The answers to the referees’ practice test follow. The answers were provided to officials written as they appear here. The File added a translation on Question 1 that can act as guide to deciphering the rest of the answers.

1. **Fourth-and-5 on B40.** During A1’s punt, B1 blocks A2 below the waist at the B15. A3 first touches the ball at the B5. B2 fields the ball at the B3 and runs to the 50 where he fumbles the ball. A7 recovers the ball at the A48. **B-1-10-B 1 1/2.**

   **Exception 3. Translation:** The ball gets moved to the point of the infraction, which in this case is the 3-yard line, and Team B is penalized half the distance to the goal for its foul. As such, it becomes Team B’s ball at first-and-10 on the 1 ½-yard line.

   “Exception Three” deals with change of possession with a foul.

2. **Fourth-and-5 on B11.** Kicker A1’s field goal attempt from the B19 is blocked and the ball goes into the end zone, where B2 muffs the ball out of bounds at the B4. **B-1-10-B20. Dead when hits in EZ. Same result if B2 muffs the punt in the air in the EZ and it goes OB. 9-4-2-note.**

3. **Fourth-and-4 on A7.** Kicker A1’s punt is blocked and the ball goes to the A9 where it deflects off B5’s leg. The ball rolls to the A6 where Back A3 recovers the ball and throws a pass to End A2 who runs for a touchdown. Prior to the punt, Wing Back A3, behind Tight End A4, blocked B8 low at the A6. **A-1-10-A3. IFP. The low block is legal by A3 before the kick.**

4. **Fourth-and-8 on A15.** A1’s punt is blocked and goes to the A17 where the ball deflects off A4’s leg and rolls to the A14. Back A3 recovers the ball at the A13 and runs to the 50, where he fumbles the ball. B8 recovers the ball at the B48 and runs for a touchdown. **TD B KO B35 (A can advance the punt from behind the LOS, if it goes beyond the line and is touched by either A or B and returns behind the line; or if it never goes beyond the line in the first place. 9-2-1 & 9-3-1.**

5. **Fourth-and-7 on B8.** On a field goal attempt from the B15, the kick is blocked and the ball rolls out of bounds at the B7 after being muffed first by B3 at the B5 and then by A3 at the B9. **B-1-10-B.**

6. On an onside safety kick from the A20, with 50 seconds remaining in the game, Team A trails 19-18. A3 first touches the ball at the A28 and A4 recovers the ball at the A31. During the kick B8 blocked A8 low at the A33. **Re-kick A20. ILT is not a simple five because there is an option to take the ball at the ILT spot.**
7. **Third-and-16 on A20.** B1 intercepts QBA1’s pass at the A43 and runs to the A11 where he fumbles the ball and A3 recovers the ball at the A16. Prior to the pass, Guard A4 illegally chop blocked B4 at the A16. B8 was offside at the snap. **Replay. 3-16-A20.**

8. **Fourth-and-6 on A34.** B1 muff’s A1’s punt into the air at the B21. B1 is in position to catch the ball at the B19 when A7 shoves him aside, catches the ball at the B18, and runs to the B12 where he fumbles the ball. B7 recovers the ball at the B9 and runs for a touchdown. **A-1-10-B18. No foul, because no signal.**

9. **Fourth-and-8 on B41.** With Team A leading, 14-10, Team A punts the ball with 12 seconds remaining in the game. The ball rolls into the end zone and is nearly at rest, when B4 fields the ball and runs to the A40 with two seconds remaining in the game. Tackle A8 was illegally downfield prior to the kick. During B4’s run, B8 held A4 at the B12 and Substitute A14 entered the field at the B35. **B-1-10-B25. 0:02. Snap. Ball dead when it hits in EZ.**

10. **Second-and-6 on A22.** QBA1 fumbles the ball at the A15. B1 recovers the ball at the A12 and runs to the A6, where he is tackled and fumbles the ball. A5 recovers the ball at the A3 and runs out of bounds at the A6. Back A4 was illegally in motion at the snap, and during A5’s run, A7 held B7 at the A2. **A-1-10-A1 (enforce the OH after the second COP), or A-2-11-A17 (enforce the ILM from the PS and repeat the down.)**

11. **Third-and-11 on A30.** QBA1 hands off to Back A2 who runs to the A32 where he fumbles the ball. End A3 recovers the ball at the A38. While the ball was loose, A4 held B4 at the A37. **4-3-A38 or 3-19-A22.**

12. **Fourth-and-16 on B40.** With 1 minute, 10 seconds remaining in the first half of a tied game, B1 signals for a fair catch at the B6 and then steps aside. The ball lands at the B3 and rolls toward the end zone. B2 recovers the ball at the B1 and his momentum carries him into the end zone, B2 runs in the end zone and fumbles the ball. B3 recovers the ball at the B1/2 with his body on the goal line. **B-1-10-B1. Dead, due to signal.**

13. **Second-and-3 on B4.** B2 is offside at the snap. QBA1 fakes to Back A2 and then rolls out around right end for a touchdown. During A1’s run, Right Tackle A8 and Wing Back A2 chop blocked B5 at the B5 outside the original position of Tight End A2. After scoring, B5 took of his helmet to show his disgust because he thought he
had been illegally chop blocked during the play. **TD A KO 50. No CHB because outside TE.**

14. **Third-and-12 on 50.** Tackle A8 (#78) legally reports that he will play Tight End. After Team A breaks the huddle, A8 lines up at Right Tight End and Flexed Receiver A5 (#88) lines up on the line of scrimmage covering up A8. A5 then steps back into the backfield, stops, and later goes in motion. QBA1 then throws a pass to A8, who catches the ball at the B44 and runs to the B42 where he fumbles the ball out of bounds at the B38. **4-4-B42 or 3-17-A45. (ILF).**

15. **Fourth-and-7 on A11.** Kicker A1’s punt is blocked. B1 catches the ball at the A15 and runs to the A3 where he fumbles the ball into the goal line pylon. During B1’s run, B7 blocked A1 helmet to helmet at the A2 to prevent him from tackling B1. **A-1-10-A35. Personal foul bridges over the COP from B to A.**

16. **Fourth-and-8 on A12.** Team A leads 33-30, with ten seconds remaining in the game. Kicker A1’s punt goes toward B1 who moves into position to catch the ball at the B39, when he is contacted by A2, who had been blocked by B6. The ball lands at the B37 where A5 muffes the ball. B1 then fields the ball at the B32, has to scramble, and is eventually tackled at the B28 as time ran out. **B-1-10-B37. Extend for scrimmage play due to FTV.**

17. **Fourth-and-6 on A28.** Kicker A1 muffs the snap at the A18, and then bats the grounded ball at the A15 to the A10. Back A2 recovers the ball at the A8 and runs to the A27 where he throws a pass to A1 at the A30. A1 runs for a touchdown. **TD A KO A35.**

18. **Fourth-and-6 on B12.** On an attempted field goal from the B19, the kick is blocked and the ball lands at the B9 where it deflects off A4’s leg and continues rolling to the B2. B1 recovers the ball at the B2 and runs to the B20, where he fumbles the ball. A7 recovers the ball at the B17. **B-1-10-B9. Spot of first touch.**

19. **Third-and-8 on B12.** On the last play of the first half, Team A trails 27-3. QBA1 hands off to Back A2 at the B16. A2 runs and is tackled at the B12 where he fumbles the ball. The ball rolls to the B8, where A3 recovers and runs for a touchdown. During A2’s fumble, B4 clipped A4 at the B7. **A-1-G-B6. Extend. Enforce from the spot of the fumble.**
20. **Third-and-7 on B13.** B1 intercepts QBA1’s pass at the B4 and his momentum carries him into the end zone. B1 tries to run it out, is trapped in the middle of the end zone, and throws a pass toward B2, who is on the goal line. B2 muffs the ball and B5 catches the ball in the end zone and runs for a touchdown. After scoring, B5 spikes the ball at the feet of A5 in the end zone. **S-B-SK-B20. IFP in their EZ causes the safety. The UNS is a multiple foul, so we can’t enforce both.**

21. **Fourth-and-7 on A4.** Kicker A1 muffs the snap, and then recovers the ball in the end zone and tries to run it out. When he gets to the A5 he throws a backward pass to Teammate A2 who is at the A3. A2 then throws a pass to End A4 at the A18. B5 goes through the back of A4, intercepts the ball at the A18 and runs for a touchdown. **4-7-A4. Replay. DPI rules are in effect on IFP thrown from behind the line.**

22. **Fourth-and-7 on B40.** During a punt, B2 clipped A2 at the B11. The ball lands at the B6 and A3 muffs the ball at the B3. B1 fields the ball at the B2 and runs to the B48 where A7 tackles him by the face mask, and he fumbles the ball. A6 recovers the ball at the 50. During B1’s run, B8 held A8 at the B7. **4-7-B40. Replay. This is a double/double, with a D/A segment, but B didn’t get it clean, because B2’s foul is not PPF.**

23. **Third-and-5 on B18.** B6 controls a pass from QBA1 while airborne at the B2 and his left foot hits the ground in bounds at the B1 and his right foot hits the goal line pylon and then lands in the end zone. B6 attempts to run the ball out of the end zone, but fumbles the ball and the ball rolls to the B5 where B7 recovers the ball. **B-1-10-B5. Don’t confuse this with something OB touching a ball. A player touching the pylon is ignored. The ball touching the pylon puts the ball OB. (3-21-1 and 2.)**

24. **Third-and-10 on A12.** Shot Gun QBA1 hands the ball forward to Tackle A8 at the A9. A8 runs to the A18 where he fumbles the ball. The ball rolls out of bounds at the A23. **4-4-A18 or 3-16-A6.**

25. **Fourth-and-7 on A18.** B1 blocks the punt and runs into Kicker A1 at the A10. The ball rolls to the A15 where Back A2 bats the ball to the A11. A2 then recovers the ball at the A8 and throws a pass to A1 at the A15. A1 runs to the A23 where he fumbles the ball and A3 recovers the ball at the A25. **B-1-10-A23. Short of the line to gain.**

26. **Third-and-6 on A32.** QBA1 throws a pass to End A2 at the A38. As A2 reaches for the pass, B1 launches and contacts A2, helmet to helmet at the A39. The ball
then deflects off A2’s hands and B2 intercepts the ball at the A41 and runs for a touchdown. After scoring B2 runs in front of Team A’s Bench, and signals “TOUCHDOWN”. A-1-10-B46. (Assuming A2 had not yet touched the pass, thus DPI.)

27. **Third-and-3 on B23.** QBA1 drops back in the pocket to pass, can’t find an open receiver, so he has to scramble. As A1 dropped back, Guard A4 illegally chop blocked B4 at the B25. A1 then scrambles to the B18. After the play, B4 grabbed the umpire to complain about the chop block, which the umpire had actually called. A-1-10-B23. DQ B4.

28. **Third-and-17 on A20.** QBA1 throws a pass to End A2 at the A36. As A2 reaches for the ball at the A37, B1 interferes with him and the pass falls incomplete. Right after the pass fell incomplete at the A38, Tackle A8 slugged B8 at the A17. 3-17-A20. Replay. DQ A8.

29. **Fourth-and-6 on B16.** On a field goal attempt from the B23, the kick is blocked and the ball lands at the B5 before rolling out of bounds at the B2. A4 (#75) had reported as an eligible receiver. At the snap he was aligned at the Right Tackle Position, and was covered up by Right End A3. While the kick was rolling at the B4, B1 blocked A2 below the waist at the B10. B-1-10-B1. D/W, and B won’t choose to replay.

30. **Fourth-and-7 on B43.** Kicker A1’s punt is blocked at the A47 by B1. The ball lands at the B48 and rolls to the B44. B7 bats the ball to the B39 where B4 recovers the ball. Tackle A8 was not on the line of scrimmage at the snap. B-1-10-B44. Punt, so A’s ILF can be tacked on at the DBS.

31. **Third-and-6 on A40.** QBA1 throws a low pass over the middle which deflects off Center A7 at the A39. The ball is caught by End A2 at the A41. A2 runs near the sideline to the A44 where he fumbles the ball out of bounds at the A46. 4-2-A44. No ITP foul.

32. **On the second try from the B7,** QBA1 throws a pass toward End A2 at the B4. As A2 reaches for the pass, B1 tackles him by the face mask at the B3, which causes A2 to then muff the pass. End A3 catches the pass at the B2 and scores. 2 Pt. try successful, KO 50 or Retry B1 ½.

33. **Third-and-3 on A30.** QBA1 drops back to the A22 and throws a low pass toward Back A2 at the A26. As A2 reaches for the ball, B3 shoves him aside, intercepts the
ball and runs for a touchdown. The Team A Coach requests to challenge that the pass was forward, so there would be pass interference. Don't allow the Challenge, because it's behind the line, so no DPI possible. Coach can't challenge scoring play or COP, but I would avoid the penalty mess by just saying the play is not one that can be challenged. TD.

34. **Third-and-4 on B21.** The score is tied 14-14, with seventeen seconds remaining in the game. The game clock is running, and Team A has one time out remaining. Shotgun QB A1 thrusts his hands out toward the center, twice, with the ball being snapped the second time, and he then throws a pass to End A2 at the B10, who runs for a touchdown. **3-9-B26. FST. Run 10 and wind, or A can use their last TO.**

35. **Second-and-7 on A8.** QBA1 drops back in the pocket, and then has to scramble out of the pocket, where he fumbles the ball in the end zone. Back A2 recovers the ball in the end zone and runs to the A9. While A1 was in the pocket, B3 chucked End A3 in the back at the A12. **A-1-10-A14. Running play, so tack on the ICT.**

36. **Fourth-and-5 on B40.** With 11 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of a tied game, Team A has one time out remaining. Back A2 catches a swing pass at the B44 and runs to the B29 where he sees that he will be tackled, so he throws the ball backwards out of bounds at the B31 with four seconds remaining on the game clock. **4-1-B36. A-TO 0:04. Snap.**

37. **Fourth-and-7 on B38.** B1 gives an invalid fair catch signal at the B6 and muffes the ball into the air. B1 tries to complete the catch at the B5, but A2 runs into him and the ball rolls into the end zone, where A8 recovers for a touchdown. **TD A KO A35. B1 does not have a right to catch his muff after an invalid signal.**

38. **Fourth-and-Goal on B9.** With Team B leading 18-14, near the end of the game, QBA1 drops back in the pocket and looks toward End A2 near the sideline at the B3. B1 had shoved A2 out of bounds at the B6 and A2 had reestablished himself in bounds at the B3. A2 catches the ball at the B1 and runs for a touchdown. **4-G-B14. ITP, since A2 was legally chucked OB. There would be no extension and no score, if time expired on the play.**

39. **Fourth-and-6 on B40.** B1 gives an invalid fair catch signal at the B5, but B2 catches the punt at the B2. B2 runs to the B11, fumbles the ball and A6 recovers the ball at the B9 and runs for a touchdown. **B-1-10-B2. Decline IFC.**
40. **Fourth-and-Goal on B4.** Team B leads 18-14 on the last play of the game. T-QBA1 laterals to Back A2 at the B6. A2 muffs the ball at the B6 and the ball rolls to the B3. End A3 recovers the ball at the B3 and runs for a touchdown. **TD A. Attempt try. Game over. BWP.**

41. **Fourth-and-Goal on B2.** Back A2 takes a handoff from QBA1 at the B3 and leaps over the line. At the B1, defender B7 grabs and twists A2’s face mask causing him to fumble the ball. The ball rolls into the end zone where tackle A8 recovers. While the ball was loose in the end zone, the Line Judge blew his whistle and signaled touchdown. **A-1-G-B1/2. Snap. (Always on the snap after an inadvertent whistle.)**

42. **Third-and-4 on B6.** QBA1 throws a pass toward End A2 near the side line at the B3. Before A2 can touch the ball, B1 launches and hits A2 helmet to helmet at the B3. The pass then deflects off A2 and is caught by End A4 in the end zone, with his right knee touching the goal line pylon and his left knee on the ground in the end zone. **TD A KO 50.**

43. **Fourth-and-12 on A8.** On the last play of the game, with the score tied 21-21, Kicker A1’s punt is blocked and B2 signals for a fair catch at the A20. After B2 catches the ball at the A22, A4 tackles him. **B-1-10-A10. Extend for FCK or scrimmage play. (AR 10.34. I know that answer conflicts with AR 4.91, but 4.91 is wrong. 10-2-3 and 10-2-5, pg. 60 of rulebook.)**

44. **Second-and-7 on A8.** B1 is offside at the snap. Center A4’s snap to Shot Gun QBA1 at the A2 is muffed, and rolls into the end zone. Back A3 recovers the ball in the end zone and runs out of bounds at the A6. During A3’s run, QBA1 clipped B2 in the end zone. **2-11-A4. 5/15.**

45. **Second-and-6 on B46.** QBA1 hands off to Back A2 who runs off right tackle and is tackled at the B40. During A2’s run, Left Tackle A8 blocked Nose Tackle B4 high and Left Guard A6 blocked him at the knees in the clipping zone. B8 was offside at the snap. **1-10-B40 (Not a backside chop -- adjacent linemen.)**

46. **Third-and-4 on B26.** QBA1 drops back in the pocket to the B18. B1 chucked Tight End A2 at the B20 with A1 in the pocket, forcing A2 to step on the sideline at the B19. A1 then scrambles to the B27 where he throws a pass to A2, who had reestablished in bounds. A2 catches the ball at the B16 and runs for a touchdown. **TD A KO A35. (Illegally chucked OB, so he regained his eligibility.)**
47. **Fourth-and-6 on A8.** B1 attempts to catch Kicker A1’s punt at the A48, but runs into A4 at the A47, who was being blocked by B2. B1 muffs the ball at the A46 and A7 recovers the ball at the A44. B8 was offside at the snap. **A-1-10-A44. Decline DOF.**

48. **Fourth-and-3 on A38.** During the punt, B1 signals for a fair catch at the B5, and steps aside and blocks A5 at the B4. The ball rolls to the B3, where A5 recovers the ball and carries it to the B1, where he drops the ball. The ball rolls into the end zone, where B7 recovers. **B-1-10-B2. Ball dead at B3, so "UNR Blocking" is best option.**

49. **Second-and-5 on B12.** Team A trails 28-3, with the game clock stopped with 11 seconds remaining in the first half. QBA1 rolls out toward the sideline looking for a receiver and throws a pass from the B11 toward End A3 in the end zone. B3 shoves A3 in the back, intercepts the ball in the end zone, and runs to the A17, with two seconds remaining. **B-1-10-A17. 0:02. Snap. Decline IFP. No DPI, because IFP beyond the line.**

50. **Fourth-and-6 on B8.** T-QBA1 throws a backward pass to Back A2 at the B12. After A1 threw the backward pass, he ran into the end zone. A2 then throws a pass to A1. B3 grabs A1 by the face mask and throws him to the ground in the end zone, and intercepts the ball and runs to the B5. **4-6-B8. Replay. Snap. (QB is ineligible, so IDP and FMM (no DPI.))**