Poll worker knowledge check

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for each question.

Question 1

A voter shows a student ID (ends 2027) with a photo but no signature. What do you do?

A. Turn the voter away.

B. Ask for a second ID that shows the voter's signature.

C. Accept it. The photo is enough.

Question 2

A voter asked for a mail ballot but didn't bring it. The office can't tell if it was received. What happens?

A. The voter can't vote today.

B. The voter votes a regular ballot.

C. The voter votes a provisional ballot.

Question 3

It's 7:00 p.m. and 12 voters are still in line. What happens?

A. Close the doors. The polls are closed.

B. Everyone already in line votes. Mark the end of the line.

C. Everyone still in line votes a provisional ballot.

Answer key

For the trainer. Page numbers refer to the Polling Place Procedures Manual (DS-DE 11, Eff. 07/24). Open each page and check it before you teach.

Question 1

Answer: B. A student ID is an acceptable photo ID, but if it has no signature, the voter must also show an ID with a signature, such as a credit card or library card (manual p. 17). Why not C? A signature comparison is still required (p. 17). Why not A? Even a voter with no acceptable ID is allowed to vote a provisional ballot (p. 18), and this voter only needs a second ID. This question follows the 07/2024 manual. From January 1, 2027, a student ID is not on the photo ID list (ch. 2026-26, s. 13), so use it only for elections before that date.

Question 2

Answer: C. If you can't verify whether the office received the mail ballot, the voter is allowed to vote a provisional ballot (manual p. 26; also listed on p. 24). Why not B? A regular ballot is for when the office confirms it has not received the mail ballot (p. 26). Why not A? Asking for a mail ballot doesn't stop anyone from voting at the polls (p. 26).

Question 3

Answer: B. At 7 p.m. the clerk announces that the polls are closed and that anyone already in line will be allowed to vote; mark the end of the line, for example with the deputy behind the last person (manual p. 36; s. 100.011(1), F.S.). Why not C? Provisional ballots after closing time are only for people who vote because a court or other order extended the hours, and those ballots are kept separate (pp. 25, 36).

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