PA Mining Law

Section 201 to Section 210

1. Only a _____ shall direct the work force in matters that involve the safety of the employees.

    a. certified miner
    b. certified official
    c. certified machine runner
    d. any of the above

2. It shall be the duty of _____ and _____ to see that others comply with the provisions of this act.

    a. the operator and the superintendent
    b. the superintendent and the mine foreman
    c. all certified officials and certified miners
    d. all operators and certified officials

3. The operator and all mine officials shall comply with and follow:

    a. all mining plans.
    b. all rules and regulations of the operator.
    c. all rules and provisions that are in harmony with this act.
    d. all of the above.

4. During coal production, an assistant mine foreman shall be assigned to:

    a. one working section.
    b. two working sections.
    c. one working section and the main travelway.
    d. all of the above.

5. The assistant mine foreman may perform additional duties provided that he:

    a. assigns the miner operator to make decisions while he is away from the section.
    b. spends a majority of his time with the coal crew.
    c. is able to pre-shift the section for the next shift.
    d. all of the above.

6. Every superintendent, mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, mine examiner, and mine electrician shall represent the Commonwealth and shall be deemed an officer of the Commonwealth in enforcing the provisions of this act.

a. True
b. False

7. In order to be able to take the examination for Mine Foreman or Mine Electrician, the applicant must have at least _____ years of underground experience with at least _____ of those years in the working section.

a. 5, 5
b. 5, 4
c. 5, 3
d. 5, 2

8. In order to take the examination for Assistant Mine Foreman, the applicant must have at least _____ years of underground experience with at least _____ of those years in the working section.

a. 4, 4
b. 4, 3
c. 4, 2
d. 4, 1

9. In order to take the examination for Mine Examiner, the applicant must have at least _____ years of underground experience with at least _____ of those years in the working section.

a. 3, 3
b. 3, 2
c. 3, 1
d. all of the above apply

10. If an applicant for the Mine Foreman's examination possesses a bachelor's degree in mining engineering or an associate's degree in mining technology from a recognized institution of higher learning, the minimum work experience required is:

a. 5 years underground experience with 5 years in the working section.
b. 4 years underground with 4 years in the working section.
c. 3 years underground with 1 year in the working section.
d. 4 years underground with 1 year in the working section.

11. All applicants that intend to take any mine official examination shall be able to read and write the English language _____.

a. marginally
b. superficially
c. intelligently
d. and be able to spell reasonably well

12. Certificates of qualification as Mine Foreman shall be given to individuals that have given the department satisfactory evidence of their ability to perform the duties as Mine Foreman, and have received a minimum score of _____ on the examination.

a. 70%
b. 75%
c. 80%
d. 90%

13. A successful candidate for Assistant Mine Foreman certification must achieve a score of at least _____ on the exam.

a. 70%
b. 75%
c. 80%
d. 85%

14. A successful candidate for Mine Examiner or Mine Electrician certification must achieve at least _____ on the exam.

a. 70%
b. 75%
c. 80%
d. 90%

15. While Mine Foreman candidates are being trained at the mine site, they shall be able to direct the work force.

a. True
b. False

16. Foreman trainees can make official exams while under the direction of the person conducting the training.

a. True
b. False

17. Any person holding a miner's certificate can have as many as _____ non-certified men working under him.

a. 1
b. 2
c. there is no limit on the amount of non-certified men working under him
d. none of the above

18. The Mine Foreman may appoint a mine examiner who is willing to act as an assistant mine foreman if:

a. there is an emergency.
b. there is no Assistant Mine Foreman at the mine to act as an Assistant Mine Foreman.
c. both a and b
d. there is no provision in the law concerning this.

19. In order to take the examination as a certified miner, he must have at least:

a. one year of experience in the mine.
b. one year of experience in the working section.
c. a sufficient amount of time in the working section to be able to pass the test.
d. $5.00 to pay for the certificate.

20. An applicant for machine runners or shot firer's certificated must demonstrate to the department his ability to:

a. take direction from the Mine Foreman.
b. listen to what the inspector has to say.
c. handle and use a gas detection device.
d. all of the above.

21. The _____ shall employ a competent and practical mine foreman for every mine.

a. operator or superintendent
b. operator only
c. superintendent only
d. there is no provision in the law concerning this statement.

22. In all mines, a _____ mine foreman shall be employed.

a. competent
b. qualified
c. temporary
d. certified

23. At every mine that uses electricity underground, a _____ mine electrician shall be employed.

a. competent
b. qualified
c. temporary
d. certified

24. The Mine Foreman shall be under the supervision and control of the:

a. department
b. superintendent
c. operator
d. both b and c

25. The _____ shall have full control of the inside workings of the mine.

a. Department
b. operator
c. superintendent
d. mine foreman

26. A mine electrician is not subject to the same penalties for violating any electrical portion of the Bituminous Coal Mining Laws of Pa. The mine foreman assumes full responsibility for any violation.

a. True
b. False