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 - a. directing, coaching, supporting, and delegating.
 - b. authority, abdication, entrustment, and commitment.
 - c. authority, task, responsibility, and accountability.
 - d. flexibility, diagnosis, communication, and decisionmaking.

2. Situational leadership requires three basic skills, which are
 - a. controlling, supervising, and structuring.
 - b. flexibility, diagnosis, and communication.
 - c. listening, explaining, and facilitating.
 - d. problem-solving, supervision, and feedback.

3. Directive behavior is characterized by
 - a. two-way communication.
 - b. listening.
 - c. one-way communication.
 - d. explaining decisions.

4. Competence is a function of an individual's
 - a. enthusiasm.
 - b. confidence and motivation.
 - c. contributions.
 - d. knowledge and skills.

5. Coaching is most appropriate for individuals who
 - a. have mastered the required skill.
 - b. are highly motivated and willing to assume responsibility.
 - c. need positive reinforcement to restore self-confidence.
 - d. lack competence.

6. Delegation is defined as
 - a. the abdication of supervisory authority.
 - b. the shifting of responsibility to a subordinate.
 - c. the sharing of authority, responsibility, and accountability between two or more people.
 - d. the blind trust accorded a subordinate by the Company Officer (CO).
7. Delegation is advantageous in that
 - a. it helps to increase morale.
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 - d. all of the above.
8. Delegation to "the right person" would require the CO to consider
 - a. which subordinate is competent.
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9. Of the following tasks, which would be the most appropriate for delegation?
 - a. The completing of annual personnel evaluations of subordinates.
 - b. The counseling of a problem subordinate.
 - c. The design of preplans for a new shopping complex.
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10. Delegating for success would require
 - a. clearly defining responsibility--what is involved.
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 - c. forgetting about the delegated task and focusing attention on own tasks.
 - d. none of the above.
11. Coaching involves
 - a. an abuse of coercive power.
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 - c. creating insecurity.
 - d. organizing subordinates.

12. Three characteristics of an effective coach are
 - a. authority, charisma, and acceptance.
 - b. negotiating, influencing, and risk-taking.
 - c. vision, self-confidence, and humility.
 - d. reputation, formal position, and expertise.
13. Effective leadership involves
 - a. recognizing that the individual player deserves special attention.
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14. Mentoring is
 - a. working with someone to solve a problem.
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 - d. correcting unsatisfactory behavior.
15. If performance is satisfactory, the leader needs to
 - a. determine whether or not there is a skill deficiency.
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16. Which of the following is a **false** statement regarding the importance of discipline to the CO?
 - a. Discipline decreases company efficiency.
 - b. Discipline provides the framework for equitable and fair treatment.
 - c. Discipline provides the CO with tools to deal with improper behavior.
 - d. Discipline contributes to the CO's power base.
17. When conducting a disciplinary interview it is important to
 - a. argue.
 - b. lose your temper.
 - c. state your expectations for future behavior.
 - d. not mention appeal procedures.

18. Being unclear about violations of rules when disciplining employees might result in
 - a. increased morale.
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 - c. everyone feeling like a winner.
 - d. unfairness to an employee.
19. Which of the following statements is **incorrect** when dealing with "bizarre" employee behavior?
 - a. Avoid inappropriate reactions.
 - b. Don't use normal disciplinary procedures.
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 - d. Document your actions.
20. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
 - a. Transfer your problem personnel whenever possible.
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