Post-Test Assessment

VUB Financial Readiness Course - Final Knowledge Check

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Circle the best answer for each question. This paper version is for backup or print-based administration.

1. [Retirement Income] How is military retirement pay calculated under the High-3 system?

A. Average of last 3 years of service × 2%
B. Average of highest 36 months of basic pay × 2.5% × years of service
C. Final basic pay × years of service
D. Total career earnings ÷ years of service

2. [Retirement Income] At what age must you begin taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from a traditional TSP or IRA if you were born after 1959?

A. 65
B. 70½
C. 73
D. 75

3. [Retirement Income] What is the maximum Social Security benefit increase for delaying claiming from Full Retirement Age (67) to age 70?

A. 8% total
B. 16% total
C. 24% total
D. 32% total

4. [Retirement Income] How does VA disability compensation interact with Social Security benefits?

A. VA disability reduces your Social Security dollar-for-dollar
B. VA disability is counted as earned income for Social Security
C. VA disability has no effect on your Social Security benefit
D. You cannot receive both VA disability and Social Security

5. [Disability & Benefits] What is a secondary service-connected condition?

A. A condition that developed after you left the military
B. A new health problem caused or worsened by a condition you're already service-connected for
C. A condition that affects your spouse
D. A condition with a rating below 30%

6. [Disability & Benefits] What is the key difference between CRDP and CRSC?

A. CRDP is for officers only; CRSC is for enlisted
B. CRDP is taxable and automatic; CRSC is tax-free and requires a combat-related application
C. CRDP pays more than CRSC in all cases
D. There is no difference -- they are the same program

7. [Disability & Benefits] What is a "claim shark"?

A. A VA-accredited attorney who helps with claims
B. An unaccredited person or company that illegally charges veterans for claims assistance
C. A type of VA benefits appeal
D. A nickname for VSO representatives

8. [Disability & Benefits] What does the VA's 36-month lookback rule apply to?

A. Military service records
B. Asset transfers before applying for VA pension

C. Medical treatment history
D. Employment records after separation

9. [Healthcare] What happens if you don't enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65?

A. Nothing -- you can enroll anytime without penalty
B. You pay a 10% premium surcharge for each year you delayed, permanently
C. You lose all VA healthcare benefits
D. Your TRICARE coverage automatically replaces Medicare

10. [Healthcare] How does TRICARE for Life work with Medicare?

A. TRICARE replaces Medicare entirely
B. Medicare pays first, TRICARE covers remaining costs as secondary
C. You must choose one or the other
D. TRICARE pays first, Medicare covers the rest

11. [Healthcare] What is Aid & Attendance?

A. A VA program that provides free home modifications
B. A tax-free VA pension enhancement for veterans who need help with daily living activities
C. A Medicare supplement for hospital stays
D. A TRICARE benefit for prescription drugs

12. [Healthcare] What is the 2026 net worth limit for VA pension eligibility?

A. $50,000
B. $100,000
C. $163,699
D. $250,000

13. [Income & Taxes] Which of these retirement income sources is completely tax-free?

A. Military retired pay
B. Social Security benefits
C. VA disability compensation
D. TSP withdrawals

14. [Income & Taxes] What is the penalty for missing a Required Minimum Distribution?

A. 10% of the missed amount
B. 25% of the missed amount
C. 50% of the missed amount
D. No penalty -- it's just a guideline

15. [Income & Taxes] Which states have NO state income tax?

A. California, New York, Illinois
B. Texas, Florida, Nevada
C. Virginia, Maryland, Ohio
D. All states tax retirement income equally

16. [Income & Taxes] What percentage of retirement-age Americans carry non-mortgage debt?

A. About 25%
B. About 50%
C. About 75%
D. About 97%

17. [Legacy & Protection] What does the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) provide?

A. A one-time lump sum payment to your spouse
B. Up to 55% of your selected base amount as a guaranteed monthly payment for your spouse's lifetime
C. Free healthcare for your surviving spouse
D. A government life insurance policy

18. [Legacy & Protection] What happened to the SBP-DIC offset in January 2023?

A. It was increased to a larger offset
B. It was fully eliminated -- surviving spouses now receive both SBP and DIC in full
C. It was renamed but stayed the same
D. Nothing changed -- the offset is still in effect

19. [Legacy & Protection] Which document ensures someone can manage your finances if you become incapacitated?

A. Last Will & Testament
B. Advance Directive
C. Durable Power of Attorney
D. Beneficiary Designation Form

20. [Legacy & Protection] What is a "trusted contact person" at a financial institution?

A. Your bank account co-signer
B. Someone the institution can contact if they suspect financial exploitation
C. The person who inherits your accounts
D. Your financial advisor