

REL 480 - Final Exam

Quiz Instructions

REL 480 - Church Organization & Leadership

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Final Exercise

This exam is **closed-book, closed-notes, and individual**. You are bound by your honor to answer these questions without the assistance of others--except in cases of officially recognized physical disabilities, in which a reasonable accommodation will have to be approved by the teacher in advance.

Question 1 4 pts

Where can we find the true essence of priesthood administration? (Doctrine & Folklore - Pres. Packer, "Principles")

- a) Vanilla bean
- b) In principle, in doctrine
- c) In Salt Lake City
- d) In a priesthood meeting

Question 2 4 pts

What factor would provide safety for the Church in future generations? (Doctrine & Folklore - Pres. Packer, "Principles")

- a) Welfare farms
- b) Savings
- c) Success in calling missionaries
- d) Linebackers

**Question 3****4 pts**

What new organization did Pres. Lee advocate to take care of the needs of the people?
(Doctrine & Folklore - Pres. Lee, "Admonitions for the Priesthood of God")

- a) The United Nations
- b) All that is necessary is to put the priesthood of God to work
- c) Celestial Enterprises, Inc.
- d) Congress

**Question 4****4 pts**

What common sophistry (i.e. plausible but false reasoning) **did Pres. Harold B. Lee identify and warn against?** (Doctrine & Folklore - Pres. Lee, "Admonitions for the Priesthood of God")

- a) Rumors and sensational stories from unverified sources
- b) Criticizing priesthood leaders
- c) Uh ... criticizing Relief Society leaders?
- d) All of the above

**Question 5****4 pts**

What is the meaning of the word "atonement"? (Atonement & Discipline - Pres. Packer, "Atonement, Agency, Accountability")

- a) A ton of mint
- b) To generate a tone in a musical instrument
- c) I have no idea
- d) To set at one with God; to reconcile, to conciliate, to expiate

**Question 6****4 pts**

How could agency have been a "fatal gift" to us? (Atonement & Discipline - Pres. Packer, "Atonement, Agency, Accountability")

- a) By having agency in the world without the atonement of Christ
- b) By drinking it undiluted
- c) By using it without a license
- d) Which agency?



Question 7

4 pts

Someone says: "I have sinned so much that there is no hope for me anymore." What would be a correct gospel-based response? (Atonement & Discipline - Pres. Packer, "The Brilliant Morning of Forgiveness")

- a) Too bad
- b) Nobody can sin that much
- c) There is no habit, addiction, rebellion, nor transgression exempted from the promise of complete forgiveness
- d) In that case ... party on, dude!



Question 8

4 pts

If complete repentance requires restitution, how can something intangible, like somebody's virtue, be restored or emotional pain be eliminated? (Atonement & Discipline - Pres. Packer, "The Brilliant Morning of Forgiveness")

- a) The Savior will take care of that and settle the repentant person's accounts
- b) It's hopeless; the sinner will have to suffer forever
- c) I don't know
- d) Both A and B



Question 9

4 pts

What are the purposes of a disciplinary council? (Atonement & Discipline - Elder Ballard, "A Chance to Start Over ...")

- a) To bring peace to the Church
- b) To save the soul of the transgressor
- c) To safeguard the Church's purity, integrity, and good name
- d) Both B and C



Question 10

4 pts

What are the primary objectives (i.e. expected results or outcomes) **of a disciplinary council?** (Atonement & Discipline - Elder Ballard, "A Chance to Start Over ...")

- a) Discipline
- b) Repentance and reformation
- c) Punishment of the guilty
- d) None of the above



Question 11

4 pts

How should a Church leader treat people who have been disfellowshipped or excommunicated? (Atonement & Discipline - Elder Ballard, "A Chance to Start Over ...")

- a) Be forgiving and forgetful
- b) Continually remind them of how bad they are
- c) Push them out of the Church
- d) None of the above



Question 12

4 pts

What is the danger posed by procrastinating (i.e. indefinitely postponing) **repentance?** (Atonement & Discipline - Elder Simpson, "Courts of Love")

- a) It's bad for you (Duh!)
- b) Repentance will be impossible
- c) The bishop will be disappointed
- d) As time passes, the ability to repent grows weaker

**Question 13****4 pts**

What is our mission in mortality? (Atonement & Discipline - Elder Simpson, "Courts of Love")

- a) Preach the gospel and baptize
- b) A daily living and thinking pattern that will be compatible with [the Lord's] holy presence
- c) Redeem the dead
- d) Be good

**Question 14****4 pts**

What is necessary to have the Church "... fully organized, in its proper order ..."? (The Prophet Joseph Smith, *The Central Role of the Temple and its Ordinances*)

- a) To put into action all kinds of organizations, regardless of local needs
- b) To have a large meetinghouse with proper rooms for all activities
- c) Both A and B
- d) The temple must be completed

**Question 15****4 pts**

True or False

It would be a wonderful blessing if a person could be taken immediately to the celestial kingdom. (Pres. Brigham Young, *The Central Role of the Temple and its Ordinances*)

- True
- False

Question 16 4 pts

What is the Temple Endowment? (The Prophet Joseph Smith, *The Central Role of the Temple ...*)

- a) It's an endowment in a temple (Duh!)
- b) A series of symbolic ordinances by which one secures the fulness of blessings
- c) It's a magical, secret, spiritual experience that happens in secret places
- d) Both B and C

Question 17 4 pts

What is one of the blessings of the Endowment? (Elder John A. Widtsoe, *Temple Ordinances*)

- a) A marriage in the temple
- b) To be endowed with blessings (duh!)
- c) To know all the mysteries of the kingdom
- d) Increased spiritual power based in part on enlarged knowledge and intelligence

Question 18 4 pts

What happens when people do not value the gifts and blessings bestowed upon them? (Pres. George Q. Cannon, *The Central Role of the Temple and its Ordinances*)

- a) They become a cause of condemnation rather than blessing
- b) The gifts lose their value
- c) The blessings are no longer bestowed over anyone
- d) I don't care

Question 19 4 pts

Fill in:

President Wilford Woodruff said: "It is better for a people to be _____, to get _____, to be _____, than to occupy any other position in life." (Hope - *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 3, page 31)

- a) Good; rich; popular
- b) Intelligent; good grades; the best
- c) Honest; serious; admired
- d) Wise; righteousness; the friend of God



Question 20

4 pts

What should a supervisor do before criticizing the performance of others? (Love Unfeigned - President Kimball, *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 4, page 39)

- a) Evaluate how well he or she can transmit knowledge and enthusiasm to others
- b) Compliment them first and then "let them have it"
- c) Plan how to criticize with love and gentleness
- d) Uh ... supervise?



Question 21

4 pts

True or False

Once we have the proper authority—or the "whip hand"—we should go to the people who once offended us and "make them pay" (Love Unfeigned - Pres. J. R. Clark, *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 4, page 43)

- True
- False



Question 22

4 pts

What was President Brigham Young's idea (or definition) of perfection? (The Pursuit of Perfection - *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 6, page 52)

- a) A cabin in the mountains next to a serene lake
- b) To perform as well as we know how
- c) To not make any mistakes
- d) There is no perfection



Question 23

4 pts

What elements will the Lord take into consideration when he judges the nations of the world? (The Pursuit of Perfection - Prophet Joseph Smith, *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 6, page 57)

- a) The basic elements
- b) The status of their economies
- c) The membership and number of temples in each nation
- d) The facilities afforded them to obtain correct information, and His inscrutable designs



Question 24

4 pts

Fill in:

Pres. Brigham Young stated: "Gather the Saints, but do not ___; invite, but do not ____, and by no means ___ any one." (Unrighteous Dominion - *Insights on Church Leadership*, 8:71)

- a) Fight; feed; abuse
- b) Flatter; urge; compel
- c) Assemble; admit; comfort
- d) Convene; meet; help



Question 25

4 pts

What was Elder Bruce R. McConkie's definition of "flattery"? (*Internet: Other Pitfalls*)

- a) Liposuction
- b) A strong belief that the earth is flat
- c) A stack of pancakes
- d) Excessive praise, insincere speech and acts, and raising false and unfounded hopes



Question 26

4 pts

According to Elder Dallin H. Oaks, what is a "gospel hobby"? (*Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall"*)

- a) An unusual commitment to one particular doctrine or commandment of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- b) Any social activity held regularly in the Church that everybody enjoys very much
- c) A collection of pictures of temples
- d) Entertainment held after a family home evening



Question 27

4 pts

According to Elder Oaks, what is an improper way to use a spiritual gift? (*Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall"*)

- a) Without reading the instruction manual
- b) When it is not Sunday
- c) To magnify the prominence or to gratify the ego of the person who receives the gift
- d) Spiritual gifts are never improper



Question 28

4 pts

When does the search for knowledge become a problem? (*Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall"*)

- a) When we already know everything

- b) When we don't have Internet access
- c) When the knowledge we seek is problematic
- d) Seeking answers to obscure mysteries or to questions the Lord has chosen not to answer

**Question 29****4 pts**

What should we do if after many sincere prayers we do not receive divine guidance about some important decision to be made? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall")

- a) Act upon our best judgment
- b) Keep trying again and again
- c) Do nothing
- d) Quit praying

**Question 30****4 pts**

How should we try to achieve our goals? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall")

- a) With all our heart, might, mind, and strength
- b) With the ultimate goal in mind
- c) With love
- d) Using righteous methods to attain them

**Question 31****4 pts**

What is Nephi's definition of "priestcraft"? (Other Pitfalls - 2 Nephi 26:29 - Elder Oaks, "Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall")

- a) It's the craft of priests
- b) It's a priest who likes handcrafts
- c) It's an aircraft carrying a bunch of chaplains

- d) Men set themselves up as a light unto the world for gain and praise

**Question 32****4 pts**

According to President George F. Richards, what is the problem of speaking evil of Church leaders? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Criticism")

- a) The possible violation of free speech
- b) It tends to impair the leaders' influence and usefulness
- c) Church leaders are not evil
- d) The leaders will be disappointed

**Question 33****4 pts**

What is the most benign way of dealing with a perceived difference of opinion with a Church leader? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Criticism")

- a) Use Bengay
- b) Confront the leader about it
- c) Overlook it
- d) Write to the president of the Church

**Question 34****4 pts**

What should one do when a Church leader is visibly engaging in a serious transgression? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Criticism")

- a) Overlook it
- b) Contact the Church officer who has the power to correct or release the person
- c) Follow the leader's bad example
- d) Write to the president of the Church

**Question 35****4 pts**

How does the Church discipline (i.e. punish) **persistent critics?** (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Criticism")

- a) Criticize them back
- b) Expose them in the media
- c) Expel them from Church activities
- d) It doesn't—persistent public critics punish themselves

**Question 36****4 pts**

According to Elder Dallin H. Oaks, what is the role or duty of a preacher of righteousness? (Other Pitfalls - Elder Oaks, "Criticism")

- a) To be right with God
- b) To preach
- c) To be a light to the people
- d) All of the above

**Question 37****4 pts**

What, according to President Harold B. Lee, are the greatest miracles we can see? (Counselors - *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 13, page 108)

- a) Parting the waters and raising the dead
- b) The resurrection and the transfiguration
- c) The miraculous changes that come into the lives of those who join the Church
- d) Miracles are felt, not seen

**Question 38****4 pts**

According to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the way to get along in any important matter is ...
(Counselors - *Insights on Church Leadership*, chapter 13, page 109)

- a) Be friendly to everybody
- b) Gather wise, experienced and aged men, to assist in council
- c) Don't "rock the boat"
- d) Avoid discussions

**Question 39****4 pts****True or False**

Counselors should keep quiet and let the president decide (alone) under inspiration how matters are to be resolved. (Counselors - Pres. Hinckley, "In ... Counsellors There Is Safety")

- True
- False

**Question 40****4 pts**

What should happen when there is lack of unity about a presidency's decision? (Counselors - Pres. Hinckley, "In ... Counsellors There Is Safety")

- a) The president overrides the opinions of the counselors
- b) The counselors cannot go against the feelings of the president
- c) Absence of action
- d) Release the entire presidency

**Question 41****4 pts**

Define the term "keys of the priesthood":

(Priesthood Organization - Pres. Packer, "What Every Elder Should Know—and Every Sister as

Well: A Primer on Principles of Priesthood Government")

- a) It's what bishops use to open the doors of the chapel
- b) A key is a means of access
- c) The right to preside and direct the affairs of the Church within a jurisdiction
- d) I have no idea



Question 42

4 pts

What were some of Elder M. Russell Ballard's suggestions for effective service in councils?
(The Council System - Elder Ballard, "Strength in Counsel")

- a) Be prepared
- b) Bring refreshments
- c) Focus on people; promote free and open expression
- d) Elder who?



Question 43

4 pts

President J. Reuben Clark Jr. offered the following thought on how to view our callings in the Church:

(Organization of Wards and Stakes - Pres. Packer, "The Weak and Simple ...")

- a) Put your shoulder to the wheel
- b) In the service of the Lord, it is not where you serve but how
- c) Choose the right
- d) Do you want fries with that?



Question 44

4 pts

What goal in the lives of the members should we strive to accomplish with our Church meetings? (Church Meetings - Pres. Packer, "Reverence Invites Revelation")

- a) Resurrection
- b) Sweet feelings
- c) Entertainment
- d) Members may be spiritually nourished and have their testimonies replenished

**Question 45****4 pts**

What issues should be addressed in a public prayer? (The Spoken Word - Elder Bruce R. McConkie)

- a) Those pertaining to the needs and circumstances of that particular meeting
- b) Whatever the person offering the prayer feels like mentioning
- c) Health, happiness, luck
- d) Both B and C

**Question 46****4 pts**

Pres. Boyd K. Packer told of a problem his mission experienced regarding testimonies. What was the problem? (The Spoken Word - Elder Boyd K. Packer)

- a) The missionaries didn't have testimonies
- b) The members didn't have testimonies
- c) Missionaries were expressing gratitude, admitting possession of a testimony, but not bearing it
- d) The investigators weren't receiving testimonies

**Question 47****4 pts**

How often do revelations and powerful spiritual experiences come to each individual? (Inspiration - Pres. Packer, "The Candle of the Lord")

- a) All the time
- b) On Sundays
- c) Strong, impressive spiritual experiences do not come to us very frequently

- d) Both A and B

**Question 48****4 pts**

How can we become receptive to revelations? (Inspiration - Elder Oaks, "Scripture Reading and Revelation")

- a) Being good
- b) Getting a good antenna
- c) By obedience to the commandments, prayer, and attention to the prophets' teachings
- d) All of the above

**Question 49****4 pts**

What is the importance of daily scripture study? (Inspiration - Elder Oaks, "Scripture Reading and Revelation")

- a) It does a body good ™
- b) Helps us upgrade our language skills
- c) One can learn things that were not available (i.e. understood) yesterday by reading the scriptures today
- d) Reading is fun

**Question 50****4 pts**

What is the bishop's duty in caring for the poor? (Finances and Welfare - Bishop Brown, "Rendering Assistance in the Lord's Way")

- a) Decide what to give them to meet their needs
- b) Receive them whenever they ask for an interview
- c) The bishop is commanded to search after the poor to administer to their wants
- d) Both A and B

