Instructions

The following forty (40) questions will test your familiarity with the Bluebook (20th Edition). While you may use the online Bluebook, this test was written with and the answers correspond to the 20th PRINT edition.

The test is, of course, open book, and you should check closely with the relevant sections of the Bluebook. Please download the PDF available in the Materials section of the competition website and use it to take the test. If you discover any variation between the interactive online version and the PDF version, please use the PDF version of this exam in selecting the correct answer from the website options. Please make sure you retain a copy of the answers you submit for this exam.

Many of the questions involve finding errors in footnotes and others involve finding errors in text. The question will clearly state if you are looking at a textual sentence or a footnote. A number appearing a few spaces before the citation further indicates that the citation is a footnote.

Please note that some authorities cited are fictional. Although some of the article titles are nonexistent, please note that some journals and newspapers cited are real and should be checked against the Bluebook to make sure that the real sources are correctly named, formatted, and abbreviated (as applicable).

Do not look for “mistakes” consisting of made-up law review articles or years that do not match up with the volume number. For example, although Volume 16 of the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics was published in 2002-03, for the purposes of this test, it is not considered an error for the citation to read: 16 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1 (1998).

These questions test your familiarity with the Bluebook. While an answer may be correct or incorrect based on formatting (i.e., small caps versus italics) or missing or incorrect punctuation, we are not testing your ability to determine spacing or lack thereof. In other words, do not consider a citation incorrect because a space is missing or present when it should not be.

As noted, this test has forty questions. Your answers can earn you a raw score from zero (0) to forty (40), based on the number of questions answered correctly. This raw score will be translated on a zero (0) to five (5) scale to be incorporated into your write-on grade. You will receive 1/8 point for every correct answer for a total possible score of five (5) points. That score will be added to your average score on the case comment portion of the Write On Competition.

Again, please make sure you retain a copy of the answers you submit for this exam.

If you need any accommodations for a disability in taking this test, please contact Mara Bellino, Disability Services Coordinator at Georgetown Law, at (202) 662-4042 or mcb260@law.georgetown.edu
**Question 1**

The following footnote is citing to a case with more than one decision in the same year. Does the citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

**Question 2**

Amy Pond has written a book that was cited in footnote 10. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?

22. POND, supra note 10, ¶ 23.04.

A. Yes
B. No

**Question 3**

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?

3. FREDERICK DOUGLASS, THE HYPOCRISY OF AMERICAN SLAVERY (1852).

A. Yes
B. No

**Question 4**

Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

**Question 5**

The following citation appears in a law review footnote. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?

A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 6**

The following citation appears in a law review footnote. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?

6. In Canada, it is illegal to participate “as an actor, a performer or an assistant in any capacity, in an immoral, indecent or obscene performance, entertainment or representation in a theatre.” Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985, c C-46 (Can.).

A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 7**

The following appears in a law review footnote. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?

7. Judge Posner responded that “Fountain and Silverstein cannot now make restitution. The point of the order is to make sure that should they ever be able to do so out of the earnings from the press or the media, they shall do so. This is a reasonable measure which requires no findings of fact.”

A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 8**

A law review article is citing to case about a parcel of property located on Eads Street in Arlington, Virginia. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 9**

A law review article is citing to two cases, the first of which directly states the contrary of the main proposition and the second of which supports a proposition contrary to that same proposition. Does the footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No
Question 10

The Organization of American States has an autonomous organization, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, whose mission it is to promote and protect human rights in the American hemisphere. A law review article is citing to a case decided by this body. Does the footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

Question 11

Assuming all of the authorities are equally helpful, does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

Question 12

Straun Rodger gave a statement before the House Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, chaired by Congressman Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia. The hearing was held on September 23, 2013, during the 113th session on bill H.R. 228. Does the following citation found in a law review article follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

Question 13

The following sentence appears in the text of a law review article. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?

Perhaps the most beloved and cited School House Rock video is the one with Lynn Ahrens singing the Preamble to the federal Constitution.
Question 14

The following footnote appears in a law review article. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 15

Does the following footnote in a law review article follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 16

A law review article is citing to a rather lengthy footnote that spans two pages. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 17

The following footnote is citing to a document that is available in HTML and as a PDF. Does the footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 18

The following citation appears in a law review article. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?
18. Catholic Canon Law provides: “A religious raised to the episcopate remains a member of his institute but is subject only to the Roman Pontiff by virtue of the vow of obedience.” 1983 CODE c.452, § 7.

A. Yes
B. No

**Question 19**

The following citation appears in a law review article. Does it follow the proper Bluebook format?

19. Though the Supreme Court said, in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 559 U.S. 662, 679 (2009), that “while legal conclusions can provide the framework of a complaint, they must be supported by factual allegations,” the line between conclusions and facts can be very thin.

A. Yes
B. No

**Question 20**

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

**Question 21**

Your summer employer has asked you to check the citation in the legal brief she drafted. Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

**Question 22**

A law review article is citing to an article published in a journal that does not use volume numbers but is consecutively paginated throughout each volume. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

**Question 23**

A law review article is citing to a dissenting opinion of a case that reached the Supreme Court. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 24**

A law review article about protected areas in the United States opens with a background of various legislation passed to further that aim. The first fifteen footnotes cite to the various acts, the last of which cites to The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The next footnote cites in full to Hakensack River Keepers v. Malin, the most recent case interpreting the Act to reach the Supreme Court. Over the course of the next seven footnote, the article then backtracks to discuss the Act’s history in court. Immediately following the discussion of the Act’s history in court, the article circles back to a discussion of Malin. Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 25**

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?

25.   BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, *Drive All Night, on THE RIVER* (Columbia Records 1980).

A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 26**

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No
Question 27

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 28

Assuming the authorities are equally helpful, does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 29

A law review article is citing to Slitheen v. Taco Cabana, Inc. Two Pesos, Inc. bought out Taco Cabana by the time the case was heard on appeal. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 30

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 31

Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?

Question 32

Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?

32. The date of the start of the history of the U.S. is a subject of constant debate among historians. Some argue that it begins with the arrival of Christopher Columbus while others start with the American frontier in 1600.

A. Yes
B. No

Question 33

A law review article is citing to a social media feed. Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 34

A law review article is citing to a case that has not been reported but is available on LEXIS. Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes
B. No

Question 35

The following sentence appears in the text of a law review article. Does it follow the proper Bluebook form?

Professor Julie O’Sullivan is an expert in the concept of mens rea, an essential element of a crime.

A. Yes
B. No

Question 36
As a result of the controversy surrounding the 2000 Presidential election, the House and the Senate passed, and the President signed, The Help America Vote Act of 2004. A law review article is now citing to that 2004 federal law. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 37**

A law review article is citing to another article that is scheduled for publication. Does the following footnote follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 38**

The Internal Revenue Code is published in various volumes of the United States Statutes at Large, and separately as Title 26 of the United States Code. Does the following citation follow the proper Bluebook format?


A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 39**

Does the following sentence that appears in the text of a law review article follow the proper Bluebook format?

The 103rd Congress is expected to take a harder line on immigration issues than the 102nd Congress did.

A. Yes  
B. No

**Question 40**

An author is including the first part of a sentence that originally appeared in a law review article. Does the following sentence follow the proper Bluebook format?

The 103rd Congress is expected to take a harder line on immigration issues than the 102nd Congress did.
“Lawyers and judges will use the words of popular music artists in an attempt to grab a reader’s attention or advance the writer’s thesis…”

A. Yes
B. No