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VFW Chaplain Ethics Test

Please use a pencil to complete the test. Print your name on the Name line above. Read each question carefully. Some questions have more than one answer. When you have completed the test, place your test face down on your desk and raise your hand.

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1. Chaplain Park sees a veteran crying in a chair on a hospital visit. What should chaplain Park do?
- (A) Pretend not to notice the veteran and keep on walking past because he doesn't want to disturb him.
- (B) Approach the veteran and tell him to stop crying and "suck it up."
- (C) Approach the veteran and see if he can provide any comforting assistance.
- (D) See if there is a nurse available to take care of the veteran because chaplains don't have time for crybabies.
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2. Chaplain Bordeau, who is an Evangelical, visits a male veteran at a nursing home. When he arrives there is another male in the room visiting the veteran. Introductions are made and Chaplain Bordeau finds out that the veteran is married to the visitor. What should chaplain Bordeau do?
- (A) Break out his Bible and explain the Old Testament verses that prohibit such relationships.
- (B) Make the sign of the cross and tell the veteran and their companion that they are possessed by Satan.
- (C) Make immediate plans to leave and tell the veteran that there is another urgent matter that he must attend to.
- (D) Continue with the visit because chaplains will not discriminate, with regards to their care, based on sex, age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disabilities, socioeconomic status, or any other factors that would hamper a person's ability to receive spiritual care.

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3. The Post Commander tells chaplain Figueroa in confidence that he is having a surprise birthday party for the Sr. Vice-Commander. What should chaplain Figueroa do?
- (A) Keep the secret of the Post Commander because all chaplains are supposed to keep all information confidential.
- (B) Tell the Sr. Vice-Commander about the party.
- (C) Announce to the whole post that there will be a birthday party for the Sr. Vice-Commander.
- (D) All of the above.
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4. At a post event Chaplain Al-Habib is approached by an intoxicated Post member. The Post member wants to fight the chaplain and takes a swing at his head. What should chaplain Al-Habib do?
- (A) Punch the Post member in the face and put him in a headlock.
- (B) Try to calm the Post member down and find out what the reason is behind the outburst.
- (C) Run away from the Post member and call the police on him so that he can be charged with assault.
- (D) All of the above.
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5. Chaplain Smith went to visit a veteran in the hospital. While there he handed out material about his religion to the patient. According to VFW Chaplain ethics, is this allowed?
- (A) When the patient is sleeping, materials may be handed out.
- (B) When directed by the nurse to do so.
- (C) When the patient is awake and they know what you are handing out.
- (D) This is not allowed. Chaplains are not supposed to proselytize.
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6. Chaplain O'Roark, who is Catholic, finds out that one of the veterans in his post is deceased and that the member is of the Hindu religion. What should the chaplain do?
- (A) Make every effort to contact the religious leader of the Hindu faith to perform the memorial service.
- (B) Perform the memorial service without consulting the religious leader of the Hindu faith.
- (C) Pass off the memorial service to the District chaplain.
- (D) All of the above.

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7. Chaplain Singh is visiting with a veteran at the VFW Post. Chaplain Singh sees that the veteran's behavior has changed dramatically and they indicate that they want to harm themselves. What should chaplain Singh do?
- (A) Call the veteran crisis line at 866 and then dial 1. Professionals are on duty that are experienced in helping veterans in crisis. A chaplain should always be aware of their professional limitations.
- (B) Tell the veteran to go home and get some rest. Maybe they will feel better in the morning.
- (C) Have a couple of drinks with the veteran so that they'll feel better about themselves. If they want to do shots, all the better.
- (D) Find out if the veteran has a plan to harm themselves. If the threat to harm themselves is immediate, then isolate the veteran and call the veteran crisis line and 911. Chaplains should always consult professionals.
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8. Chaplain Pickford notices someone stealing a \$5.00 tip from the waitress at the VFW Post. What should chaplain Pickford do?
- (A) Carry on as usual. After all it was just a \$5.00 tip and maybe the person was in dire need of the money.
- (B) Tell the waitress who stole the money so that she can recover the \$5.00 tip.
- (C) Calmly confront the person who stole the \$5.00 tip because chaplains must demonstrate the utmost personal and professional integrity: truthfulness, honesty, and compassion to those who they minister to.
- (D) Punch the thief in the mouth and get the waitresses \$5.00 tip back. Waitresses have bills to pay too!

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9. Chaplain Rodriguez, a Catholic priest, goes to visit a Southern Baptist in the hospital. When Chaplain Rodriguez enters the room, he sprinkles holy water on the door frame of the room, makes the sign of the cross and with his rosary and Bible in hand proceeds to the bed of the veteran. He asks the veteran if he would like to say the rosary with him. Is Chaplain Rodriguez's behavior in keeping with the VFW Chaplain code of ethics?
- (A) Yes, because one never knows how many evil spirits are residing in a room.
- (B) Yes, because Chaplain Rodriguez is an ordained minister and he can proselytize any time that he wants.
- (C) Yes, because saying the rosary actually helps the inner spirit. Mary is the mother of God after all.
- (D) No, because those who are cared for will be provided freedom from unwanted gifts of religious literature or symbols, evangelistic and sermonizing speech, or forced acceptance of specific moral values and traditions.
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10. A veteran approaches chaplain Trinidad and want advice on marital matters. What should chaplain Trinidad to for the veteran?
- (A) Give the veteran his own personal take on marital matters.
- (B) Tell the veteran to go and have a couple of drinks at the bar because things always look better with a couple of drinks in your system.
- (C) Tell the veteran that being a marital counselor is beyond their expertise and offer to find a professional marriage counselor for them.
- (D) Change the subject matter so that the veteran will forget they asked you for advice.