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On the provided answer sheet, circle T if the question is True. Otherwise, circle F on the provided answer sheet.

1. A batted ball strikes home plate. The umpire rules this a foul ball.
2. A pitched ball bounces before reaching the plate and the pitched ball goes over the plate in the strike zone. The umpire rules this a strike.
3. A pitched ball bounces before reaching the plate and the pitched ball subsequently hits the batter in the leg. The umpire awards the batter first base.
4. A bouncing ball hits third base. This is a fair ball.
5. The pitcher is in the wind-up when the batter steps out of the box. The umpire shall automatically call the pitch a strike, whether or not it is in the strike zone.
6. The batter refuses to get in the batter's box. Umpire tells the pitcher to pitch. The 1st pitch bounces in the dirt. Umpire calls pitch a strike.
7. You are at work and your boss tells you how the umpires at his son's high school game made the wrong call. With runners on first and third and one out the batter hits a pop up on the infield that was misplayed by the pitcher. All runners, including the batter-runner, advanced one base. Your boss says that an infield fly should have been called. Your boss is correct.
8. When batting out of order, the proper batter should always be called out.
9. The pitcher bounces a pitch which is hit safely by the batter. This is ruled a base hit.
10. With a runner on first base, the second baseman intentionally lets a pop fly ball fall to the ground untouched in an effort to cause a double play. This is legal.
11. If a runner is standing on his base when hit by a declared "infield fly" both the runner and batter are out.
12. A line drive that hits the pitcher's rubber and goes directly into the dugout is a foul ball.
13. One out. Runners on first and third. A long fly ball is hit to right. Runner on third tags up and leaves the base just as the right fielder catches the ball. The runner on first is off and running as soon as the ball is hit. The right fielder throws the ball to first base and the runner is doubled up at first. But, the runner from third crossed home before the first baseman tags first. This is a force play. Do not score the run.
14. Runner on first with no outs. A ground ball is hit between first and second and the batted ball hits the runner in the leg. The ball has not gone past the infielder near 2nd base. The ball is dead and both the runner from first and the batter-runner are out.
15. No outs. Runners on first and second. Ball is bunted high into the air. The umpire rules infield fly. Batter is automatically out.
16. With a 2 - 0 count on the batter, the defensive manager goes to the mound and brings in a relief pitcher. The relief pitcher works the count to 3 - 2 on the batter when the manager decides to go out to the mound and talk to the relief pitcher. This is legal.
17. A force out is no longer possible if the batter-runner is called out for passing another runner in the base path.
18. No runner may return to a missed base while the ball is dead if he has advanced to and touched a base beyond the missed one.
19. On a foul tip the ball is dead.

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20. A pop up which lands in foul territory and rolls into fair territory between home and first base is a fair ball.
21. Time out is automatic when the batter steps out of the batter's box.
22. The batter is in the batter's box when one foot is in the box and one is on the line - provided the foot that is on the line is not touching home plate.
23. If a batter requests a new ball the umpire must comply with the request.
24. A pitcher enters the game in an injury situation (the injured player being the pitcher) . The umpire allows the pitcher as many pitches as necessary to warm up.
25. Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in the rules.
26. The pitcher fakes to first with the bases loaded while straddling the rubber. This is a balk.
27. The batter is out when the catcher drops a third strike with two outs and the bases loaded.
28. A fielder throws his glove at a batted ball and misses. The umpire awards two bases.
29. The pitcher backs off the rubber and throws the ball into the stands in an attempted pickoff at first. The umpire awards the runner second base.
30. In a batting out of order situation, the proper batter is on second base when his turn to bat comes up. He is replaced by another runner so he can bat.
31. The batter triples with two outs and the bases loaded. He, however, misses second base. A proper appeal is made and he is ruled out. The umpire rules all 3 previous runners score.
32. Only the pitcher or catcher can appeal a half-swing.
33. A balk is nullified when all runners including the batter-runner advances one base.
34. If two runners occupy the same base the preceding runner is declared out.
35. The batter is out while hitting a foul ball with one foot on the ground completely out of the batter's box.
36. Runners on first with one out. The 0-2 pitch is swung at and missed. The catcher drops the pitch. The batter is out and the ball is dead.
37. No runners on base. The 0-2 pitch is swung at and missed. The pitch hits the catcher's shin guard, rebounds high into the air and is caught by the catcher before touching anything else. The umpire rules strike three - batter out.
38. One out and R2 is on second when batter B1, following catcher's interference hits a slow roller to third. The third sacker's throw is barely in time for the out at first base but the return throw to the late is too late to get the runner, who scores. The manager can choose to take the result of the play or have the interference penalized.
39. Runner on third with two outs. The runner from third breaks for home on the pitch and batter interferes with the catcher. The batter is out and no run scores.
40. Runner on third with one out. The runner from third breaks for home on the pitch and batter interferes with the catcher. The batter is out and the runner returns to third.
41. In the set position, before throwing to home, the pitcher must come to a complete stop.
42. In the set position, before throwing to first base, the pitcher must come to a complete stop.

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43. DH is batting for the pitcher. DH goes to center field, pitcher goes to left field. Old pitcher will bat in the centerfielders spot.
44. Runners on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The pitcher, while straddling the rubber, throws to first base, and the ball goes out of play. Umpire scores two runs and puts runner from first on third base.
45. A batted ball is hit into the dirt in the batters box, does not hit the batter, but then spins towards the pitching mound. The umpire rules this a foul ball.
46. The ball is dead on appeal on a half swing.
47. Runner on second with two outs. The pitcher balks, but follows through with the pitch. The batter hits the ball into center field and reaches first base safely. The runner from second base is thrown out at home. The umpire rules 3rd out - half inning is over.
48. If a pitcher balks when making an appeal, such act shall be considered a play.
49. After his pitcher has walked several batters, the manager decides to go out to the mound to talk to him. The pitcher gets behind the next batter 3-0 when the manager decides to go to the mound to bring in a relief pitcher. This is a legal move.
50. A relief pitcher enters the game with no count on the batter. He pitches one ball and two strikes to the batter. The batter is then replaced by a pinch hitter. A relief pitcher can now be brought in.

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Rule References

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| 1. | 2.00 Foul Ball | 26. | 8.05 (b) |
| 2. | 2.00 Strike | 27. | 6.05 (c) |
| 3. | 6.08 (b) | 28. | 7.05 (c) |
| 4. | 2.00 Fair Ball | 29. | 8.01 (e), 7.05 (g) |
| 5. | 6.02 (b) Penalty | 30. | 6.07 AR Play 6 |
| 6. | 6.02 (c) | 31. | 4.09 (a) |
| 7. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 32. | 9.02 (c) Comment |
| 8. | 6.07 (a) | 33. | 8.05 Penalty |
| 9. | 6.09 (a) | 34. | 7.03 (a) |
| 10. | 6.05 (l) AR | 35. | 6.06 (a) |
| 11. | 7.08 (f) | 36. | 6.05 (c) |
| 12. | 2.00 Foul Ball | 37. | 6.05 (b) Comment |
| 13. | 4.09 (a) | 38. | 6.08 (c) |
| 14. | 7.08 (f) | 39. | 7.08 (g) |
| 15. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 40. | 7.08 (g) |
| 16. | 8.06 (b) | 41. | 8.01 (b) |
| 17. | 7.08 (h) | 42. | 8.01 (b) |
| 18. | 7.10 (b) AR | 43. | 6.10 (b) |
| 19. | 2.00 Foul Tip | 44. | 8.01 (e), 7.05 (g) |
| 20. | 2.00 Fair Ball | 45. | 2.00 Fair Ball |
| 21. | 6.02 (b) Comment | 46. | 5.02 |
| 22. | 6.03 | 47. | 8.05 Penalty |
| 23. | 3.01 (e) (3) | 48. | 7.10 Comment |
| 24. | 8.03 | 49. | 8.06 (c) |
| 25. | 9.01 (c) | 50. | 3.05 (b) |