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# Annuity Suitability-Best Interest I

(4 credit hours – This course is approved by KYDOI to meet your Annuity requirement.)

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# Annuity Suitability-Best Interest I Final Exam

1. Annuities can actually trace their origins back to \_\_\_\_\_ times.  
A English                      B Italian                      C Spanish                      D Roman
2. Annuities really started to catch on in the late  
A 1920s.                      B 1940s.                      C 1930s.                      D 1950s.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, the first variable annuity was created.  
A 1960                      B 1952                      C 1945                      D 1959
4. Deferred annuities are invested over an “accumulation period” of often at least  
A 5 years.                      B 15 years.                      C 10 years.                      D 20 years.
5. Annuities can be single premium or  
A flexible premium                      C multiplying premium  
B diminishing premium                      D Automatic premium
6. A second type of group annuity contract, the deposit administration contract, grew in popularity during the  
A 1950s.                      B 1960s                      C 1970s.                      D 1980s.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ provides for payments that fluctuate in size contingent upon the success of the investment of the principal, thus offsetting the effect of inflation upon the annuitant.  
A fixed annuity                      B variable annuity                      C joint annuity                      D straight annuity
8. A new payment may have a \_\_\_\_\_ fee if he or she takes out the new payment right away, while a 10-year-old payment may have no surrender fee.  
A 9%                      B 7%                      C 10%                      D 5%
9. \_\_\_\_\_ locks in a fixed rate investment approach even though guarantee periods may vary, with delayed pay-out.  
A The Payment Deferred Annuity                      C The Variable Deferred Annuity  
B The Fixed Deferred Annuity                      D The Tax Deferred Annuity
10. Depending on the circumstances, the IRS may impose a 10% penalty tax for withdrawing untaxed money from an annuity before the individual reaches age  
A 70.                      B 50.                      C 65.                      D 59½.
11. Floor on Equity Index-Linked Interest is the minimum index-linked interest rate an individual will earn. The most common floor is

A .5%                      B 2%,                      C 0%.                      D 5%.

12. In today's volatile investment climate, annuities might represent a \_\_\_\_\_ and that is exactly what retirees and near-retirees may be seeking.
- A interest-free investment                      C gift investment  
B payment investment                      D safe haven investment
13. Deferred charitable gift annuities are those in which the annuitant defers the receipt of income to a specified date at least \_\_\_\_\_ in the future, but realizes an immediate federal income tax charitable deduction.
- A six months                      B one year                      C two years                      D five years
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ annuity is one purchased separately from, or "outside of," a tax-favored retirement plan.
- A nonqualified                      B qualified                      C gift                      D tuition
15. \_\_\_\_\_ annuity provides income for the remaining life of a person
- A A gift                      B A lifetime                      C A single payment                      D An immediate payment
16. There are \_\_\_\_\_ parties to an annuity.
- A three                      B five                      C four                      D two
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the person designated by the owner to receive annuity payments and may be either the annuitant or some other person or entity including a trustee or a bank account.
- A payee                      B beneficiary                      C contract owner                      D annuitant
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is like a vice president of a country because he or she is of little value until the death of a certain individual.
- A the insurer                      B contract owner                      C annuitant                      D beneficiary
19. \_\_\_\_\_ available under some annuity contracts, lets an individual arrange to receive designated amounts and change those amounts from time to time.
- A Unspecified withdrawal                      C Systematic withdrawal  
B Monthly withdrawal                      D Beneficiary withdrawal
20. A Transfer Payout Annuity (TPA) is an annuity option that provides for transfers and withdrawals of accumulated funds in \_\_\_\_ annual installments
- A 15                      B 12                      C 10                      D 5
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ phase is the time period when money is added to the annuity.
- A distribution                      B accumulation                      C annuitization                      D maturation

22. Annuities can be purchased by single payments or flexible payments or as an  
A immediate annuity.      B deferred annuity.      C tuition annuity.      D fixed annuity.
23. Due to the 10% IRS penalty for money taken out before one reaches age 59 ½, most insurance companies allow the individual to withdraw up to \_\_\_\_\_ of assets before they impose a surrender charge.  
A 5%      B 10%      C 15%      D 30%
24. Most annuities allow one to withdraw either interest earnings or up to \_\_\_\_\_ per year without a penalty  
A 5%      B 15%      C 20%      D 25%
25. An individual can avoid any taxes or penalties, however, by making a \_\_\_\_\_ to another annuity, regardless of age.  
A 1045 Tax-Free Exchange      C 1035 Tax-Free Exchange  
B 1025 Tax-Free Exchange      D 1065 Tax-Free Exchange
26. *The final disadvantage of annuities is that if a person had to take his money out before age 59½, he would incur a \_\_\_\_\_ penalty in addition to ordinary income taxes.*  
A 5%      B 15%      C 20%      D 10%
27. Life With Period Certain could have specified time periods such as  
A 3 or 9 years.      B 10 or 20 years.      C 1 or 5 years.      D 5 or 8 years.
28. An annuity rider is a feature on an annuity that provides an additional benefit such as nursing home costs. A bonus rider would give an extra \_\_\_\_\_ of an investment upon buying the annuity.  
A 2 to 7%      B 5 to 8%      C 3 to 5%      D 1 to 5%
29. Annuity surrender charges do not apply to \_\_\_\_\_ annuities because, once an individual has purchased the contract, it cannot be surrendered.  
A deferred      B tuition      C immediate      D split
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a fixed charge per premium payment or other transaction.  
A charge fee      B payment fee      C annuity fee      D transaction fee
31. \_\_\_\_\_ is the placement of a certain amount of one's investment capital within different types of asset classes  
A Dollar Allocation      C **Asset Allocation**  
B Capital Allocation      D Investment Allocation

32. \_\_\_\_\_ replaces emotion with consistency and helps reduce market risk.
- A Domestic Equity  
B Valuation  
C Underlying Portfolio  
D Dollar Cost Averaging
33. The actively managed portfolio seeks high current income and, secondarily, growth of capital by investing primarily in
- A high-yielding corporate bonds.  
B low-yielding corporate bonds.  
C high-yielding stock bonds.  
D low-yielding government bonds.
34. An investor should review an annuity portfolio at least
- A once a month.      B once a year.      C twice a year.      D weekly.
35. Most of these annuities credit around to the cash values remaining in the annuity while the annuitant is receiving the income.
- A 6%                      B 3%                      C 9%                      D 12%
36. One of the best vehicles to accumulate funds to supplement retirement income from Social Security and qualified retirement plans is a
- A funded annuity.  
B qualified annuity.  
C retirement annuity.  
D nonqualified annuity.
37. The amount that is taxable will be determined at the time he or she elects to annuitize the policy. A calculation will be made by the insurance company to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ which will determine the percentage of each payment that will be excluded from income tax.
- A taxable ratio      B payment ratio      C exclusion ratio      D deductible ratio
38. A tax-deferred annuity offers the same benefits as a non-deductible IRA, but without the \$6,000 contribution limit, the mandatory withdrawal requirement at age \_\_\_\_\_, and without all of the record keeping and reporting requirements.
- A 69½                      B 72                      C 59½                      D 65.
39. At the annuitant's death, the death benefit will be paid to the non-spousal beneficiaries who have been designated so the transfer will avoid
- A accumulation.      B distribution.      C taxation.      D probate.
40. The Required Minimum Distribution amounts generally must be withdrawn each year beginning after an individual reaches age \_\_\_\_\_ and severe penalties are imposed if he or she fails to withdraw the full Required Minimum Distribution amount from a pre-tax plans and policies.
- A 64½                      B 59½                      C 72                      D 60½
41. As regards new agents, which of the following is the number of training hours required under the Best Interest Regulation?
- A 12                      B 4                      C 3                      D 2

42. Situations when Duty of Care Obligation does NOT apply would include which of the following?
- A No recommendation was made
  - B A recommendation was made but later found to have been based on inaccurate information provided by the customer
  - C The customer had a previous annuity transaction not recommended by the agent
  - D All of the above
43. In a replacement or exchange situation, all of the following should be considered EXCEPT:
- A Surrender charges
  - B Loss of Benefits
  - C The customer had a previous annuity exchanged/replaced within the last ten (10) years
  - D The replacement should benefit the customer when compared to the contract being replaced
44. An important consideration is whether the customer has previously exchanged/replaced an annuity within the previous how many years?
- A 3                                      B 5                                      C 8                                      D 10
45. Producer Relationship Disclosure requires which of the following to be disclosed to the potential customer?
- A How the producer is to be compensated
  - B Has the producer changed insurance companies within the past five years
  - C Is the producer single or married
  - D Does the producer have at least seven (7) years experience in the business
46. In order to market variable products which of the following must be true?
- A The agent must have five (5) years experience
  - B The agent must be life insurance licensed only
  - C The agent must be both life and securities licensed
  - D The agent must be securities licensed only
47. As regards Consumer Profile Information, which of the following are important in order to make a suitable recommendation?
- A Financial situation and needs                      C Financial objectives
  - B Financial experience                                      D All of the above
48. All of the following are important in making a recommendation that is suitable EXCEPT
- A Age                                      B Tax Status                                      C Liquidity Needs                      D Place of Residence
49. **When a potential customer refuses to provide relevant information needed to make a suitable recommendation, the agent is required to do which of the following?**



- A Have the customer sign the Customer Refusal to Provide Information Form
- B Refer them to the agent's supervisor
- C Have the Kentucky Replacement Form completed
- D Do nothing and proceed with the sale

50. Which of the following statements is correct?

- A How the producer is compensated is none of the client's business
- B Best Interest reduced Annuity Suitability requirements
- C The agent/producer has no additional training requirements under the new Best Interest regulation
- D Best Interest added additional requirements to Annuity Suitability