

American Legion Auxiliary Leadership Correspondence Course Instructions

Please answer questions 1-100 with either TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). After you have completed the final examination, return only the answer sheet and this completed cover sheet to the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters for grading.

Students passing the final examination will receive a wallet-size certificate.

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Attached is the answer sheet for my final examination covering the Leadership Correspondence Course. I understand that it will be graded and a wallet-size certificate will be issued to me if I receive a passing score.

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AUXILIARY MEMBER NUMBER _____

LEADERSHIP CORRESPONDENCE COURSE TEST

1. ____ Many women's groups asked to be recognized as the official auxiliary to The American Legion.
2. ____ An American Legion committee determined that the best way to build an effective auxiliary was to build from the ground up creating a new patriotic women's organization to work with the Legion.
3. ____ The Auxiliary was first perceived to be a social group for veterans and their wives.
4. ____ The official name, the American Legion Auxiliary, was adopted by the organization at the First National Convention of the Auxiliary in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1921.
5. ____ Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher of Minnesota was elected temporary chairman of the first convention.
6. ____ Ms. Edith Hobart of Ohio was elected National President to lead the organization in its first year.
7. ____ The poppy was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Auxiliary at the first convention, and poppy programs are conducted each year.
8. ____ National Headquarters for the Auxiliary was first established in Washington, D.C.
9. ____ Ms. Pauline C. Curnick of Indianapolis served as the first National Secretary, aided by a staff of 13.
10. ____ Dr. Kate Waller Barrett of Virginia was elected National President at the Second National Convention in 1922.
11. ____ The long battle for the best care for disabled veterans began in 1922 and eventually resulted in the establishment of the Veterans Administration.

12. ____ The Auxiliary and the Legion were instrumental in the passage of legislation to give adjusted compensation to World War I veterans.
13. ____ The Auxiliary felt no need to take part in the first Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense in 1925.
14. ____ Each year since 1928, a Department Presidents and Secretaries Conference has been held by the Auxiliary.

THE DEPRESSION YEARS

15. ____ Work with unemployed veterans became a major concern of the Auxiliary and The American Legion during the Depression.
16. ____ Despite economic conditions and unemployment, the Auxiliary suffered no loss in membership during the 1930's.
17. ____ The battle for Adjusted Compensation Certificates, which granted loans to veterans, was won in 1936 when the bill passed and was enacted over the veto of the President.
18. ____ The Auxiliary was not concerned about national defense in the 1930's.
19. ____ In 1937, more than 2 million people lined the streets of New York City to see the parade of 150,000 Legionnaires; the largest in the history of both organizations.
20. ____ Recognizing that the needs of the disabled veterans were increasing, the first Area Rehabilitation Conferences were held in 1937 and 1938.
21. ____ Kansas and Nebraska shared honors with the first Girls State programs in 1939.

THE WORLD WAR II YEARS

22. ____ The Auxiliary was not concerned with the anticipated needs of the nation as war loomed on the horizon in 1940.

23. ____ A vigorous Americanism campaign was launched in 1941, and membership climbed past the half million mark.
24. ____ After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, an unsuccessful attempt was made to organize Auxiliary Units in Hawaii.
25. ____ During World War II, the Auxiliary organized its own programs to meet the needs of the country, declining participation with other groups.
26. ____ When membership was opened to women with World War II service connections, all female relatives were immediately eligible for membership.
27. ____ The Auxiliary and the Legion were instrumental in the passage of the “GI Bill of Rights” for veterans of World War II.
28. ____ After the war ended, the Auxiliary confined its attention to its original programs and assistance to veterans of World War I.
29. ____ The first Girls Nation, an extension of Girls State, was held in Washington, D.C., in 1947.

THE COLD WAR YEARS

30. ____ Concerned with internal security, the Auxiliary went into action against Communism in the United States.
31. ____ Believing that war would never come again, the Auxiliary and the Legion opposed universal military training.
32. ____ The first Women’s Forum on National Security convened in Washington, D.C., in 1953.
33. ____ The Women’s Forum on National Security was the first conference on patriotism and national defense ever participated in by the Auxiliary.
34. ____ The Unit members carry out the programs set forth by the

Department and National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary.

35. ____ The American Legion Auxiliary has never reached one million members.
36. ____ The first “*Need a Lift?*” was published in 1950.

TUMULTUOUS SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES

37. ____ During 1966 the Department of the Philippines was established.
38. ____ President Lyndon B. Johnson approved Vietnam veterans eligible to join The American Legion in 1967.
39. ____ Granddaughters have always been eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.
40. ____ The first National Vice President was elected during the Portland, Oregon National Convention in 1970.
41. ____ Ten rooms are set aside at National Headquarters for the Cavalcade of Memories.

NURTURING TRADITION AND FOSTERING CHANGE IN THE EIGHTIES AND NINETIES

42. ____ In 1982, the Women’s Forum on National Security was changed to the Awareness Assembly to inform members about national and international issues pertaining to defense, security, veterans, women and the elderly.
43. ____ An educational comic book called “The Secret of Animal Island,” which provided safety tips for children, set Auxiliary records for public response.
44. ____ Auxiliary members participated in Habitat for Humanity International’s Jimmy Carter Work Project to build homes for the needy.

- 45. ____ The Family Support Network was launched in 1990 to aid family members of Korean War veterans.
- 46. ____ Membership eligibility in 1995 was extended to include grandmothers of American Legion members.

THE UNIT

- 47. ____ Americanism is an overriding principle in every program of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- 48. ____ Americanism is not promoted outside the organization.
- 49. ____ The Auxiliary encourages sponsorship of Boy and Girl Scout troops by its Units.
- 50. ____ Lack of basic knowledge in Americanism can cause even the most dedicated citizens to be misled.
- 51. ____ The American Legion Auxiliary is not concerned with new citizens.
- 52. ____ Members of the American Legion Auxiliary should not become involved in activities of school boards, city councils, etc., except as watchdogs.
- 53. ____ Working with The American Legion is a good way to carry out Americanism programs.
- 54. ____ Children and Youth programs are limited to only the children of veterans of the last seven wars.
- 55. ____ Preservation of the integrity of the family home is a prime objective of the Children and Youth program.
- 56. ____ Cooperation with other sound organizations in the interest of youth is another way of accomplishing the purposes of the Children and Youth Program.

57. ____ Continued financial support of needy families is the primary purpose of the Children and Youth Program.
58. ____ The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was created to provide grants for research, special projects, and other programs in the interest of youth not covered by the regular programs of Children and Youth.
59. ____ “*The American Legion National Commission on Children and Youth Program Guide*” (Stock # 95000) is an excellent source of information regarding the “how-to” in Children and Youth programming.
60. ____ Support of needed legislation for children through Convention resolutions is an important responsibility of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary on National, Department and Unit levels.
61. ____ The Heart of America Awards recognize talented print and broadcast professionals who make positive contributions to American women, children, and families by informing the public about timely issues, by providing valuable or thought-provoking information, or by promoting a better and more positive image of women and children in our society.
62. ____ Public Relations chairmen should work closely with all other chairmen in order to best publicize the programs of the Auxiliary.
63. ____ The watchwords in Community Service are: initiate, cooperate, but never duplicate.
64. ____ Units are not expected to work in a Community Service project every year.
65. ____ Cooperation with other community organizations in worthwhile projects is always encouraged.
66. ____ The American Legion and Auxiliary work closely on all levels for the betterment of school systems.

67. ____ The Girls State program is a learning-by-doing experience in the workings of government.
68. ____ The Units of the American Legion Auxiliary cannot accept help from outside organizations to sponsor delegates to Girls State.
69. ____ Girls Nation is a permanent extension of the Girls State program.
70. ____ The Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary are considered to be the future of the organization.
71. ____ The Junior organization is an entirely separate entity.
72. ____ The Juniors receive training in Americanism, Children and Youth, and other phases of Auxiliary programs.
73. ____ The American Legion Auxiliary takes direction from The American Legion in matters of legislative concern.
74. ____ The *Dispatch* is published by the American Legion Auxiliary.
75. ____ Members of the Auxiliary provide a great amount of the “pen power” in legislative matters.
76. ____ Two forms of membership in the American Legion Auxiliary are active and honorary.
77. ____ The American Legion sets eligibility rulings for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.
78. ____ If the veteran is alive, wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers are eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary even though the person through whom they are eligible does not belong to the Legion.
79. ____ The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was established to provide continuing financial assistance for members in need.

80. ____ The Constitution and Bylaws of a local Unit cannot be in contradiction with the Department and National Constitution and Bylaws.
81. ____ The information found in the Unit Constitution and Bylaws is privileged information for the Unit Executive Committee.
82. ____ The American Legion Auxiliary recognizes the importance of strong leadership through its Leadership program.
83. ____ Members must go outside the organization for instruction.
84. ____ The National Security program is fairly new to the American Legion Auxiliary.
85. ____ The Past Presidents Parley was organized as a social group only.
86. ____ The publicity campaign for poppy distribution provides an excellent opportunity for the public to learn of the work being done by both The American Legion and Auxiliary.
87. ____ Proceeds from the distribution of poppies may be used only in programs which benefit veterans and/or their children and war widows and orphans.
88. ____ Only members of the Auxiliary and their families may participate in Poppy Poster contests.
89. ____ The *National News* goes to all members of the Auxiliary, Seniors and Juniors.
90. ____ The Auxiliary and the Legion work shoulder-to-shoulder in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program.
91. ____ The National Leadership Workshops are held for only the elected officers and chairmen.

92. ____ Hospital Volunteers must take an orientation course that is given by the VA Director of Volunteers and the Auxiliary in order to work in the medical centers.
93. ____ Orientation is optional for Field Service Volunteers.
94. ____ Hospital Gift Shops are held so that patients may purchase gifts for their families.
95. ____ The American Legion Posts sponsor job fairs to help veterans find employment in their communities.
96. ____ The American Legion Auxiliary attempts to always keep its programs current with the problems and challenges of the times.
97. ____ Although the Foreign Relations country study and the doll-dressing contest have been discontinued on the National level, the Departments may continue these programs if they choose to.
98. ____ The new eligibility dates are August 24, 1982, to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990; and August 2, 1990, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States, all dates inclusive.
99. ____ The purpose of the Displaced Homemaker Fund is to provide assistance to members who are forced to enter the job market for the first time or return to the job market and do not have the necessary job skills.
100. ____ The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is administered by the National Adjutant of The American Legion and the National Secretary and National Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary.