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All questions should be answered clearly and as briefly as possible. The references refer to page numbers in THE BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY.

1. By whom was the institution of the local Spiritual Assembly created? (page 4)

2. In the future local Spiritual Assemblies will evolve into (page 5)

3. What are the requisite conditions for the formation of a local Assembly?
(pages 5 and 6)

4. What is the area of jurisdiction of a local Assembly? (page 5 and 6)

5. What are the two different ways in which a local Assembly can come into being?
(page 6)

6. Assembly members are elected by plurality vote. What does this mean? (page 7)

7. Who calls together the Assembly for the election of its officers? (pages 7 & 8)

8. Officers of the Assembly are elected by majority vote. What does this mean?
(page 8)

9. By whom was the Nineteen Day Feast inaugurated? (page 17)

10. List the primary purposes of the Nineteen Day Feast. (pages 16-19)

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11. Describe the three parts of the Nineteen Day Feast. (page 17)
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12. Who presides during the consultation period of the Nineteen Day Feast? (page 18)
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13. What is the purpose of consultation? (page 20)
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14. List several of the ways in which the conduct of Bahá'í meetings is different from the rules of Parliamentary procedure as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order. (page 12)
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15. List the four steps for efficiently handling a problem during Assembly consultation. (page 12)
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16. What is the basic prerequisite to the legal incorporation of an Assembly? (page 16)
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17. What is the responsibility of the local Assembly in regard to someone who has been newly enrolled? (pages 25 and 26)
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18. Under what conditions may a foreigner be enrolled in this country? (page 27)
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19. What is considered to be proper credentials for visitors claiming to be Bahá'ís who (a) come from within the U. S. National Bahá'í Community (page 27)
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- and (b) come from outside the U. S. National Bahá'í Community? (page 28)
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20. At what age may a youth declare himself a Bahá'í? (page 31)

21. What are the Holy Days on which work should be suspended? (page 34)

22. What is the two-fold obligation that rests on every Bahá'í? (page 38)

23. What institution is empowered to legislate on matters which are not expressly laid down in Bahá'u'lláh's writings? (pages 38 and 39)

24. List some of the laws presently binding on the Bahá'ís of the West. (pages 38-51)

25. Who usually act as representatives of the local Assembly when a marriage is performed? (page 43)

26. What is the difference between affiliation and association with a non-Bahá'í organization? (page 48)

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Please indicate whether each statement is True or False. This is an open book test. The references refer to page numbers in THE BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY.

TRUE FALSE

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| _____ | _____ | 1. All nine LSA members must be given the opportunity to vote for the Assembly officers. (page 8) |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Officers are elected by nominations and voting by a show of hands. (page 8) |
| _____ | _____ | 3. If an Assembly loses its chairman, the vice-chairman is moved up to take his place. (page 14) |
| _____ | _____ | 4. It is proper for the LSA to discuss the qualifications, aptitudes and personal wishes of persons whom they are considering appointing to committees. (page 9) |
| _____ | _____ | 5. As soon as the number of LSA members falls below nine, and there is no one else in the community, the Assembly loses its Assembly status and functions as a group. (page 8) |
| _____ | _____ | 6. The Nineteen Day Feast is ratified in the KITAB-I-AQDÁS by Bahá'u'lláh. (page 17) |
| _____ | _____ | 7. Young children under 15 years of age of Bahá'í parents may attend the Nineteen Day Feast. (page 18) |
| _____ | _____ | 8. An undeclared youth (15 or over) of Bahá'í parents may also attend the Feasts. (page 18) |
| _____ | _____ | 9. Attendance at the Nineteen Day Feast is incumbent on every Bahá'í. (page 18) |
| _____ | _____ | 10. The local Assembly reads all of its correspondence to the community at the Feast. (page 18) |
| _____ | _____ | 11. The financial status of the community is confidential and should not be discussed at the Feast. (page 19) |
| _____ | _____ | 12. The Feast is not the place for committee reports. (page 19) |
| _____ | _____ | 13. A recommendation from the Feast floor should be adopted by a majority vote of the community before it constitutes a resolution to be considered by the Assembly. (page 19) |
| _____ | _____ | 14. The Feast functions as a channel through which recommendations can be made to the National Spiritual Assembly. (page 19) |
| _____ | _____ | 15. The Feast is also a time when the LSA can consult and make decisions. (page 19) |

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TRUE FALSE

- ____ _____ 16. The local Assembly is elected directly by the members of the community. (page 6)
- ____ _____ 17. A meeting of the LSA is valid if at least a quorum has been informed of the time and place of the meeting. (page 10)
- ____ _____ 18. Local Assemblies have an executive and judicial, but not legislative, function to perform. (page 12)
- ____ _____ 19. The National Spiritual Assembly can function as a court of appeal from decisions of local Assemblies. (page 21)
- ____ _____ 20. Generally speaking, it is permissible for individuals to write the National Spiritual Assembly about complaints without going through the LSA. (pages 21 and 23)
- ____ _____ 21. The Chairman of an Assembly does not take part in the discussion and only votes in case of a tie. (page 13)
- ____ _____ 22. All action by the LSA must be carried in the form of a motion. (page 13)
- ____ _____ 23. Minutes of the LSA meeting are not to be read at the Nineteen Day Feast. (page 16)
- ____ _____ 24. Bahá'í News and National Bahá'í Review need not be kept on file by the LSA, since each member gets his own copy. (page 15)
- ____ _____ 25. The BY-LAWS apply only to incorporated Assemblies. (page 9)
- ____ _____ 26. Since no Assembly has any jurisdiction outside its own civil area, the National Spiritual Assembly must deal with problems arising between two or more Assemblies. (page 22)
- ____ _____ 27. It is helpful to enroll Orientals in this country, so when they go back they will support the teaching effort in the Eastern hemisphere. (page 28 and 29)
- ____ _____ 28. At the present time, identification cards are issued for one year only. (page 28)
- ____ _____ 29. Bahá'í youth may serve on any committee. (page 31)
- ____ _____ 30. Youth may serve as Convention delegates but not as members of the local Assembly. (page 31)
- ____ _____ 31. No individual Bahá'í may publish or distribute literature on the Faith which has not been properly reviewed and approved by the National Spiritual Assembly. (page 37)

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| _____ | _____ | 32. Generally speaking, literature distribution for the community should be handled by the local librarian rather than the believers ordering directly from the Publishing Trust. (page 37) |
| _____ | _____ | 33. Basic laws and ordinances of the Bahá'í Faith are contained in Bahá'u'lláh's book, the <u>Kitáb-i-Iqán</u> . (page 38) |
| _____ | _____ | 34. Consent of the living natural parents of both parties contemplating matrimony must be given before Bahá'í marriage can take place, even if both parties are not Bahá'ís. (page 41) |
| _____ | _____ | 35. Voting rights may be taken away from believers who marry without the consent of parents. (page 42) |
| _____ | _____ | 36. When a Bahá'í marries he is obligated to marry a Bahá'í. (page 43) |
| _____ | _____ | 37. According to the <u>Kitáb-i-Aqdas</u> , there is essentially no ritual involved in Bahá'í marriage ceremonies. (pages 43-44) |
| _____ | _____ | 38. Bahá'ís called into the Armed Forces are required to apply for non-combatant service on the basis of their religious belief. (page 46) |
| _____ | _____ | 39. Since national elections are tied to politics, no Bahá'í may vote. (page 47) |
| _____ | _____ | 40. No Bahá'í can affiliate himself with other religious organizations. (page 48) |
| _____ | _____ | 41. Since the Faith contains all answers to all social problems it is not important to keep in touch with modern social movements. (page 49) |
| _____ | _____ | 42. A Bahá'í may not maintain formal membership in Freemasonry or in other secret organizations. (page 49) |
| _____ | _____ | 43. One who listens to gossip is as wrong as the one who is doing the talking. (page 50) |
| _____ | _____ | 44. Bahá'í divorce does not become effective until the civil divorce is granted. (page 2 of statement "The Year of Patience and Bahá'í Divorce" in Secretary's Manual) |
| _____ | _____ | 45. It is preferable for the parties seeking civil divorce to settle their financial affairs privately prior to the civil action. (page 3 <i>ibid</i>) |
| _____ | _____ | 46. Two local Spiritual Assembly members may be asked to audit the treasurer's bookkeeping records in lieu of an accountant. (page 6, Treasurer's Manual) |