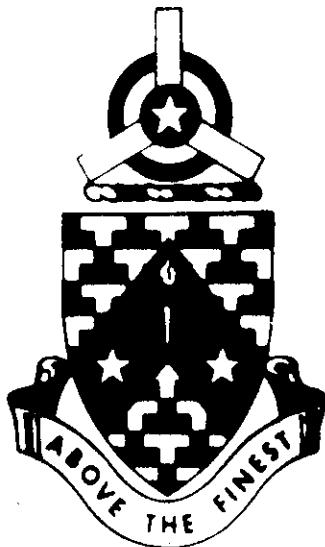


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## PREFACE

History is considered to be a prologue of the future and in this light your future as an officer is built upon the Officer's Code of Honor. It is vital that you understand the code which has guided the thoughts of our nation's leaders who have gone before you before taking your place in their ranks.

The purpose of this text is to give you, the future officer, an understanding of the elements of the Honor Code, the character standards that have been set for you by past leaders, and acts which you may be unaware of that would bring discredit upon you, the Army, or the Nation.

Upon completion of this program you will be tested on the performance objectives.

Start with Frame 1 and work each frame in succession. Each frame will ask you a question. The correct answer is printed on the top of the next frame. If you have an incorrect answer, return to the frame and determine your mistake.

## **PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this programmed text, when given a list of situations, you will correctly:

1. Identify and select the statements which best describe the elements of the Honor Code.
2. Determine the statements which describe the desired traits an officer should have.
3. Identify and select the undesirable acts which would bring discredit upon the officer, the US Army, and the Nation.
4. Also, you will correctly determine the definitions of integrity and patriotism, from a list of definitions.

FRAME 1

### "WHY THE CODE"

The warrant officer candidate applies the Honor Code as a first essential step in the performance of his official and personal responsibilities. He follows its principles in his relations with other people, military or civilian, on duty or off duty.

He will have responsibilities that will carry him to places and situations in the world requiring that his courage, integrity, and devotion to our democratic foundations remain constant. He must have something to guide his thoughts and strengthen his actions and which can be shared by his fellow officers.

The Honor Code is based on three basic, important elements:

1. Duty
2. Honor
3. Country

The Honor Code is important to an Officer because

- a. it is his guiding beacon in time of strife.
- b. it gives him a course of action to carry out his official responsibilities.
- c. defending his country sets him apart from other citizens.
- ④ it gives direction and unity to the Officer Corps and principles to live by, on duty and off duty.

ANSWER: d. His decisions concern the defense of this country.

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FRAME 7

Besides patriotism and integrity, there are other aspects that are desired in the Army officer.

Leadership - The officer is trained to lead. He becomes accustomed to receiving and completing missions. This requires him to plan work, assign missions to others, and then to see that their work is done skillfully and in co-operation with others.

Dependability - The good officer is regarded as a leader who gets things done. Failure to accomplish missions is the most condemning weakness an officer can display.

Selflessness - The officer is confronted constantly with putting someone or something ahead of his personal likes, dislikes, or preferences. When the good of the Army, or of his unit, requires him to forego something, the better officer will take the action which is for the good of the Service.

Match the following situations to the trait below.

1. Leadership C A. WOC Dean's squad has the responsibility of cleaning the broom closet. He has twenty minutes before inspection, and in considering which member of his squad he will assign the mission, on which trait should he place the most emphasis?
2. Dependability A B. LT James, the training officer, was invited to a party and planned to go, but later found out that his unit's training records were to be inspected the day following the party. LT James cancelled out on the party and spent extra time that night to make sure that his unit's records were ready for inspection. This is an example of which trait?
3. Selflessness B C. CW2 Jones was aircraft commander of the second ship in a flight of ten and enroute to the L. Z. the flight leader developed engine trouble and returned to the pick-up zone. CW2 Jones took over the lead slot and completed the mission. He has shown which of the desired traits?

ANSWER: d. It gives direction and unity to the Officer Corps and principles to live by, on duty and off duty.

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FRAME 2

"DUTY"

Duty - carrying out assigned missions to the very best of your ability.

For an Army Officer, a first requirement is the performance of his duty to the best of his ability. He must accomplish his missions on time and up to necessary standards.

There is little tolerance for half-way measures or for work of poor quality. Perform each assigned duty as if your entire reputation depended upon its successful completion.

Which statement best describes "DUTY"?

- a. Doing what you are told to do, when and how you're told to do it.
- b. Serving your country and its people with zeal.
- c. Accomplishment of tasks to the very best of your ability.
- d. Performing your duty without question or explanation.

ANSWER: 1-C, 2-A, 3-B

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## FRAME 8

### Discipline

Other desired traits of Army Officers are:

- Discipline is deeply ingrained into the successful officer as well as leadership. In order to develop discipline within his unit, the leader must set the example of discipline. Discipline is necessary because it aids the individual to withstand the shock of battle.

### Loyalty

- Loyalty is demanded in all ways from the military officer. He must be loyal to his men, to his brother officers, his unit, his commanders, and above all, to the nation he has sworn to protect.

### Care of His Men

- Second only to accomplishing his mission, the officer's duty is to improve the moral, physical, and intellectual quality of his men. It includes sound discipline, with proper use of punishment and awards. It involves fairness and justice in all things including spreading the workload and hazards among all eligible individuals; complete absence of favoritism; and never putting his own comfort or security above that of his men.

Match the following:

1. Loyalty f
2. Discipline e
3. Dependability c
4. Integrity h
5. Leadership g
6. Patriotism a
7. Selflessness d
8. Care of Men b

- a. Devotion to country.
- b. Requires planning of work, assigning missions.
- c. Gets things done.
- d. Putting someone or something ahead of own preferences.
- e. Necessary to withstand the shock of battle.
- f. Demanded and expected from brother officers, commanders, and the Nation.
- g. Second only to accomplishing the mission.
- h. Uprightness of character.

**ANSWER: c. Accomplishment of tasks to the very best of your ability.**

ANSWERS: 1. f 3. c 5. b 7. d  
2. a 4. h 6. a 8. g

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## FRAME 9

There are many undesirable acts which could bring discredit upon an officer, the Army, and his nation. Most are general knowledge or common sense, such as the following:

1. Treason
2. Immorality
3. Cheating
4. Failure to Pay Debts
5. Bad Checks
6. False Statements of Fact

Some undesirable acts are not so well known, and often done, but status as an officer and common sense point them out. Such as these following examples:

1. Minor acts for personal gain.
2. Buying merchandise in the PX for a non-military friend.
3. Selling products or services to anyone of your rank or lower.
4. Accepting gifts, special treatment, or favors from a civilian contractor or supplier to the Government.
5. Engaging in off-duty employment that would create a conflict of interest, replace a civilian on the job, or is not cleared through the commanding officer and the Judge Advocate's Office.

Would it be a discreditable act to accept \$5.00 for speaking at the local community men's club on the subject, "Viet Nam", while in uniform?

(a) Yes  
 (b) No

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AND ANSWER TO FRAME 9.

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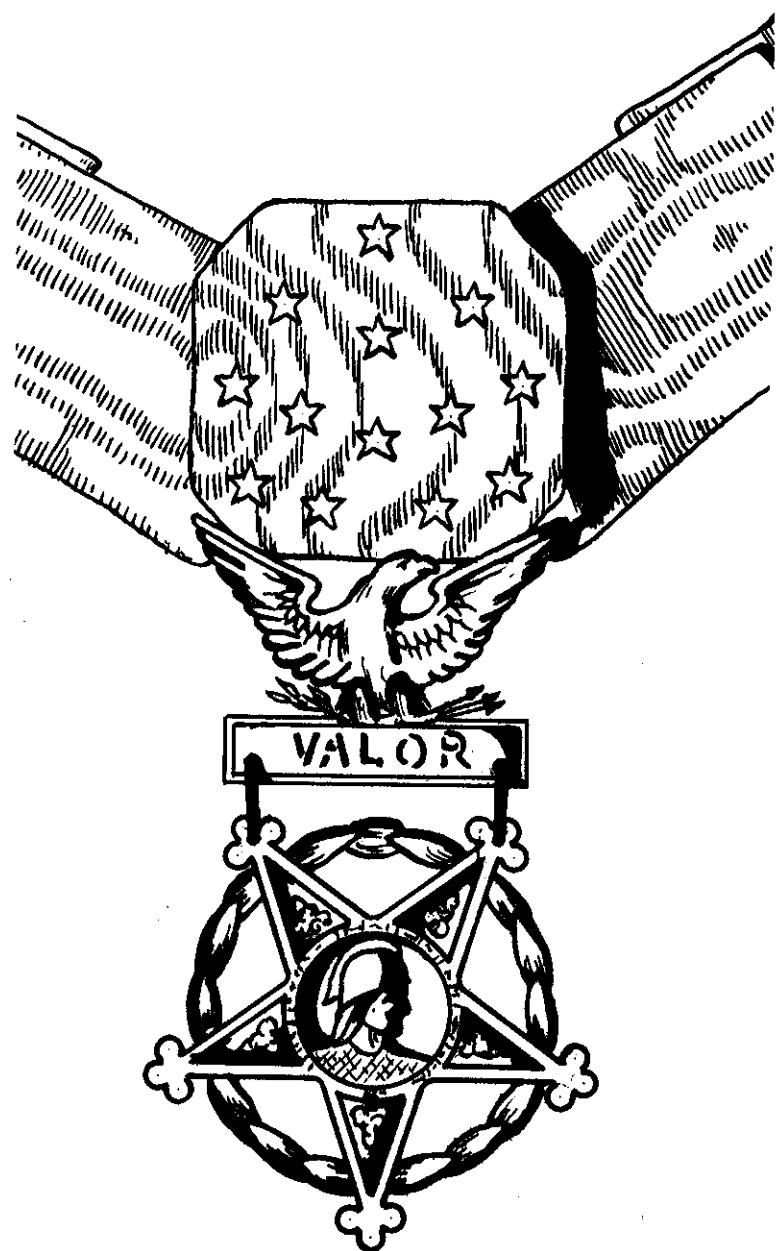
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Important because it is the highest state of honesty.



"HONOR"

FRAME 3

"HONOR"

Honor - Having the knowledge to determine right from wrong, and then having the courage to do what is right.

An officer's actions will be made on considerations for the good of his men, his unit, the Army, and his Nation. His written or spoken word may be accepted without question.

WOC Smith observed two of his classmates cheating on an examination and exposed them to the instructor. His actions were based on considerations for the good of his other classmates, the WOC Flight Program, and the Army. He is developing his character by having the courage to take a correct course of action.

(Observing violations of the Honor Code and not reporting them is also a cause for elimination from the Flight Program.)

Situation:

WOC Smith has his car for sale. WOC Brown sees him in the dayroom, and offers \$175.00 for the car. WOC Smith agrees to sell him the car at that price. Five minutes later, LT Box walks up to WOC Smith and says, "If you want to sell your car, I'll give you \$250.00 for it".

WOC Smith should -

- a. sell it to him on the spot before he changes his mind.
- b. call WOC Brown back and tell him he can't have the car because someone else has offered a better price.
- c. call WOC Brown back and tell him he can't have the car, not mentioning the reason.
- d. call WOC Brown back, and explain to him that LT Box has offered a better price, but if WOC Brown wants to beat that price, he can still have the car.

e. Tell LT Box the car has already been sold.

Question:

What does honor mean to an officer?

- a. It is the hallmark of officer-like conduct and included in personal integrity.
- b. Having the knowledge to determine right from wrong, then having the courage to do what is right.
- c. Honor is the outgrowth of an officer's character.
- d. Very important because it is the highest state of honesty.



"COUNTRY"

ANSWER: e. Tell LT Box the car has already been sold.  
b. Having the knowledge to tell right from wrong, then having the courage to do what is right.

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FRAME 4

"COUNTRY"

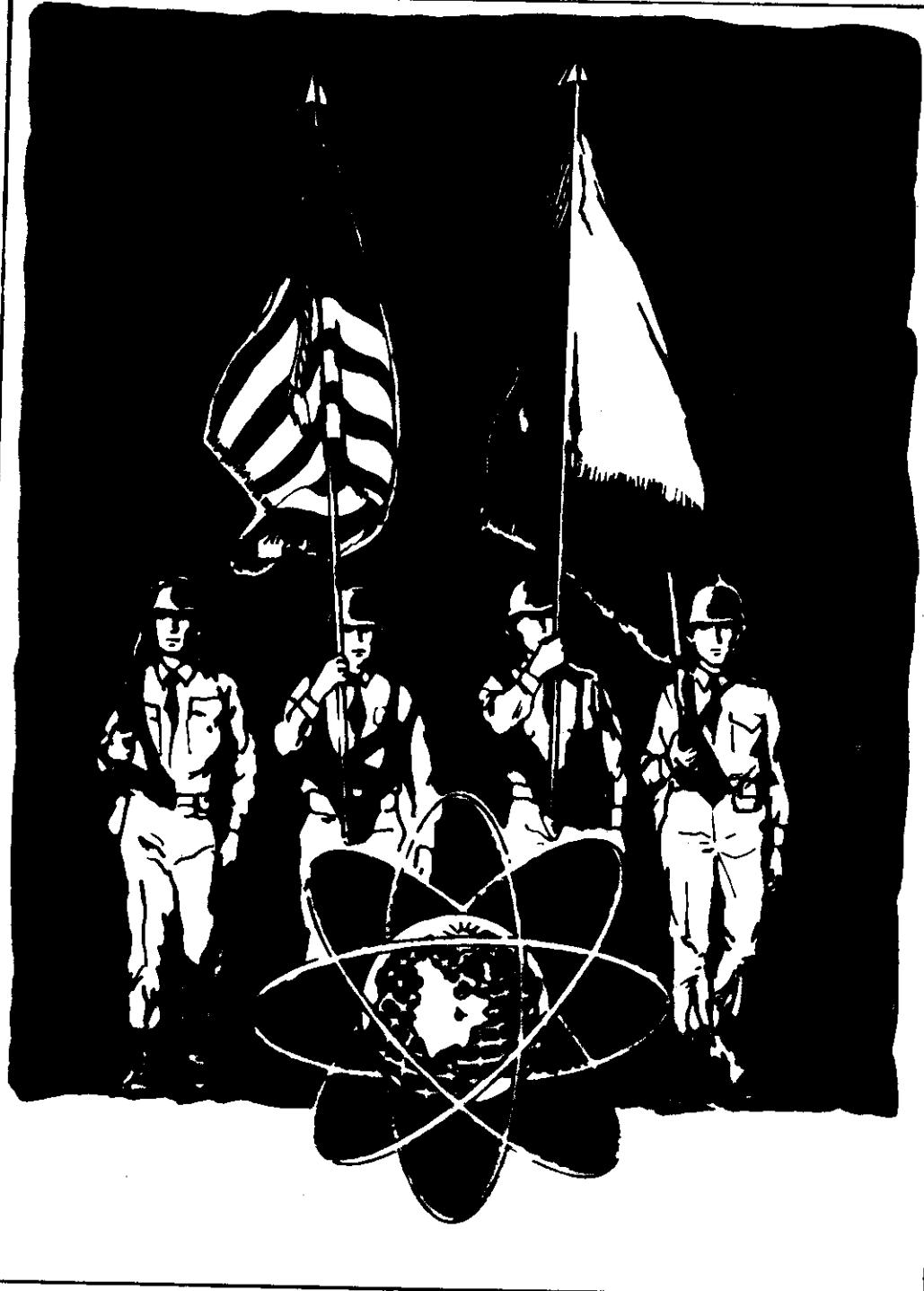
Country - An officer should live up to the oath he takes to the very best of his ability.

The responsibilities of the officer embraces all the people and his oath of office prescribes for the protection of the Constitution and the United States.

WOC Crain graduates from flight school tomorrow and will be sworn in as a warrant officer in the United States Army. He takes this oath seriously and looks forward to the challenges that will come with the responsibilities involved in taking that oath.

As a leader in the profession of arms, the responsibility of an officer to his country is to:

- a. Achieve high goals set by the leaders of his country.
- b. Set high standards for himself and the men under him for the good of his country.
- c. Live up to his oath of office to the best of his ability.
- d. Fight in any and all wars his country sees fit.



"PATRIOTISM"

ANSWER: c. Live up to his oath of office to the best of his ability.

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FRAME 5

### "PATRIOTISM"

Patriotism - Devotion to your country.

Any Army Officer is a willing patriot and willing to do all that is necessary to protect his country's freedoms and rights. The man that takes up arms in time of strife isn't necessarily a patriot. The man that works for the preservation and betterment of his country, in peace or war, is the true patriot.

Patriotism - Devotion to your country.

A citizen of this country can best show his patriotism by:

- a. Preserving the dignity of his fellow citizens.
- b. Having strong beliefs in his country's freedoms and rights.
- c. Taking it upon himself to preserve truth and honor.
- d. By being active in the solutions of the problems of his community and nation.



**"Inonesty  
is the best  
policy."**

"INTEGRITY"

ANSWER: d. By being active in the solutions of the problems of his community and nation.

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FRAME 6

### "INTEGRITY"

The people of this country place their trust in the officers of their military forces so that they may pursue their chosen vocations with minimum attention to military matters and the defense of this country. In time of war, the decisions officers make, and the orders they issue, may be matters of life or death; victory or defeat. The United States could not trust the defense of this nation to officers whose integrity was questionable.

INTEGRITY -- is the UPRIGHTNESS of character.

Integrity is important to an Army Officer because:

- a. His is a public vocation, not a private one.
- b. He should be trustworthy and loyal.
- c. He is an official of the government
- d. His decisions concern the defense of this country.

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ANSWER: yes

### SELF-EVALUATION EXERCISE

#### SITUATION:

- (1) WOC Smith has volunteered for the Flight Program.
- (2) He will receive his bars and wings after completing a course filled with hard work, challenges of leadership, intensive study, and learning to conduct himself as an officer.
- (3) He accepts all the responsibilities and hazards of his position, as well as the rights and privileges and lives up to his oath of office to the best of his ability.
- (4) He is also learning how to analyze different courses of action, decide what is the right one, then have the courage to accomplish it.

#### QUESTION 1

Which of the statements shows "COUNTRY"?

- a. Statements (1) & (3)
- b. Statement (2)
- c. Statement (3)
- d. Statements (1) & (4)

#### QUESTION 2

Which of the statements shows "HONOR"?

a. Statement (1)

b. Statement (3)

c. Statement (2)

d. Statement (4)

#### QUESTION 3

WOC Byrd has duty as Candidate Duty Officer and his roommate WOC Jones, has asked Byrd to sign him out so that he can leave early on pass. WOC Byrd refused and by doing so has:

- a. Shown that he has basic leadership traits.
- b. Lack of loyalty to a contemporary.
- c. Shown his personal integrity.
- d. Shown a superior attitude while in a command position.

SITUATION:

LT Rainer and his platoon were to be the advance party for their company. They were to deploy to location "X", recon the area, and start clearing a landing zone for the helicopters that would bring in the rest of their unit.

- (1) When LT Rainer thought he had arrived at location "X", he wasn't sure and, on the advice of his platoon sergeant, moved to a different location 2500 meters away.
- (2) By moving, he had gotten behind schedule and ordered only a slight recon of the area.
- (3) He ordered the rest of his platoon to begin clearing an L.Z. while he went to a nearby stream to wash up and cool off. At 1730 the L.Z. was finished and LT Rainer radioed for his unit to come in.
- (4) There had been no enemy contact all day, so LT Rainer decided against moving his men onto security positions around the L.Z.
- (5) When the first flight of ten ships came in, they began receiving heavy fire from three sides, resulting in two helicopters shot down in the L.Z. and many of the rest taking hits.
- (6) When LT Rainer was finally joined by his company commander, his C.O. told him that the L.Z. is in the wrong place and that the unit has suffered a 30% loss.
- (7) LT Rainer told his C.O. that he relied on the platoon's sergeant's map reading because the man was a combat veteran of 10 months and that the platoon sergeant said L.Z. security wasn't necessary because no contact was made during the day.

QUESTION 4

Which statements show LT Rainer's lack of integrity?

- a. Statements (1) & (4)
- b. Statements (2) & (5)
- c. Statements (4) & (6)
- d. Statements (3) & (7)

QUESTION 5

The results of LT Rainer's lack of dependability is shown in

a. Statements (1) & (7)

b. Statements (3) & (1) & (4)

c. Statements (4) & (7)

d. Statements (5) & (6) & (2)

## QUESTION 6

Which statements show LT Rainer's lack of care for his men?

- a. Statements (1), (4), & (3)
- b. Statements (2), (5), & (6)
- c. Statements (3), (1), & (7)
- d. Statements (4), (3), & (2)**

## SITUATION

WOC Miles, who has just been made WOC Bn. Cmdr., has needed to purchase new tires for his car for quite sometime. His brother sells tires in Ft. Worth. WOC Miles knows he has one hour open on Wednesday morning, the 17th.

- (1) He makes an appointment for his brother to come to visit him at the dayroom, and at the same time, talks about some new tires.
- (2) WOC Miles' brother came over, had a nice visit, and made a deal to get some new tires for Miles car, and he let WOC Miles deduct 10% of the normal sales commission from the price of the tires. As his brother was leaving, WOC Miles says, "If I find anyone else who needs tires, will you give me the 10% sales commission for getting you a customer?" WOC Miles' brother says, "O.K., if anyone around here needs them."
- (3) Just after his brother left, WOC Miles' roommate comes into the room. He complains to WOC Miles about being downtown and a salesman wanting to charge him outrageous prices for some new tires.
- (4) WOC Miles says, "I can get you a set of tires at least 5% cheaper than that." As a matter of fact, I can fix you up by Saturday morning. Just say the word."
- (5) WOC Miles' roommate says, "O.K.! I'll have my car where you say Saturday morning, and you can fix me up."

## QUESTION 7

In the above situation which statements would bring discredit upon WOC Miles?

- a. Statements (1) & (5)
- d. Statements (2) & (4)**
- c. Statements (2) & (1)

## SITUATION:

- (1) WOC Daniels' average is so high that he has not had to participate in mandatory study hall. It is to his advantage to sign out of the company for the Service Club and get out of the billets.
- (2) Instead of going to the Service club, which is authorized, WOC Daniels goes home to his off-post quarters and spends some time with his wife and kids.
- (3) He has talked one of the Service Club's Assistants into helping him out if someone from his unit should try to reach him.

- (4) His friend at the Service Club has Daniels' home phone number, and will call him should anything happen, then Daniels would just go back to the billets and say that he had left before the call to the Club came.
- (5) His roommates are the only ones who know of his actions because lately Daniels has been bragging to them about going home, and has asked them if they wanted to go home with him sometime.
- (6) They both have refused, but still haven't said anything to anyone about Daniels' actions.

QUESTION 8

Which statements show cause for elimination from the Flight Program?

- a. Statements (1) & (4)
- b. Statements (2) & (5)
- c. Statements (3) & (1)
- d. Statements (2) & (6)

QUESTION 9

Statement (6) best shows a lack of:

- a. Responsibility
- b. Dependability
- c. Honor
- d. Loyalty

QUESTION 10

Statement (2) best describes a lack of:

- a. Discipline - Initiative
- b. Duty - Integrity
- c. Integrity - Discipline
- d. Initiative - Integrity

QUESTION 11

WOC Daniels' actions should be corrected as soon as possible because:

- a. He is undermining the morale of his company.
- b. He is hurting his development of character as a potential officer and also that of his roommate's.
- c. He may tempt other candidates into similar acts.
- d. He would make a poor officer.

## QUESTION 12

Patriotism is defined as:

- a. Devotion to duty, with honor and integrity.
- b. Uprightness of character and honorable performance of duty to your country.
- c. Devotion to your country.

## QUESTION 13

Integrity is defined as:

- a. Uprightness of character.
- b. Devotion to your country's policy whether it be right or wrong.
- c. The practice of moral duties and the abstinence from immorality and vice.
- d. A man's attitude towards himself.

## QUESTION 14

The elements of the Honor Code are:

- a. Duty, Integrity, Honesty.
- b. Country, Honesty, Duty.
- c. Honor, Country, Duty.
- d. Duty, Integrity, Country.

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## ANSWERS TO SELF EVALUATION EXERCISE

1. c
2. d
3. c
4. d
5. d
6. d
7. b
8. d
9. c
10. c
11. b
12. c
13. a
14. c