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# OU STUDY QUIZ

## Test Your Knowledge of Kosher Supervision

Circle the correct answer. (Each question is 3 points plus one free point.)

- 1. From the list below, select the step that is not part of the process of setting up a new hashgacha?**
  - a. Ingredients review
  - b. Inspection
  - c. Production process review
  - d. Tasting the food
- 2. To determine if an ingredient is kosher it is necessary to:**
  - a. Check the subunits
  - b. Test the product in the lab
  - c. Review the USP code
  - d. X-ray to find impurities
- 3. The first step to set up a new hashgacha is to:**
  - a. Inspect the plant
  - b. Draw up a contract
  - c. Submit a list of ingredients
  - d. Print labels with an OU
- 4. A person who visits plants to check if everything is kosher is called a:**
  - a. Mashgiach
  - b. Masmid
  - c. Mechanech
  - d. Mekubal
- 5. In an OU contract, a Schedule A and Schedule B are lists of:**
  - a. Equipment and machinery
  - b. Appointments and cancellations
  - c. Ingredients and products
  - d. Plant addresses and phone numbers
- 6. There are more than \_\_\_\_ Kosher symbols. (Choose the most accurate number.)**
  - a. 100
  - b. 500
  - c. 1000
  - d. 2000
- 7. A product will be labeled OU-D**
  - a. Only if it contains dairy ingredients
  - b. Only if made on dairy equipment
  - c. If it contains dairy ingredients or is made on dairy equipment
  - d. If it contains certain chemicals which are called OU-D
- 8. Which response is not true? You can't always tell if a food item is kosher by reading the ingredients because:**
  - a. It is not necessary to list ingredients that are less than 2%
  - b. It may be prohibited because of bishul akum
  - c. Some ingredients are broad categories and it is not possible to know what is in that category
  - d. Certain ingredients can be kosher and non-Kosher, depending on the source
- 9. How complicated is kosher supervision?**
  - a. Very simple
  - b. Moderate
  - c. Very complicated
- 10. How do we generally know who certifies a product?**
  - a. Find a "K" symbol on the label
  - b. Call the Better Business Bureau
  - c. Look for the unique kosher symbol of the Rabbi or certifying agency on the label
  - d. Contact your Rabbi
- 11. How do you determine if a kosher certification is reliable?**
  - a. Check if the Rabbi's name appears in Hebrew letters on the product
  - b. Ask your friends if they rely on that supervision
  - c. Check with your Rabbi
  - d. Do a Google search on the Internet



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**12. What skills are not necessary for reliable kosher supervision?**

- a. Halachic
- b. Knowledge of ingredients
- c. Detective
- d. Math

**13. A good Mashgiach must be like:**

- a. Albert Einstein
- b. Babe Ruth
- c. Sherlock Holmes
- d. Abraham Lincoln

**14. In the realm of kashrus, "red flag ingredients" are:**

- a. Ingredients with a red color
- b. Ingredients that may be kosher or non-kosher
- c. Ingredients that are shaped like flags
- d. Ingredients manufactured by the Red Flag Company

**15. Which statement is not true? Enzymes are derived from:**

- a. Animals
- b. Plants
- c. Bacteria
- d. Earth

**16. Which item below is a surfactant that helps water and oil mix?**

- a. Enzymes
- b. Emulsifiers
- c. Flavors
- d. Vinegar

**17. True or false? Artificial grape juice flavor cannot contain grape juice.**

- a. True
- b. False

**18. Vinegar made from the following source is generally not kosher:**

- a. Sugar
- b. Beets
- c. Potatoes
- d. Grape juice

**19. Which ingredient is not produced from animal sources?**

- a. Emulsifiers
- b. Glycerin
- c. Gelatin
- d. Whey powder

**20. An insect derived red color that is commonly used in the food industry is called:**

- a. Carmine
- b. Bloody Mary
- c. Red Rover
- d. Red Ants

**21. Pure vegetable oil may contain some:**

- a. Insects
- b. Animal oil
- c. Emulsifiers
- d. Milk

**22. Gelatin comes from what animal part?**

- a. Lungs
- b. Heart
- c. Bones and hides
- d. Tail

**23. Whey powder is what status?**

- a. Dairy
- b. Pareve
- c. Meat
- d. Fish

**24. Stearic acid does not come from which source?**

- a. Animal oil
- b. Vegetable oil
- c. Fusel oil
- d. Soybean oil

**25. To be kosher, fish must have:**

- a. A tail
- b. Fins and scales
- c. Ridges
- d. Shiny skin

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**26. Fish prepared in a non-kosher fish store is problematic for all of the reasons below except:**

- a. Knives are greasy
- b. Tables are greasy
- c. Animal oil may be injected into the fish
- d. The consumer does not see the scales on the fish

**27. Bedikas tolaim means:**

- a. Checking ingredients
- b. Kashering
- c. Ritual slaughtering known as shechita
- d. Inspecting for insects

**28. Teruma and Ma'aser is separated for:**

- a. Moroccan figs
- b. Italian olive oil
- c. American pasta
- d. Israeli fruits and vegetables

**29. Which one of the following is not prohibited because of Rabbinic decree?**

- a. Bishul Akum
- b. Gevinas Akum
- c. Cholov Akum
- e. Cholov Yisrael
- a. Stam Yainum

**30. Is there a problem of Bishul Akum for apples that are cooked by a non-Jew?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**31. Rav Moshe Feinstein allowed consuming this food when there is government inspection:**

- a. Applesauce
- b. Milk
- c. Fish
- d. Hard Cheese

**32. Which answer is not true?**

**Gevinas Yisrael is:**

- a. Made with microbial rennet
- b. Supervised by a Jew
- c. A requirement for hard cheese
- d. Is made in Israel

**33. Stam Yainum is typically sold in a:**

- a. Fish store
- b. Liquor store
- c. Grocery store
- d. Candy store

Extra credit: Compose a brief essay to answer the following question. After watching the video, "Outer Space Kosher," and reading the "Basics of Kashrus," what do you know about kosher supervision that you did not know before?

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## ANSWERS

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