- 51. A loose ball is a:
  - A. Pass
  - B. Fumble
  - C. Kick
  - D. All of the above
- 52. In order to have a Personal Foul for Fighting, a player must make contact with another player. (2-11).
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 53. A, 4/Goal, B-3. QB A1pitches the ball to A21 at the B-7. A21 sweeps to his left and dives at the B-2 in an attempt to score. B15 hits A21 which causes him to land out of bounds beyond the goal line extended. The ball was in the airborne runners right arm and the ball crossed the sideline at the 1-yard line but then breaks the plane of the goal line extended.
  - A. Touchdown
  - B. B, 1/10, line of scrimmage is the foremost point where the ball crosses the sideline plane.
- 54. The neutral zone may be expanded following the snap up to a maximum of 2 yards behind the offensive and defensive line of scrimmage.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 55. A, 1/10, B-12. WR A5 runs a pattern to the endzone, stops and jumps in the air to catch a pass from QB A1. With possession in the air above the endzone, A5's momentum carries him back to the B-1 where he is tackled. Touchdown for A5.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 56. A blindside block is legal.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  - C. A or B, not enough information
- 57. A, 1/10, A-20. QB A1 takes the snap and drops back in the pocket scanning his receivers. A1 begins to run to his right under a rush, A-75 is holding B99 at the A-17. A1 throws a pass to A21 at the A-35. The foul took place: (2-33-1d)
  - A. During a running play
  - B. During a loose-ball play
- 58. K, 4/10, K-20. Attempting to catch the ball at the R-40, R12 muffs the kick after making a valid fair catch signal. K22 attempts to recover the ball but muffs the ball and it goes out of bounds at the R-45.
  - A. K, 1/10, R-45
  - B. Replay the down. K, 4/10, K-20.
  - C. R, 1/10, R-45.
- 59. Free-kick, K-40. All K players, except the kicker, have one foot on one side of the K-35 line and one foot on the other side. This is a legal free-kick formation.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 60. Free kick, K-40. K66 (who is not the kicker) is one step beyond the K-40 at the time of the kick. (7-1-3a)
  - A. Illegal, Encroachment on the kicking team, live-ball foul. Team R can enforce the 5-yard penalty from the succeeding spot.
  - B. Illegal, Encroachment on the kicking team, dead-ball foul. Stop the play and enforce the 5-yard penalty from the previous spot.
  - C. Legal play, Team K can be no more than one step beyond the free kick line.
- 61. K, 4/3, R-20. K3 is 12-yards behind the line of scrimmage, lined up to attempt a field goal. Holder K20 is 7-yards behind the line of scrimmage, squatting down, without his knee on the ground. After the snap, K20 throws a pass to K80 in the endzone. K80 was eligible by number and eligible by position on the end of the line of scrimmage. This is a legal play if: (2-14-2a; 7-2-5)
  - A. This is legal formation, Touchdown.
  - B. Team K has 5 players numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage at the snap.
  - C. K3 can be no more than 10-yards behind the line of line of scrimmage.
  - D. None of the above.
- 62. K, 4/3, R-20. K3 is 10-yards behind the line of scrimmage, lined up to attempt a field goal. Holder K20 is 7-yards behind the line of scrimmage, squatting down, with his knee on the ground. The snapper is K23 who is covered up by adjacent linemen,

and is in this legal scrimmage kick formation as a numbering exception. If Team K throws a completed pass to K23 in the endzone, what type of foul(s) do we have? (7-2-5; 7-5-12, 7-5-13)

- A. Live-ball, Ineligible Downfield, 5-yard penalty from the previous spot, replay the down. K, 4/8, R-25
- B. Live-ball, Illegal Touching, 5-yard penalty from the previous spot, loss of down. R, 1/10, R-25
- C. Team R has the choice of A or B (but will be offered B as the best option)
- 63. Free kick, K-40. Team K trails Team R, 20-24 with 1:30 remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Team K may have 3 players lined up to the right of the kicker in an obvious on-side kick situation. (6-1-4)
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 64. Free kick, K-40. Kicker K1 kicks the ball from the tee high into the air in an area with NO R players. K20 catches the kick, before it has touched the ground, at the R-35 while sliding to the ground where he is down by rule. (6-1-6)
  - A. K, 1/10, R-35
  - B. R, 1/10, 50
  - C. R, 1/10, R-35
  - D. K, Free-kick, K-45.
- 65. Try, R-3. K35 is the snapper under the numbering exception and is lined up with other linemen on either side of him. Holder K23 muffs the snap from snapper K35. Kicker K1 yells "fire, fire" as K23 starts to run with the ball at the R-10. Under a heavy rush, K23 throws the ball into the endzone where it is caught by K35. (7-2-5b-2, 7-5-12, 7-5-13)
  - A. 2-point try is good
  - B. Ineligible receiver downfield, replay the down. Try, R-8
  - C. Illegal Touching, Try is over. Free-kick from the K-35
  - D. Illegal Touching, Try is over. Free-kick from the K-40.
- 66. K, 4/10, R-45. Kicker K1 punts the ball from the K-45, it is blocked by R90 and is grounded at the R-49. K1 picks up the ball and advances to the R-34 where he is tackled.
  - A. R, 1/10, R-49. First touching of the kick by K1 gives R the opportunity to take the ball at that spot if R does not commit a foul during the down.
  - B. K, 1/10, R-34. Any K player may advance a kick recovered behind the neutral zone.
  - C. K, 4/10, R-45. Replay the down.
- 67. K, 4/4, B-20. Team K is lined up in a legal scrimmage kick formation. After the snap, B90 grabs and pulls A47 from his position on the offensive line to open a gap for B75 to block the kick (pull and shoot). The field goal is good. (8-4-5)
  - A. Team K may accept the result of the play and enforce the foul from the succeeding spot
  - B. K, 1/10, B-10; Team K may enforce the foul from the previous spot
  - C. Holding by Team R is legal. Team K has no options, free kick from the K-40
  - D. Both A and B
- 68. K, 4/10, R-35. Punter K1 punts the ball high in the air, and it is grounded at the R-4 where it continues toward the endzone. K21 jumps toward the endzone and bats the ball one yard deep in the endzone back to the R-2 where K22 falls on it. The ball never touched the ground in the endzone. (6-3-1)
  - A. R, 1/10, R-2. Spot where the kick ended.
  - B. R, 1/10, R-20. Touchback.
- 69. K, 4/10, K-40. Kicker K1 punts the ball high in the air and R21 gives a fair catch signal at the R-35. K5 makes early contact with R21 before the ball arrives. The ball hits the ground and touches R21 at the R-34. K5 muffs the loose-ball and recovers it at the R-20. (6-5-6a; 10-5-1b)
  - A. R may accept the results of the play.
  - B. R may accept an awarded fair catch after enforcement of a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the foul.
  - C. R may accept a 15-yard penalty from the previous spot and replay of the down.
  - D. A and B
  - E. A and C
  - F. B and C
  - G. All of the above.
- 70. Free-kick, K-40. 0:25 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Team K is trailing Team R. 20-24. K has 4 players to the left of the kicker and 6 players to the right of the kicker when the Referee blows the whistle for the ready to play. When the kicker gives a signal, K40 goes in motion from the left side of the kicker at the K-41 and turns up field and is on the right side of the kicker when the ball is kicked. (6-1-4; 6.1.4)
  - A. Legal play because K had 4 players on each side of the kicker at the ready for play signal.
  - B. Live-ball foul. Illegal because K must have at least 4 players on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked.
  - C. Dead-ball foul. Illegal because K must have at least 4 players on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked.

- 71. K, 4/10, K-20. Receiver R21 is contacted early and not given a chance to catch the kick, Kick Catch Interference. Since this foul occurs during the kick, while the ball was loose, the enforcement spot must be the previous spot.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 72. K, 4/10, K-20. K1's kick is high, but short and in an attempt to catch the kick, the ball bounces off R20's shoulder pad, into the air. K10 pushes R20 at the R-40 in an attempt to catch the ball. K10 catches the ball at the R-43 where he is tackled. (6.5.6E)
  - A. No foul. R, 1/10, R-43
  - B. Kick catch interference. Team R has options for enforcement.
- 73. K, 4/10, R-15. Kicker K1 kicks the ball from the R-22, it is blocked by R90 at the R-14 and bounces to the R-17. K1 picks up the ball and runs into the endzone.
  - A. K, 1/10, R-17. K cannot advance a kick.
  - B. K Touchdown. Any K player may advance a kick recovered behind the neutral zone.
  - C. R, 1/10, R-17. The ball is dead when K1 first touches it.
- 74. K, 4/10, K-20. During the kick, K20 blocks R40 below the waist at the K-40. R1 catches the kick at the 50 and advances to the K-45 where he is tackled. (10-4-2EXP)
  - A. R, 1/10, K-30.
  - B. K, 4/20, K-10.
  - C. Both A and B.
- 75. K, 4/10, K-20. Kicker K1 punts the ball from the K-13. R23 muffs the punt at the K-49, and it rolls to the K-44 where it is recovered by K30.
  - A. K, 1/10, K-44.
  - B. R, 1/10, K-44.
  - C. R, 1/10, K-49.

### 51. Answer: D

Emphasis: 2-1-3 Definition of a loose ball. Pass, Fumble, and Kick are used when the ball is loose following the acts of passing, fumbling or kicking the ball. The basic spot for a foul committed during a loose ball is the previous spot.

## 52. Answer: B

Emphasis: Definition of fighting. Fighting is any *attempt*...whether or not there is contact.

## 53. Answer: B

Emphasis: 2-26-3; 2.26.3 When is the goal line extended? Only when a live ball, is in player possession and the player is touching inbounds. Inbounds includes the endzone. Discuss the flank positions first move after the snap e.g., right to the goal line. They own that goal line and should not drop into the endzone. If threatened by the play, back up from the pylon, maintaining their vision on the vertical plane of the goal line. In these situations, back all spectators, photographers, boosters, etc. way back to give yourself room to move.

### 54. Answer: B

Emphasis: 2-28-2 Defining the expanded neutral zone. Only applies to all ineligible players, usually offensive interior linemen. No ineligible offensive player or ineligible lineman may advance beyond the expanded neutral until a legal forward pass crossed the neutral zone during a pass play.

## 55. Answer: B

Emphasis: 2-15-2; 2.15.2; Discuss forward progress. A5's own momentum took him out of Team B's endzone, then contacted by a defender.

### 56. Answer: C

Emphasis: 2-32-16h; A BSB can be legal if it is not forceful and is initiated with open hands. Referees should include "illegal" BSB in their announcements.

## 57. Answer: B

Emphasis: The run or runs preceding a legal or illegal kick, legal forward pass, backwards pass or fumble is part of loose-ball action.

### 58. Answer: C

Emphasis: 2-34; 2.34.1. Review the difference between team possession and player possession. The ball is still in Team K possession when R12 muffs the kick, e.g. a kick does not end until the ball is in player possession. K22 muffs the kick out of bounds, so we just have a scrimmage kick that went out of bounds. Team R/A ball at the out of bounds spot.

## 59. Answer: B

Emphasis: 6-1-3b. With the exception of the kicker, all players must be in the front of the yard line 5-yards behind the free kick line.

### 60. Answer: B

Emphasis: Encroachment by K during a free kick is a dead-ball foul, Team R can only enforce this foul from the previous spot.

### 61. Answer: B

Emphasis: Without K20's knee on the ground at the snap, this is not a legal scrimmage kick formation, and therefore, Team K must have 5 players numbered 50-79 on the line of scrimmage at the snap.

## 62. Answer: C

Emphasis: Using the numbering exception for the snapper in a scrimmage kick formation does not make that player eligible. They are still ineligible by both position and number, in this case. Referees should always provide the best option to the offended coach first.

#### 63. Answer: B

Emphasis: Team K must have 4 players on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked to be in a legal free kick formation.

## 64. Answer: B

Emphasis: While any free kick is in flight in, or beyond, the neutral zone to the receiver's goal line...K shall not touch the ball or R, unless blocked into the ball or R, or to ward off a blocker. This is different from a scrimmage kick (see 6-5-6 EXCEPTION).

### 65. Answer: C

Emphasis: K35 is ineligible by position in this scrimmage kick formation, but K35 is also touches the ball before a R player. It is more advantageous for Team R to enforce Illegal Touching which carries a loss of down than enforce the receiver illegally downfield.

### 66. Answer: B

Emphasis: 6-2-3. 6.2.3A Comment. The right for K to advance the ball depends entirely upon whether the ball was behind or beyond the neutral zone when it was recovered. If behind, K can advance. If beyond, K cannot advance.

## 67. Answer: D

Emphasis: Team B fouled during a Try. Team A will always the option to 1) take the result of the play and enforce the penalty from the succeeding spot, or 2) enforce from the previous spot and replay the down.

## 68. Answer: B

Emphasis: Think of the goal line as a pane of glass, when the ball breaks that pane, it is a touchback. The covering official should blow their whistle, kill the play, and give the touchback signal (S7). A beanbag in the endzone isn't necessary since we do not have first touching of the kick.

### 69. Answer: G

Emphasis: Kick Catch Interference is a special enforcement. Even though the kick had not ended, R has 3 options -1) Result of the play, 2) Previous spot enforcement, or 3) Enforce from the spot of the foul.

## 70. Answer: C

Emphasis: This is a dead-ball foul because it creates an obvious advantage for the kicking team.

## 71. Answer: B

Emphasis: Kick catch interference has special enforcement in 6-5-6 and 10-5-1b. The basic spot is the previous spot, but that is not the only option for Team R.

# 72. Answer: A

Emphasis: There is no foul for KCI since R20's protection ended when the kick was touched.

## 73. Answer: B

Emphasis: 6-2-3. 6.2.3A Comment. The right for K to advance the ball depends entirely upon whether the ball was behind or beyond the neutral zone when it was recovered. If behind, K can advance. If beyond, K cannot advance.

### 74. Answer: C

Emphasis: When Team K fouls during a kick, R has the option to enforce the foul from the previous spot or the succeeding spot when K will not be next to put the ball into play.

### 75. Answer: A

Emphasis: 6-2-4. The continuity of downs has ended when R23 muffs/touches the kick at the K-49. Whomever possesses the ball will have a 1<sup>st</sup> down. K may recover but cannot advance the ball because the kick was beyond the neutral zone when recovered.