leaves the covered entity and is only used for protocol development
   d) when research involves the use of a "limited data set"
27) HIPPA regulations do not apply to records that fall under FERPA regulations
   a) True
   b) False

28) Active-duty service members sent for commander-directed mental-health evaluations have the right to
   all the following EXCEPT
   a) to know why they were referred for the evaluation
   b) an opportunity for a second opinion
   c) a right to speak with a chaplain and a member of Congress
   d) to refuse the release of results to their commanding officer

29) For service providers, there are situations where it is not necessary to obtain permission to record.
   a) True
   b) False

30) Under standard 4.05a, psychologists may decline an appropriately obtained request to release
    confidential information
    a) if the client has brought a lawsuit against a psychologist
    b) if the psychologist believes disclosure will cause harm
    c) never
    d) if the relationship was terminated at least two years prior to the request

31) A deceptive statement made during a private professional conversation with an attorney violates
    standard 5.01.
    a) True
    b) False

32) A psychologist allows a publisher to list a postdoctoral fellowship on a book cover’s list of
    accomplishments which the psychologist had not completed. This was a violation of standard
    a) 5.01
    b) 5.02
    c) 5.03
    d) 5.04

33) Canned newspaper columns that do not state that they are a paid advertisement is a violation of the
    Ethics Code.
    a) True
    b) False

34) Psychologists who provide public comment or advice via the Internet are practicing in an ethical "Gray
    area" and are not bound by the Ethics Code.
    a) True
    b) False

35) FERPA gives parents of minor children the right to all EXCEPT
    a) to inspect and review the student's educational records maintained by the school
    b) to request the school correct records they believe to be inaccurate
    c) to call for a formal hearing if the school does not amend the record
    d) to require the school to pay for a second psychoeducational evaluation

36) It is ethically permissible under standard 6.03 to withhold records for nonpayment under nonemergency
    conditions.
    a) True
    b) False
37) It is always unethical to barter with clients.
   a) True
   b) False

38) The referrals and fees standard would prohibit which situation?
   a) charging another psychologist payment for office space
   b) paying a physician who shares office space for a referral
   c) paying professionals who are employees a percentage of a patient fee
   d) paying an institution for referrals

39) Which standard requires teaching psychologists to ensure that prospective students are aware of requirements to participate in personal psychotherapy?
   a) 7.01
   b) 7.02
   c) 7.03
   d) 7.04

40) Students can be required to disclose personal information if information is necessary to evaluate students whose personal problems could prevent them from performing professional duties in a competent manner.
   a) True
   b) False

41) Faculty in a rural area who are responsible for evaluating students' academic performance can themselves provide group therapy to those students.
   a) True
   b) False

42) A psychologist can not have a sexual relationship with a student in his or her agency.
   a) True
   b) False

43) The belief that "experimental" treatment means "better" treatment with known direct benefits for participants is known as the
   a) prisoner's dilemma
   b) Frankenstein effect
   c) therapeutic misconception
   d) white coat fallacy

44) Informed consent for recording voices and images can be obtained during debriefing if the research design includes deception.
   a) True
   b) False

45) Psychologists may dispense with informed consent for naturalistic observation on the internet if protections are in place to guard against personal identification and harm.
   a) True
   b) False

46) A psychologist may withhold data from a published study when a rival researcher wishes to replicate the study solely to disprove the study's findings.
   a) True
   b) False
47) What describes the consistency of test scores when a test is repeated for an individual or for a given population?
   a) validity
   b) standardization
   c) reliability
   d) replicability

48) Informed consent in assessments can be waived in all the following cases EXCEPT
   a) testing is mandated by law or governmental regulations
   b) testing is conducted in a private school setting
   c) informed consent is implied because it is conducted as a routine educational activity
   d) one purpose of testing is to determine decisional capability

49) Which is the least likely to meet the definition of “test data”?
   a) responses to test items
   b) raw or scaled scores derived from test items
   c) test protocols
   d) a psychologist's written notes of a patient's specific responses during testing

50) What describes systematic errors in test scoring?
   a) standard error
   b) scatter
   c) variability
   d) test bias

51) Patients do not have a right of access to psychotherapy notes.
   a) True
   b) False

52) It is always unethical to provide services to those already receiving mental health services elsewhere.
   a) True
   b) False

53) Before engaging in sexual intimacies with a relative of a client, a psychologist is required by the Ethics Code to terminate therapy.
   a) True
   b) False

54) A psychologist should terminate therapy when the client is not likely to benefit from therapy.
   a) True
   b) False