Spiritual reinforcement quiz no. 1 [[1]](#footnote-1)

All questions should be answered clearly and as briefly as possible. The references refer to page numbers in *The Bahá’í Community: A summary of its organization and laws*, 1963.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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10. List the primary purposes of the Nineteen Day Feast. (pp. 16–19)

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11. Describe the three parts of the Nineteen Day Feast. (p. 17)

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12. Who presides during the consultation period of the Nineteen Day Feast? (p. 18)

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13. What is the purpose of consultation? (p. 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. (p. 12)

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15. List the four steps for efficiently handling a problem during Assembly consultation. (p. 12)

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16. What is the basic prerequisite to the legal incorporation of an Assembly? (p. 16)

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17. What is the responsibility of the local Assembly in regard to someone who has been newly enrolled? (pp. 25–26)

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18. Under what conditions may a foreigner be enrolled in this country? (p. 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 US National Bahá’í Community? (p. 27)

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 and (b) come from outside the U. S. National Bahá’í Community? (p. 28)

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20. At what age may a youth declare himself a Bahá’í? (p. 31)

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

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

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

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24. List some of the laws presently binding on the Bahá’ís of the West. (pp. 38–51)

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

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

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Spiritual reinforcement quiz no. 2

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: A summary of its organization and laws*, 1963.

True False

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. All nine LSA members must be given the opportunity to vote for the Assembly officers. (p. 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Officers are elected by nominations and voting by a show of hands. (p. 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. If an Assembly loses its chairman, the vice-chairman is moved up to take his place. (p. 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. (p. 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. (p. 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Nineteen Day Feast is ratified in The Kitáb-i-Aqdas by Bahá’u’lláh. (p. 17)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Young children under 15 years of age of Bahá’í parents may attend the Nineteen-Day Feast. (p. 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. An undeclared youth (15 or over) of Bahá’í parents may also attend the Feasts. (p. 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Attendance at the Nineteen-Day Feast is incumbent on every Bahá’í. (p. 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The local Assembly reads all of its correspondence to the community at the Feast. (p. 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 11. The financial status of the community is confidential and should not be discussed at the Feast. (p. 19)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. The Feast is not the place for committee reports. (p. 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. (p. 19)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. The Feast functions as a channel through which recommendations can be made to the National Spiritual Assembly. (p. 19)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Feast is also a time when the LSA can consult and make decisions. (p. 19)

True False

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. The local Assembly is elected directly by the members of the community. (p. 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. (p. 10)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Local Assemblies have an executive and judicial, but not legislative, function to perform. (p. 12)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The National Spiritual Assembly can function as a court of appeal from decisions of local Assemblies. (p. 21)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Generally speaking, it is permissible for individuals to write to the National Spiritual Assembly about complaints without going through the LSA. (pp. 21–23)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 21. The Chairman of an Assembly does not take part in the discussion and only votes in case of a tie. (p. 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 22. All action by the LSA must be carried in the form of a motion. (p. 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Minutes of the LSA meeting are not to be read at the Nineteen Day Feast. (p. 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. (p. 15)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The By-Laws apply only to incorporated Assemblies. (p. 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. (p. 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. (p. 28 and 29)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 28. At the present time, identification cards are issued for one year only. (p. 28)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Bahá’í youth may serve on any, committee. (p. 31)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Youth may serve as Convention delegates but not as members of the local Assembly. (p. 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. (p. 37)

TRUE FALSE

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 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. (p. 37)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 33. Basic laws and ordinances of the Bahá’í Faith are contained in Bahá’u’lláh’s book, *The Kitáb-i-Íqán*. (p. 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. (p. 41)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 35. Voting rights may be taken away from believers who marry without the consent of parents. (p. 42)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 36. When a Bahá’í marries he is obligated to marry a Bahá’í. (p. 43)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 37. According to *The Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, there is essentially no ritual involved in Bahá’í marriage ceremonies. (pp. 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. (p. 46)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 39. Since national elections are tied to politics, no Bahá’í may vote. (p. 47)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 40. No Bahá’í can affiliate himself with other religious organizations. (p. 48)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 41. Since the Faith contains all answers to all social problems it is not important to keep in touch with modern social movements. (p. 49)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 42. A Bahá’í may not maintain formal membership in Freemasonry or in other secret organizations. (p. 49)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 43. One who listens to gossip is as wrong as the one who is doing the talking. (p. 50)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 44. Bahá’í divorce does not become effective until the civil divorce is granted. (p. 2 of the 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. (p. 3 idem)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 46. Two local Spiritual Assembly members may be asked to audit the treasurer’s bookkeeping records in lieu of an accountant. (p. 6, Treasurer’s Manual)

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