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20 True or False

Decide, then check the answer and reason below each statement.

Question 1

The golden rules of accounting are three principles used to decide which account to debit and which to credit.

TRUE

The three rules cover Real, Nominal and Personal accounts respectively.

Question 2

Real accounts include Cash A/c and Building A/c.

TRUE

Real accounts are balance-sheet accounts covering assets like cash and buildings.

Question 3

Nominal accounts are closed to the profit and loss account at the end of the accounting period.

TRUE

Nominal accounts are temporary and do not carry balances forward.

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Question 4

Under the personal account rule, the receiver is debited and the giver is credited.

TRUE

This is the core rule for accounts of individuals, firms and institutions.

Question 5

In double-entry bookkeeping, every transaction must have equal debit and credit amounts.

TRUE

Unequal debits and credits mean the journal entry is incorrect.

Question 6

Purchases A/c and Sales A/c are classified as nominal accounts.

TRUE

They record trading income and expense, not assets, so they are nominal accounts.

Question 7

Capital A/c and Drawings A/c are personal accounts.

TRUE

These accounts represent the owner's dealings with the business.

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Question 8

Accounting and Financial Management for Bankers, AFM, is one of the JAIIB exam papers.

TRUE

AFM tests accounting fundamentals including the golden rules and journal entries.

Question 9

The modern approach to accounting uses five account heads: assets, liabilities, capital, revenue and expenses.

TRUE

This American approach is an alternative classification to the three traditional rules.

Question 10

Real accounts are not closed at the end of the year; their balances carry forward.

TRUE

Real account balances roll forward on the balance sheet into the next period.

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Question 11

There are five golden rules of accounting under the traditional approach.

FALSE

There are only three golden rules, one each for Real, Nominal and Personal accounts.

Question 12

The golden rules of accounting are also known as the modern American approach.

FALSE

The golden rules are the traditional or British approach, distinct from the modern approach.

Question 13

Under the real account rule, you debit what goes out and credit what comes in.

FALSE

The rule is reversed: debit what comes in, credit what goes out.

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Question 14

Under the nominal account rule, all incomes and gains are debited while expenses and losses are credited.

FALSE

The rule is reversed: debit expenses and losses, credit incomes and gains.

Question 15

Salaries A/c and Rent A/c are examples of real accounts.

FALSE

Salaries and Rent are expense accounts, so they are nominal accounts.

Question 16

Nominal accounts record a business's assets and liabilities.

FALSE

Assets and liabilities are recorded in real accounts; nominal accounts record income and expense.

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Question 17

Personal accounts are permanently closed at the end of every financial year.

FALSE

Personal accounts, like real accounts, carry balances forward rather than closing each year.

Question 18

In double-entry bookkeeping, a transaction can affect just one account.

FALSE

Every transaction must affect at least two accounts, one debited and one credited.

Question 19

The modern and traditional approaches to accounting always lead to different final journal entries.

FALSE

Both approaches lead to identical debits and credits for the same transaction.

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Question 20

Identifying the type of account is unnecessary before applying a golden rule.

FALSE

Classifying the account as Real, Nominal or Personal is required before the correct rule can be applied.

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