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**\*\*\* EXAMINATION \*\*\***

**TEXAS SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT -  
CHAPTER 134 OF THE TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCES CODE**

1. **Lignite is**
  - a) a form of coal
  - b) a raw form of uranium
  - c) a raw form of sandstone
  - d) None of the above
  
2. **The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 is**
  - a) also known as the Federal Act
  - b) also known as the Surface Act
  - c) also known as the Environmental Act
  - d) None of the above
  
3. **Clay, stone, and sand are**
  - a) forms of coal
  - b) known as 'other minerals'
  - c) forms of lignite
  - d) Any of the above
  
4. **A person is engaged in coal mining if he intends to remove more than**
  - a) 50 tons of coal within 12 consecutive months in one location
  - b) 100 tons of coal within 12 consecutive months in one location
  - c) 150 tons of coal within 12 consecutive months in one location
  - d) 250 tons of coal within 12 consecutive months in one location
  
5. **This chapter does not apply to extraction of coal**
  - a) by a federal highway department
  - b) by a state highway department
  - c) by a local highway department
  - d) None of the above
  
6. **This chapter does not apply to surface coal mining in existence**
  - a) before August 3, 1971
  - b) before August 3, 1974
  - c) before August 3, 1977
  - d) before August 3, 1980

7. **An employee of the commission may have a financial interest**
  - a) up to 10% of the operation
  - b) up to 20% of the operation
  - c) up to 30% of the operation
  - d) None of the above
8. **The fine for commission employee conflict of interest is**
  - a) not more than \$1,500
  - b) not more than \$2,000
  - c) not more than \$2,500
  - d) not more than \$3,000
9. **The commission has the power to**
  - a) issue permits
  - b) revoke permits
  - c) order cessation of operations
  - d) All of the above
10. **The commission has exclusive jurisdiction over**
  - a) reclamation operations
  - b) iron ore mining
  - c) iron ore gravel mining
  - d) All of the above
11. **Mining operations may be exempt from commission jurisdiction if**
  - a) the depth of the mining is less than 30 inches deep
  - b) the depth of the mining is less than 45 inches deep
  - c) the depth of the mining is less than 60 inches deep
  - d) the depth of the mining is less than 90 inches deep
12. **An notice of intent to explore shall include**
  - a) the description of the exploration area
  - b) the period of proposed exploration
  - c) the provisions for reclaiming
  - d) All of the above
13. **Reclamation includes**
  - a) repair of excavations
  - b) provisions for roads
  - c) removal of equipment
  - d) All of the above
14. **A commission statement shall include**
  - a) the value of coal resources in the area
  - b) the demand for coal resources
  - c) the estimated payroll for the mine
  - d) All of the above

15. **Surface coal mining operations are permitted for 30 days**
- a) within registered historic sites
  - b) within existing road right-of-ways
  - c) within publicly owned parks
  - d) None of the above
16. **Surface coal mining operations may be permitted**
- a) over 50 feet from a cemetery
  - b) over 100 feet from a cemetery
  - c) over 200 feet from a cemetery
  - d) over 300 feet from a cemetery
17. **Surface coal mining operations may be permitted**
- a) over 100 feet from a public park
  - b) over 200 feet from a public park
  - c) over 300 feet from a public park
  - d) over 400 feet from a public park
18. **The following information is confidential:**
- a) test borings
  - b) core samplings
  - c) mineral deposits
  - d) All of the above
19. **Commission findings to determine prime farmland are based on**
- a) soil type
  - b) slope
  - c) both a and b
  - d) None of the above
20. **Climate factors affecting the reclamation area include**
- a) the average seasonal precipitation
  - b) the average direction and velocity of prevailing winds
  - c) the seasonal temperature ranges
  - d) All of the above

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