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1. What is the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Air Force?

- A. Master Sergeant
- B. Technical Sergeant
- C. Senior Master Sergeant
- D. Chief Master Sergeant

2. Which enlisted rank serves as a key leader within a squadron, focusing on mission operations and readiness?

- A. Staff Sergeant
- B. Senior Master Sergeant
- C. Technical Sergeant
- D. Airman First Class

3. Which rank is immediately above Airman Basic (E-1) in the U.S. Air Force?

- A. Staff Sergeant (E-5)
- B. Airman (E-2)
- C. Airman First Class (E-3)
- D. Senior Airman (E-4)

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4. Which USAF general is known for significantly advancing the aeromedical evacuation capabilities during the Cold War?

- A. General Laurence S. Kuter
- B. General Henry H. Arnold
- C. General William T. Ingram
- D. General Curtis E. LeMay



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5. Which of the following courts cannot issue a Dishonorable Discharge?

- A. General Court-Martial
- B. Summary Court-Martial
- C. Special Court-Martial
- D. None of the above

6. Which key responsibility is associated with First Sergeants in the Air Force?

- A. Ensuring unit readiness and morale
- B. Leading combat missions
- C. Developing aircraft maintenance plans
- D. Managing financial budgets

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7. Which PME is designed to prepare NCOs to handle leadership and supervisory roles effectively?

- A. Airman Leadership School
- B. Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SNCOA)
- C. First Sergeant Academy
- D. NCO Academy

8. What is the maximum allowable size for neck tattoos under Air Force policy?

- A. No more than 2 inches in any direction
- B. No limitations on size
- C. No more than 1 inch in any direction
- D. Completely prohibited regardless of size

9. Which was the first planned manned USAF space station dedicated to space medicine research?

- A. Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL)
- B. International Space Station (ISS)
- C. Skylab
- D. Mir Space Station

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10. What is the standard for the appearance of male fingernails?

- A. No standard applies
- B. Can be any length if painted
- C. Clean, well-groomed and not exceed fingertips
- D. Must be trimmed to 1 inch

11. What is the required minimum score to pass a CDC end-of-course examination?

- A. 70%
- B. 65%
- C. 75%
- D. 80%

12. Which accessory is allowed to be worn with the Air Force uniform?

- A. Patterned headband
- B. Large flashy necklace
- C. Brightly colored wallet chain
- D. Conservative watch

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13. Which American pilot was recognized for having the most aerial victories during World War I?

- A. Frank Luke
- B. Eddie Rickenbacker
- C. Billy Mitchell
- D. Henry H. Arnold

14. Which of the following actions may result in adding negative information to a member's UIF?

- A. Letter of Reprimand
- B. Receipt of Good Conduct Medal
- C. Completion of Leadership Course
- D. Fitness Test Excellence



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15. What is the primary role of the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) tier in the enlisted force structure?

- A. To provide technical expertise at the entry level.
- B. To develop strategic policies for the Air Force.
- C. To command squadrons and direct large operations.
- D. To lead and manage teams and ensure mission success.

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16. Which U.S. Air Force organization is tasked with strategic air operations planning?

- A. Air Force Global Strike Command
- B. Air Mobility Command
- C. Air Force Materiel Command
- D. Air Combat Command

17. Which base in Hawaii serves as the headquarters for the Pacific Air Forces?

- A. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- B. Edwards Air Force Base
- C. Maxwell Air Force Base
- D. Eglin Air Force Base

18. In a U.S. military base, at what times should you stop and render a salute during the raising and lowering of the flag?

- A. Only when a senior officer orders it
- B. During any change of the guard
- C. Only at sunrise
- D. During Reveille and Retreat ceremonies

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19. Which organization provides enlisted Airmen with an opportunity to earn an Associate degree?

- A. United States Naval Academy
- B. Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
- C. Air Force Institute of Technology
- D. School of Advanced Air and Space Studies



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20. What is the primary purpose of EPME in the U.S. Air Force?

- A. To enhance technical skills specific to a job
- B. To certify pilots for flight operations
- C. To develop leadership and management skills in enlisted personnel
- D. To provide advanced weapons training

21. What is the primary purpose of the AF COOL program for Airmen?

- A. To cover tuition for college courses
- B. To provide funding for professional certifications
- C. To offer career counseling services
- D. To provide housing allowances for military personnel

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22. Which USAF command is responsible for providing aeromedical evacuation in humanitarian relief efforts?

- A. Air Force Space Command
- B. Air Education and Training Command
- C. Air Force Materiel Command
- D. Air Mobility Command

23. What is the primary role of the United States Air Force Academy?

- A. To conduct advanced aircraft testing
- B. To serve as a major logistics hub for the Air Force
- C. To educate and train future Air Force officers
- D. To coordinate military intelligence operations

24. Which USAF command is responsible for medical support and readiness?

- A. Air Force Special Operations Command
- B. Air Force Materiel Command
- C. Air Force Space Command
- D. Air Force Medical Service

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25. What is an effective way for leaders to reinforce Air Force core values among their team?

- A. Exemplifying the core values in daily actions
- B. Mandating weekly meetings on core values
- C. Issuing strict orders without discussion
- D. Assigning core value tasks to subordinates

26. Which Air Force instruction provides guidelines for performance evaluation systems?

- A. AFI 36-2406
- B. AFI 36-2903
- C. AFI 36-2670
- D. AFMAN 36-2203

27. What is the basic salute rendered by an unarmed Airman when meeting a senior officer outdoors?

- A. A nod of the head
- B. A bow with hands at the sides
- C. A sharp hand salute
- D. A firm handshake

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28. When two Air Force members in uniform meet outdoors, what is the correct procedure for rendering a salute?

- A. Both members salute at the same time.
- B. The senior member salutes the junior member first.
- C. The junior member salutes the senior member first.
- D. No salute is rendered unless ordered.

29. When addressing a female Air Force officer for the first time, what should you say?

- A. Miss
- B. Mrs.
- C. Ma'am
- D. Lady



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30. Which document is used in the Air Force to correct minor misconduct through non-punitive measures?

- A. Article 15
- B. Court-Martial Order
- C. Letter of Reprimand
- D. Letter of Counseling



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. D — Chief Master Sergeant

The highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Air Force is Chief Master Sergeant. This rank represents the highest level of leadership and responsibility available to enlisted personnel.

2. B — Senior Master Sergeant

The Senior Master Sergeant is a key leader within the enlisted ranks, focusing on operational mission success and readiness, often serving as a squadron superintendent or in other key roles.

3. B — Airman (E-2)

In the U.S. Air Force enlisted rank structure, Airman (E-2) is the next rank immediately following Airman Basic (E-1).

4. C — General William T. Ingram

General William T. Ingram is credited with significant advancements in aeromedical evacuation capabilities during the Cold War, improving the USAF's ability to transport and care for patients mid-flight.

5. B — Summary Court-Martial

A Dishonorable Discharge is the most severe form of military discharge and can only be imposed by a General Court-Martial, not by a Summary Court-Martial or a Special Court-Martial.

6. A — Ensuring unit readiness and morale

First Sergeants play a crucial role in maintaining unit readiness and morale by focusing on the welfare and discipline of enlisted personnel.

7. D — NCO Academy

The NCO Academy focuses on developing leadership and supervisory skills for NCOs, equipping them with operational competencies essential for their roles.

8. C — No more than 1 inch in any direction

The Air Force allows neck tattoos only if they do not exceed 1 inch in any dimension and are not offensive, adhering to appearance standards.

9. A — Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL)

The Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) was the first planned manned USAF space station, aimed at military reconnaissance and space medicine research during the Cold War era.

10. C — Clean, well-groomed and not exceed fingertips

Male fingernails must be clean and well-groomed, and they should not extend beyond the fingertips as per the Air Force dress and appearance standards.

11. B — 65%

To successfully pass a CDC end-of-course exam, an examinee must achieve a minimum score of 65%.



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12. D — Conservative watch

Air Force dress standards permit the wearing of accessories that are conservative in nature, such as a conservative watch, while disallowing items that are flamboyant or overly distracting.

13. B — Eddie Rickenbacker

Eddie Rickenbacker was the top American ace of World War I with 26 confirmed victories.

14. A — Letter of Reprimand

A Letter of Reprimand can result in negative information being placed in a member's Unfavorable Information File (UIF).

15. D — To lead and manage teams and ensure mission success.

The NCO tier, which includes ranks like Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant, focuses on leading and managing teams, ensuring that their subordinate personnel are well-trained, proficient, and mission-ready. They bridge the gap between enlisted airmen and senior leadership, playing a vital role in day-to-day operational success.

16. A — Air Force Global Strike Command

Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) is responsible for strategic air and nuclear operations planning, focused on global deterrence and long-range strike capabilities.

17. A — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, located in Hawaii, is the headquarters for Pacific Air Forces, which is responsible for air operations in the Asia-Pacific region.

18. D — During Reveille and Retreat ceremonies

Military personnel are expected to stop and salute the flag when it is raised during Reveille and lowered during Retreat, as a sign of respect and observance of military tradition.

19. B — Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) is the institution that offers enlisted Airmen the opportunity to earn an Associate degree specific to their Air Force specialty.

20. C — To develop leadership and management skills in enlisted personnel

The primary purpose of Enlisted Professional Military Education (EPME) is to develop leadership and management skills across various enlisted ranks to support the mission and promote individual growth.

21. B — To provide funding for professional certifications

The primary purpose of the AF COOL program is to assist enlisted Airmen in obtaining funding for professional certifications to enhance their career development.

22. D — Air Mobility Command

Air Mobility Command is equipped to conduct aeromedical evacuations, delivering critical care and transporting individuals in need during humanitarian relief operations.

23. C — To educate and train future Air Force officers

The U.S. Air Force Academy is primarily tasked with the education and training of future officers for the United States Air Force, focusing on developing leadership skills and providing a strong academic foundation.



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24. D — Air Force Medical Service

The Air Force Medical Service is tasked with ensuring medical readiness and providing comprehensive medical care and support to Air Force members.

25. A — Exemplifying the core values in daily actions

Leaders who demonstrate Air Force core values in their own behavior serve as role models and inspire their team to follow suit.

26. A — AFI 36-2406

AFI 36-2406 outlines the policies and procedures related to performance evaluation and feedback for Air Force personnel.

27. C — A sharp hand salute

In military customs, when outdoors and unarmed, an Airman should render a sharp hand salute to a senior officer to show respect and acknowledgment.

28. C — The junior member salutes the senior member first.

In the Air Force, the junior member initiates the salute to show respect to the senior member, who then returns the salute.

29. C — Ma'am

In the Air Force, the appropriate respectful address for a female officer is 'Ma'am'. This is a standard and universal form of addressing female officers regardless of marital status or other titles, ensuring professionalism and respect.

30. D — Letter of Counseling

A Letter of Counseling (LOC) is used by supervisors to address minor misconduct and provide the individual an opportunity to correct their behavior. It serves as a non-punitive corrective tool in maintaining discipline.



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