

State FFA Officer Candidate Exam – 2017

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

DIRECTIONS

Write your name and chapter on the test. Please circle the MOST correct answer for each question. On short answer and essay questions, please write legibly. Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be evaluated.

1. The U.S. Secretary of Education is:

- a. Mary Kane
- b. Rick Perry
- c. Betsy DeVos
- d. Diane DeBacker

2. The National FFA Alumni Association publishes a quarterly newsletter called the:

- a. New Horizons
- b. New Visions
- c. Forever Blue
- d. Connect!

3. Two taps of the gavel signify:

- a. all stand
- b. motion passed
- c. adjournment
- d. call the meeting to order

4. Students with SAE's learn by doing. Which of the following is a new SAE category approved by the National FFA in 2015:

- a. school-based enterprise
- b. research activities
- c. placement
- d. exploratory

5. Which US President established the United State Department of Agriculture?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Abraham Lincoln
- c. John Quincy Adams
- d. Franklin D. Roosevelt

6. The author of the FFA Creed, E. M. Tiffany, is from what Kansas town?

- a. Topeka
- b. Hill City
- c. Girard
- d. Lyndon

7. Name the 3 divisions of the Program of Activities. (leave blanks)

- a. Growing Leaders
- b. Building Communities
- c. Strengthening Agriculture

8. Each year the National FFA offers state officers an opportunity to travel abroad and visit foreign countries. This program, known as ILSSO, went to _____ this past January.

- a. South Africa
- b. Japan

- c. Ireland
- d. Costa Rica

9. The _____ degree is earned by middle school FFA members. (leave blank)

- a. Discovery Degree

10. State Degree requirements include being a continuous FFA member for 24 months.

- a. true
- b. false

11. Almost _____ of farms in the United State are operated by individuals or family corporations.

- a. 30%
- b. 40%

- c. 90%
- d. 60%

12. Supervised Agricultural Experience is the name Agricultural Education uses for this type of learning.

- a. experiential learning
- b. cooperative learning

- c. inquiry-based learning
- d. multi-discipline learning

13. The National FFA Operations is located in:

- a. Alexandria, VA
- b. Indianapolis, IN

- c. Washington, D.C.
- d. Manhattan, KS

14. Draw and describe the three-circle model that School-Based Agricultural Education utilizes. Describe each circle and how they should interact in the Agricultural Education Program. (leave space)

15. Briefly discuss the EARN Act that Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran introduced in the US Senate. (leave space)

16. List the current Kansas FFA State Officers and their respective office. (leave space)

P – Elizabeth Meyer

VP – Clara Wicoff

Sec – Grace Luebcke

Treas – Katelyn Bohnenblust

Rep – Jacob Grinstead

Sent – Trenton Smedley

17. The current Kansas Secretary of Agriculture is: (leave blank)

Jackie McClaskey

18. The Kansas Agricultural Education office is located in the:

a. Kansas Department of Agriculture

c. Kansas State University

b. Kansas Department of Labor

d. Kansas State Department of Education

19. The number of FFA chapters in Kansas for 2016-17 school year is:

a. 169

c. 172

b. 179

d. 185

20. The current US Trade Representative is: (leave blank)

Robert Lighthizer

21. Who is the current U. S. Secretary of Agriculture? (leave blank)

Sonny Perdue

22. The current Kansas Commissioner of Education is:

- a. Dr. Andy Tompkins
- b. Dr. Randy Watson
- c. Dr. Blake Flanders
- d. Dr. Diane DeBacker

23. The President of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association is: (leave blank)

Tim Zenger

24. Kansas is in the _____ Region of the National FFA Association.

- a. Eastern
- b. Central
- c. Southern
- d. Western

25. Who is the current president of the Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators?

- a. Ryan Miller
- b. Russell Plaschka
- c. Linda Chase
- d. Danny Rice

26. Which degree is often presented to non-FFA members /non-agriculture teachers who have rendered outstanding service to the Agricultural Education and the FFA?

- a. Honorary American FFA Degree
- b. Honorary American Degree
- c. Outstanding Service Degree
- d. VIP Degree

27. "New Horizons" is the official magazine of what organization?

- a. National Association of Agricultural Educators
- b. The National Postsecondary Agriculture Students Organization
- c. The Kansas FFA Association
- d. The National FFA Association

28. The professional organization for Kansas agriculture teachers is:

- a. Kansas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
- b. Kansas Association of Teachers of Agriculture
- c. The Council for Agricultural Education
- d. Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators

29. Kansas Agricultural Education is part of the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Cluster. How many agriculture pathways are available to Kansas high schools?

- a. 6
- b. 7
- c. 8
- d. 9

30. Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas. What percent of the Kansas economy does agriculture account for?

- a. 26%
- b. 43%
- c. 47%
- d. 61%

31. The average age of a farmer in Kansas is:

- a. 37
- b. 49
- c. 58
- d. 63

32. Kansas was ranked _____ nationally in wheat production in 2016.

- a. 1st
- b. 2nd
- c. 3rd
- d. 4th

33. Kansas farmers produce almost half of the United States total production of this crop.

- a. grain sorghum
- b. potatoes
- c. soybeans
- d. wheat

34. One of the biggest controversies in the agriculture industry today centers around the use of GMO's. GMO stands for:

- a. Growth Modified Organisms
- b. Genetically Modified Organisms
- c. Genetically Made Organisms
- d. Genetically Modified Organics

35. Discuss the ramifications of the extensive grass fires in Kansas this spring. Note at least two issues that need to be considered in addressing such disasters. (leave space)

36. One of the components of the Kansas State Board of Education's New Vision for Kansas education is for each Kansas student to have an individual plan of study focused on career interest. Describe how SAE's can contribute to that vision. (leave space)

37. According to the USA Today 2017 Special Agriculture edition, what percent of farm producers are female?

- a. 30%
- b. 26%
- c. 43%
- d. 15%

38. In 2016, the National FFA awarded more than \$_____ million in scholarships to FFA members.

- a. 1.5
- b. 2.6
- c. 3.4
- d. 4.6

39. According to the National FFA web site, the National FFA is made up of _____ female members.

- a. 47%
- b. 40%
- c. 32%
- d. 53%

40. Kansas has over 28,500,000 acres of crop land. How does this rank nationally?

- a. 1st
- b. 2nd
- c. 3rd
- d. 4th

41. List the four types of FFA membership available to individuals. (leave space)

- a. active
- b. collegiate
- c. alumni
- d. honorary

42. Write the FFA Motto. (leave space)

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

43. Water is at the center of most agriculture discussions in Kansas. Discuss two points related to agricultural water use in Kansas and defend your position. (leave space)

44. Discuss one Kansas agricultural issue (other than water and grass fires) that you have learned about. Be specific. (leave blank space)

45. The highest award presented to an organization, agency, business or other group by the Kansas FFA Association is the:

- a. Distinguished Service Award
- b. VIP Award

- c. Honorary State Degree
- d. Triple Crown Award