

Office of Professional Regulation
Vermont Board of Psychological Examiners
PSYCHOLOGY JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
VERSION AW (Important: Answer Sheet MUST Be Labeled Version AW)

1. **A dual or multiple relationship exists when**
 - A. a psychologist provides treatment to a friend
 - B. a psychologist hires a former client as an employee
 - C. a psychologist supervises his or her spouse
 - D. all of the above

2. **The Vermont Statutes, Rules and Regulations**
 - A. take precedent over federal law
 - B. protect the public health, safety and welfare by law
 - C. have inconsistencies that cannot be resolved
 - D. never get updated

3. **The Board is governed by**
 - A. Chapter 55 of Title 26, Vermont Statutes Annotated
 - B. the Administrative Procedure Act
 - C. the Right To Know Law
 - D. all of the above

4. **A psychologist may offer a medication recommendation**
 - A. to the client's physicians and jointly share in determination of a start dosage
 - B. to a client's physician when the psychologist's opinion is based only on research journal articles
 - C. to a client's physician and the physician may consider the recommendations of the psychologist in his/her decision to prescribe
 - D. a psychologist may never suggest or recommend medication

5. **A psychologist who provides therapeutic services to children involved in a child custody dispute**
 - A. always makes a good faith effort to remain unbiased and fair-minded with parents and the courts
 - B. must refuse to participate in any legal issues to protect the client's welfare
 - C. must attempt to clarify, adjust, or withdraw from his/her roles when asked to perform potentially conflicting roles
 - D. must, at the onset of therapy, agree to keep both parents informed of the child's opinions and attitudes

6. **A psychologist who provides services to a school and learns from a distraught teacher about a student's (not a client) description of sexual abuse by a sibling, should**
 - A. report the incident to SRS
 - B. advise the teacher to report the incident to the principal
 - C. maintain confidentiality of all parties and monitor
 - D. interview both children to verify the allegations and if valid, report to SRS

7. **The role of the Board is to**
- A. promote the profession in the State
 - B. meet quarterly to write new rules and regulations
 - C. approve statutes, rules and regulations
 - D. set standards, license applicants and regulate licensed psychologists and their practices so as to protect the public
8. **When an investigation by the Board seeks confidential information about a client who has made a complaint about a psychologist, that psychologist has a duty to**
- A. protect the confidentiality of the complainant client
 - B. release the information to the Board investigator
 - C. contact the client to resolve the issue
 - D. none of the above
9. **When providing treatment to a client charged with a felony, a psychologist asked by the court to perform a forensic function should**
- A. be prepared to provide expert witness testimony regarding client's guilt or innocence
 - B. conduct an investigation for the court
 - C. avoid conflicting roles
 - D. advocate for reduced sentence based upon completing an assessment
10. **The procedure for filing a complaint against a licensed psychologist can be obtained from**
- A. the Office of Professional Regulation
 - B. the Attorney General's Office
 - C. the Vermont Psychological Association
 - D. the Consumer Fraud Division
11. **As ethical guides to the professional practice of psychology, the Board follows**
- A. *The Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association)
 - B. *The ASPPB Code of Conduct* (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards)
 - C. items which constitute Unprofessional Conduct as stated in the Vermont State Statutes
 - D. all of the above
12. **Disclosure of information to each client does NOT need to include**
- A. all graduate degrees and certificates earned
 - B. personal phone number
 - C. clear and concise information, including known risks, when providing any service or technique new to the profession
 - D. a copy of the statutory definition of unprofessional conduct
 - E. information on the process for filing a complaint
13. **License renewal is contingent upon psychologists providing documentation of**
- A. completion of 30 approved continuing education credits each year
 - B. completion of 60 approved continuing education credits within each full two-year licensure period
 - C. completion of 6 continuing education credits that specifically address professional ethics
 - D. regular supervision by an approved supervisor
 - E. B and C

14. **If using a technique or service new to the profession, a psychologist must**
- A. disclose to the client clear and concise information concerning both the nature and the risks involved
 - B. have received prior written approval from the Board of Psychological Examiners
 - C. discuss risks only with a family member, not with the client
 - D. provide the board with a copy of the information given to the client
 - E. Both A and D.
15. **A licensee must indicate a complete title (e.g., psychologist-doctorate, psychologist-master)**
- A. on billing materials and letterhead
 - B. in display advertisements (such as Yellow Pages) under the general heading of psychologists
 - C. in media promotions
 - D. all of the above
16. **A psychologist, in providing a formal psychological assessment shall**
- A. include in the psychological report of the results, any deficiencies of the norms for the individual assessed
 - B. not describe in public presentations psychological tests in ways that might compromise future test validity
 - C. use testing materials that are most familiar to the psychologist regardless of the edition of the testing materials
 - D. A & C
 - E. A & B
17. **A psychologist may be granted a temporary license to practice in Vermont**
- A. based on written recommendation of a Vermont licensed psychologist in good standing
 - B. upon receipt of application and fee
 - C. if licensed and in good standing to practice psychology in another jurisdiction
 - D. only if practicing in Vermont for more than 10 days in the calendar year
 - E. none of the above
18. **If a license has lapsed for five years or longer, the Board may**
- A. automatically revoke the license
 - B. reinstate the license only upon concurrence of the Ethics Committee of the Vermont Psychological Association
 - C. revoke the license after an opportunity for a formal hearing
 - D. accept a check for an amount to be determined by the Board and then reinstate the license
19. **Psychologists**
- A. may solicit recommendations from current clients
 - B. may compensate media employees in return for publicity in a news item
 - C. may claim expertise in their areas of interest, regardless of training or experience
 - D. all of the above
 - E. none of the above
20. **Licensed psychologists may practice in**
- A. areas where they have training and competence
 - B. all areas of psychological practice
 - C. new areas of practice with appropriate supervision and training or informed consent
 - D. established areas in which they have not been trained with the permission from the client.
 - E. both A and C

21. **A licensed psychologist who becomes impaired in a way that may affect his or her ability to practice should**
- A. notify the Board of Psychological Examiners.
 - B. limit his or her practice to assessments.
 - C. tell his or her clients and ask for their understanding.
 - D. obtain professional consultation or assistance.
 - E. all of the above.
22. **The following constitutes unprofessional conduct**
- A. entering into an additional relationship with a client which might impair objectivity
 - B. sexual conduct with an immediate family member of a client
 - C. accepting a person as a therapy client with whom you have had prior sexual intimacies
 - D. entering into a business relationship with a client
 - E. all of the above
23. **Psychologists performing forensic functions should**
- A. have appropriate substantiation for their findings
 - B. avoid keeping records as these may be subpoenaed
 - C. have specialized knowledge in the area in which they are providing opinions
 - D. offer their services in a case about which they feel strongly even if it is outside of their usual area of practice
 - E. both A and C
24. **Professionals who provide services via the Internet (telepractice) are not required to provide**
- A. the telephone number of the psychologist
 - B. a current resume of the psychologist
 - C. information on the limits and limitations of Internet practice
 - D. information about how and to whom the client may make a complaint
 - E. none of the above
25. **Informed consent to psychotherapy generally implies**
- A. that the person has the capacity to consent
 - B. that consent has been appropriately documented
 - C. that the client has been informed of significant information concerning the practice
 - D. all of the above
26. **A clinician who agrees to supervise a trainee preparing for licensure in Vermont may**
- A. provide supervision in all areas of clinical practice, including areas outside their own realm of expertise
 - B. financially benefit directly from the trainee's work
 - C. delegate to their trainees responsibilities that the trainees currently are expected to perform competently
 - D. all of the above
27. **Acceptable continuing education credits**
- A. include only programs or courses presented by licensed psychologists
 - B. may include a maximum of 15 credit hours on alternative paradigms if accompanied by a written critique
 - C. include programs presented within other disciplines (i.e., education) when they contain some psychologically oriented topics
 - D. only include programs sponsored by APA or VPA

28. **Under Vermont statute, unprofessional conduct by a psychologist includes:**
- A. sexual conduct with a member of a client's immediate family within one year of the client terminating treatment,
 - B. sexual conduct with a former client, within two years of termination of treatment.
 - C. neither of the above
 - D. both of the above
29. **Information obtained by a mental health professional while attending a client in a professional capacity**
- A0 remains confidential and privileged unless the privilege is waived by the client except where mandatory reporting is required
 - B0 may be withheld if good cause is shown in response to a subpoena
 - C0 if withheld in response to a court order, provides grounds for a contempt citation
 - D0 both A and B
 - E0 all of the above
30. **To meet, at a minimum, the regulatory standards in Vermont for retention of adult client records, a psychologist should keep formal records for**
- A. not less than three years following the last date of service
 - B. not less than five years following the last date of service
 - C. not less than ten years following the last date of service
 - D. the period specified in the APA Code of Ethics
31. **The Disclosure rule requires psychologists in Vermont to**
- A. disclose the required information to the client by the third visit
 - B. provide the required information directly to the client or guardian
 - C. obtain the client's signature or prepare an omission statement before continuing services
 - D. both B and C
 - E. all of the above
32. **The legal criterion for a psychologist's decision to report child neglect or abuse in Vermont is**
- A. clear and convincing evidence that a child has been abused or neglected
 - B. evidence giving reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected
 - C. evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that a child has been abused or neglected
 - D. none of the above
33. **A psychologist must direct a report of suspected abuse or neglect of an elderly or disabled adult to**
- A. the Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services
 - B. the Family Court clinical supervisor
 - C. the Commissioner of Aging and Disabilities
 - D. either A or C
 - E. none of the above
34. **A psychologist who appeals the Board of Psychological Examiner's final decision to deny his or her license is entitled to _**
- A. a review of the case record by an appellate officer
 - B. a de novo hearing by an ad hoc panel
 - C. a court hearing on the evidence
 - D. either A or C

35. **Psychologists are required to**
- A. maintain written treatment records for all clients
 - B. need keep only billing records
 - C. must have treatment records only for minor clients
 - D. need not keep written records
36. **A psychologist who is hired by the court to provide an assessment in a child custody case must**
- A. provide evaluations of children they know personally in the community due to their unique perspective on the family
 - B. base reports on information and techniques sufficient to provide appropriate substantiation for their findings
 - C. rely solely on automated scoring procedures as the most accurate source of testing results
 - D. clarify role expectations and the extent of confidentiality in advance of an evaluation in order to avoid compromising their professional judgment
 - E. both B and D.
37. **An adolescent Hispanic male recently moved to a small rural community. He was referred to the only psychologist in the area, a Caucasian female, for help with anger management. The psychologist admitted that she had little experience or training in treating clients from the Hispanic community. Her best course of action is**
- A. treat the client based on her experiences with Caucasian adolescents.
 - B. attend a one day workshop on treating clients from culturally different populations
 - C. explain the limits of her experience at the onset of the treatment and obtain ongoing supervision from a professional peer familiar with the Hispanic culture
 - D. refer the client to a more appropriate clinician 30 miles away.
 - E. give the client and parent a choice of C or D.
38. **When a psychologist decides to relocate to a different part of the state, he or she should**
- A. provide appropriate pre-termination counseling
 - B. tell the client he or she should travel to the new location to avoid interruption of treatment
 - C. suggest alternative service providers as appropriate
 - D. both A and C.
39. **A psychologist running a testing facility delegates certain professional responsibilities to employees. Which of the following is considered unprofessional conduct on the part of the psychologist?**
- A. following training in test administration, a psychology intern administers and scores the WAIS.
 - B. the office manager, trained in the requirements of confidentiality, maintains the files for the facility.
 - C. a non-licensed graduate from a doctoral program in psychology independently provides interpretation and then gives feedback to the client.
 - D. a masters level student oversees the administration of the MMPI.
40. **At the outset of treatment, the psychologist should discuss with the client**
- A. the nature and anticipated course of treatment
 - B. if the psychologist's work will be supervised, by whom
 - C. the psychologist's attitude toward marriage and family
 - D. both A and B