introduction to va pension for field examiners & LIE’s Evaluation-Test

**Directions: Please select the best answer for each question.**

1. True/False: A beneficiary will receive the maximum New and Improved Pension rate when annual unreimbursed medical expenses equal their annual countable income.
2. Which of the following is not countable as income for New and Improved Pension purposes?
   1. Withdrawals from IRA accounts
   2. SSI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits
   3. Civil Service Retirement
   4. All of the Above
   5. A & B only
3. True/False Withdrawals from bank accounts and CD’s are considered a conversion of assets and are not countable as income for Improved Pension Purposes.
4. Which of the following is countable income for New and Improved Pension purposes?
   1. Income Tax Refunds
   2. Mineral Royalties
   3. Social Security Disability benefits
   4. All of the Above
   5. None of the above
5. True/False: Attendant fee’s may be allowed as an unreimbursed medical expense for a dependent spouse on a beneficiary’s award if the VA receives a signed statement from a physician that the spouse requires the medical/nursing care provided by an in-home attendant.
6. Which expense may be considered as paid unreimbursed medical expense?
   1. Medicare Part B premiums
   2. Prescription Medication
   3. Attendant fees for beneficiary’s entitled to A&A or Housebound benefits.
   4. all of the above
   5. A & B only
7. A referral to the PMC of jurisdiction is needed for net worth purposes when the estate is greater than what amount?
8. $50,000
9. $80,000
10. $100,000
11. $250,000
12. Yes/No: A fiduciary notifies you the beneficiary just sold their home and received $300,000 from the sale of the home. Should the Fiduciary Hub report the receipt of this money to the PMC?
13. What asset(s) are considered part of a beneficiaries “net worth” for VA Pension purposes?
    1. Single Family Dwelling
    2. Investments, such as stocks and bonds
    3. Assets located in Savings and Checking Accounts
    4. None of the above
    5. b & c only
14. True/False: A State home is considered a Medicaid-approved nursing facility and VA pension may be reduced to the $90.00 rate.
15. Which of the following are required to receive the $90.00 New and Improved Pension Medicaid Rate?

* 1. The nursing home must be Medicaid approved
  2. The beneficiary must have no dependents on their award
  3. The beneficiary is covered by a Medicaid plan for service furnished by the facility.
  4. All of the above
  5. A & C only

1. What type of VA benefit may be reduced to the $90.00 rate?
   1. Section 306 Pension
   2. New and Improved Pension
   3. DIC benefits
   4. All of the Above
2. True/False: A veteran receiving improved pension with no dependents who is admitted to a VA Nursing Home may have their VA pension benefits reduced to the $90.00 rate from the first day of the fourth month after the date of admission to the nursing home.
3. In which instances should you assist the beneficiary/fiduciary in filing, at minimum, an informal claim for Special Monthly Pension (Aid and Attendance)?
   1. Beneficiary is a patient in a nursing home due to physical or mental incapacity.
   2. Beneficiary is blind or nearly blind
   3. Beneficiary is so helpless as to require the aid of another person to perform the personal functions required in everyday living.
   4. All of the above
   5. B & C only
4. True/False: You should notify the PMC of the possible need to discontinue the Aid and Attendance allowance to a lower SMP rate (A/H) when a beneficiary has been admitted to a VAMC or Domiciliary.