

PRACTICE EXAM 23: LIBRARIAN TRAINEE SIMULATION

(100 QUESTIONS)

This independent practice exam contains 100 questions covering the four broad areas published for the Entry Level Librarian scope. It is a study simulation, not an official examination form. Local announcements may vary in format, timing, and scoring; follow the current notice for the jurisdiction you are pursuing. Select the best answer for each item.

1. At a shared library service desk, a patron claims that a search result proves a book is authoritative. Which response is best?

- A. Accept the result because it appears near the top
- B. Reject the result because online sources are unreliable
- C. Recommend it immediately without examining its context
- D. Check the source's authority, purpose, and supporting evidence

2. While serving patrons in a youth services area, a record and a patron's statement conflict. What should the trainee do first?

- A. Assume the patron's statement is more accurate
- B. Change the record based on the conversation alone
- C. Compare the conflicting information with the authorized source
- D. Ignore the conflict unless another patron reports it

3. During a service period at a temporary outreach location, a question asks for the first step after a routine service error. Which approach is strongest?

- A. Complete every later administrative step immediately
- B. Identify the immediate risk and preserve the relevant facts

- C. Choose the most friendly response without checking facts
- D. Wait until the problem becomes more serious

4. In a scenario set at a public library meeting room, a scenario gives too little information to determine a patron's intent. What is the best conclusion?

- A. The request should be clarified before selecting a specialized response
- B. The patron clearly wants the most common resource
- C. The employee should choose the fastest available answer
- D. The request should be declined until a supervisor arrives

5. As part of routine work in a telephone reference line, a notice states that a resource is available, but the catalog record shows no location. What follows?

- A. The resource must be on the shelf somewhere
- B. The catalog record can be ignored for urgent requests
- C. The patron should search every shelf independently
- D. The resource's availability needs verification before promising access

6. While assisting the public from a library consortium help desk, two options are both professionally reasonable, but one directly addresses the stated problem. Which should be selected?

- A. Choose the option with the broadest possible benefit
- B. Choose the option requiring the most staff effort
- C. Choose the option with the closest fit to the question
- D. Choose the option containing the most technical language

7. During a supervised assignment in a library collection workroom, a trainee observes that program attendance rose after a new flyer was posted. What conclusion is justified?

- A. The flyer may have contributed, but other causes remain possible

- B. The flyer definitely caused the entire increase
- C. The program is now permanently successful
- D. The earlier promotion was proven ineffective

8. A trainee working in a new trainee orientation session learns that a patron reports one unsuccessful database search. What may reasonably be concluded?

- A. That the database contains no relevant information
- B. That search attempt did not produce the needed result
- C. That the patron cannot use research tools
- D. That the database should be removed

9. At a small municipal library, a coworker reports that an item was returned, but the circulation system still shows it out. What is the best next step?

- A. Verify the item and transaction record before changing status
- B. Change the status immediately to satisfy the coworker
- C. Tell the patron the item is permanently lost
- D. Delete the old transaction without documentation

10. While serving patrons in a rural library branch, a question includes the word except. How should the trainee read the choices?

- A. Select the choice that sounds most familiar
- B. Ignore the qualifier and choose the first true statement
- C. Identify the choice that does not fit the stated rule
- D. Treat every choice as equally correct

11. During a service period at a public reference desk, a policy describes a general rule, while the scenario supplies a specific safety fact. What should control?

- A. Apply the general rule without considering the scenario
- B. Set the policy aside whenever a patron is upset
- C. Ask the patron to decide which rule applies
- D. Apply the rule in light of the specific safety fact

12. In a scenario set at a local history room, a report contains an exact date, a vague impression, and a verified transaction number. Which is strongest evidence?

- A. The vague impression
- B. The verified transaction number
- C. The most recent personal opinion
- D. The statement with the strongest emotional wording

13. As part of routine work in a library training session, a trainee wants to conclude that a patron acted intentionally, but the facts show only an error. What is appropriate?

- A. State that the patron intended to cause the error
- B. Document the observable error without assigning an unsupported motive
- C. Remove the patron from service automatically
- D. Treat the error as proof of misconduct

14. While assisting the public from a quiet weekday service period, a service log lists several complaints from one day. What conclusion is safest?

- A. The entire service is failing permanently
- B. Every complaint has the same cause
- C. The log records several complaints that require pattern review
- D. The complainants are all mistaken

15. During a supervised assignment in a library email help channel, a patron asks which of two sources is better for a research project. What should guide the comparison?

- A. The source with the longer title
- B. The source that appears first in a search
- C. The source with the most colorful design
- D. The purpose, authority, currency, and relevance of each source

16. A trainee working in a community reading program learns that a written option adds a deadline that the scenario never states. How should it be evaluated?

- A. Treat the added deadline as an unsupported assumption
- B. Accept it because deadlines are common in libraries
- C. Assume the deadline is hidden in the question
- D. Choose it because it sounds more organized

17. At a branch undergoing a system change, a patron's description is broad enough to support several subjects. What is the best response?

- A. Select the most popular subject automatically
- B. Search one subject and stop after the first result
- C. Tell the patron to return with a complete citation
- D. Ask a focused clarifying question before narrowing the search

18. While serving patrons in a library staff handoff, a supervisor asks for a neutral incident summary. Which statement belongs in it?

- A. A guess about why the person behaved that way
- B. The time, observable action, response, and notification
- C. An insulting description of the person's attitude
- D. A rumor repeated by another employee

19. During a service period at a county library service point, a response would solve the problem but exceed the trainee's authority. What is the best choice?

- A. Preserve the facts and refer the matter through the proper channel
- B. Make the change quietly to save time
- C. Promise the outcome and explain later
- D. Ask the patron to authorize the action

20. In a scenario set at a downtown public library, a question asks for the least harmful action during uncertainty. Which option fits?

- A. Take an irreversible action before checking the facts
- B. Delay all service until complete certainty is possible
- C. Choose a reversible, authorized step that preserves later choices
- D. Choose the option that creates the most public attention

21. As part of routine work in a community learning center, a trainee sees that two similar patrons received different answers. What should be examined?

- A. Which patron complained more loudly
- B. Whether a relevant policy or factual difference explains the outcomes
- C. Whether one patron is more familiar to staff
- D. Whether the difference can be hidden from review

22. While assisting the public from a library computer area, a question describes a general rule and then gives an explicit exception. What should the answer reflect?

- A. The general rule in every circumstance
- B. The most convenient action for staff
- C. The exception when the stated facts meet its conditions
- D. A new exception invented by the trainee

23. During a supervised assignment in a circulation service point, a resource is absent from a search result. What may be concluded?

- A. The resource does not exist anywhere
- B. The library never owned the resource
- C. The catalog is inaccurate in every area
- D. The resource was not found using that search approach

24. A trainee working in a busy weekend branch learns that two people give different accounts of a service interaction. What is the soundest response?

- A. Record the disagreement and seek corroborating information
- B. Choose the account that sounds more confident
- C. Combine both accounts into one assumed fact
- D. Discard the issue because accounts differ

25. At a multilingual service setting, a candidate is unsure between two answers after reading the stem twice. What should happen next?

- A. Choose the longer answer automatically
- B. Change the answer whenever a choice uses a technical word
- C. Compare each choice with the exact facts and qualifier
- D. Select the first choice to save time

26. While serving patrons in a library makerspace, a patron leaves a public workstation without signing out. What should the trainee do?

- A. Read the open account to identify the patron
- B. Leave the session open for the next user
- C. Copy the account information into a personal note
- D. Secure the session according to the library's workstation procedure

27. During a service period at a public access computer station, a patron cannot access a licensed database from home. What is the best first response?

- A. Ask the patron to send the account password
- B. Verify the access path and the reported error without requesting a password
- C. Assume the database subscription has ended
- D. Tell the patron to use an unrelated website

28. In a scenario set at a library partnership event, a catalog search returns too many results. Which assistance is most useful?

- A. Show how to add relevant terms or filters
- B. Delete broad records from the catalog
- C. Tell the patron to open every result
- D. Replace the search with a staff-only query

29. As part of routine work in a neighborhood public library, a library system outage interrupts a transaction. What should happen first?

- A. Repeat the transaction until the system responds
- B. Erase the patron's request to avoid a backlog
- C. Promise that the system will be repaired immediately
- D. Preserve the transaction details and follow the outage procedure

30. While assisting the public from a suburban branch library, a trainee notices a bibliographic record contains an obvious error. What is appropriate?

- A. Confirm the source and use the authorized correction process
- B. Edit every related record immediately
- C. Ignore the error because users rarely notice records
- D. Delete the record and recreate it from memory

31. During a supervised assignment in a library outreach table, a patron needs remote access but is unsure which login method applies. What should the trainee do?

- A. Ask the patron to share credentials by email
- B. Explain the approved authentication steps and where to get help
- C. Disable authentication for convenience
- D. Create a personal workaround outside library systems

32. A trainee working in a shared library service desk learns that an email attachment from an unknown sender appears on a library workstation. What is the safest response?

- A. Open it to determine whether it is harmless
- B. Forward it to several staff members
- C. Do not open it and report it through the technology procedure
- D. Save it to a shared public folder

33. At a youth services area, a patron requests a digital resource in an inaccessible format. What should the trainee do?

- A. Explore an authorized accessible alternative or accommodation path
- B. Tell the patron that digital access is always equal access
- C. Change the file without checking permissions
- D. End the interaction because format is the patron's problem

34. While serving patrons in a temporary outreach location, a system error appears during a routine checkout. Which response is best?

- A. Guess a code until the checkout succeeds
- B. Create a second account for the patron
- C. Tell the patron that the item is unavailable forever
- D. Record the error and consult the designated support process

35. During a service period at a public library meeting room, a shared folder contains records that only certain staff should edit. What principle applies?

- A. Give every employee edit access for convenience
- B. Move the records to a personal device
- C. Use role-based permissions and the approved access process
- D. Print the records and discard the digital copies

36. In a scenario set at a telephone reference line, a patron's search is limited by an overly narrow filter. What should the trainee explain?

- A. That filters permanently remove records from the catalog
- B. How the filter changes the result set and how to broaden it
- C. That every filter should remain active
- D. That staff should search without telling the patron how

37. As part of routine work in a library consortium help desk, a public computer displays a previous user's saved form information. What is the priority?

- A. Protect the information and follow the workstation cleanup procedure
- B. Use the information to identify the previous user
- C. Leave it visible while helping another patron
- D. Photograph the screen for documentation

38. While assisting the public from a library collection workroom, a technology request requires a change to a production setting. What should a trainee do?

- A. Make the change during the busiest service period
- B. Confirm authorization and escalate the change through procedure
- C. Test an unapproved setting on the live system
- D. Ask the patron to approve the technical change

39. During a supervised assignment in a new trainee orientation session, the library network becomes unavailable while several users are working. What is useful communication?

- A. Claim that all library services are unavailable
- B. Blame a specific employee without evidence
- C. Explain the affected service and provide approved alternatives
- D. Tell users to keep retrying indefinitely

40. A trainee working in a small municipal library learns that a staff report includes duplicate patron entries. What should happen before merging records?

- A. Merge every similar name automatically
- B. Delete the older entry without checking
- C. Publish the duplicate list for staff discussion
- D. Verify identity and follow the authorized record-merging process

41. At a rural library branch, a trainee prepares a usage report from a spreadsheet. Which practice improves accuracy?

- A. Change values that look unusual without documentation
- B. Report only the most favorable numbers
- C. Check the source data, calculations, and reporting period
- D. Copy the file to a public workstation

42. While serving patrons in a public reference desk, a message asks a staff member to confirm a password through an unfamiliar link. What is the best response?

- A. Use the link quickly before it expires
- B. Forward the link to patrons for testing
- C. Reply with a partial password instead
- D. Avoid the link and report the message as suspicious

43. During a service period at a local history room, a patron hands a library tablet to a trainee after using an account. What should happen?

- A. End the session and remove the patron's account information
- B. Review the browsing history for service ideas
- C. Leave the account active for the next user
- D. Copy the account details into the device notes

44. In a scenario set at a library training session, a vendor update changes the appearance of a discovery interface. What should staff do?

- A. Assume every function works because the screen looks newer
- B. Test essential functions and document user-impacting changes
- C. Tell patrons to discover the changes themselves
- D. Reject all updates without evaluating them

45. As part of routine work in a quiet weekday service period, a printer queue contains a patron's sensitive document. What is the safest step?

- A. Read the document to identify its owner
- B. Leave it until the printer is next used
- C. Post it at the service desk
- D. Secure or remove the document under the print procedure

46. While assisting the public from a library email help channel, a staff-created link sends patrons to an outdated page. What should happen?

- A. Keep the link because it once worked
- B. Verify the current destination and update the authorized resource
- C. Replace it with an unverified search result
- D. Tell patrons to guess the new address

47. During a supervised assignment in a community reading program, a search engine ranking places one source first. What should the trainee explain?

- A. The first result is always the best source
- B. The last result is always unreliable
- C. Ranking is not the same as authority or relevance
- D. Search engines remove the need for source evaluation

48. A trainee working in a branch undergoing a system change learns that a patron wants help using an electronic resource but asks staff to complete all research. What is best?

- A. Teach the search steps while providing appropriate assistance
- B. Refuse to help because the patron must work alone
- C. Complete the entire assignment without explanation
- D. Change the patron's account to staff access

49. At a library staff handoff, a trainee is asked for another employee's system password. What should the trainee do?

- A. Refuse sharing; direct the request to support
- B. Share it privately to save time
- C. Write it on a public note
- D. Reset it without permission

50. While serving patrons in a county library service point, a new software feature is unfamiliar during a busy service period. What is the safest response?

- A. Experiment on a patron's live account
- B. Use documented guidance or escalate rather than improvise risky changes
- C. Disable the entire system immediately
- D. Tell users the feature has no purpose

51. During a service period at a downtown public library, a proposed purchase would fill a documented collection gap. What should guide the decision?

- A. The vendor's most colorful advertisement
- B. The item's popularity in an unrelated library
- C. Collection policy, user need, authority, currency, and access
- D. The employee's personal preference alone

52. In a scenario set at a community learning center, two records use different forms of the same creator's name. What practice helps?

- A. Deleting every record by the creator
- B. Sorting names by employee preference
- C. Using the longest version in every field
- D. Authority control and consistent access points

53. As part of routine work in a library computer area, a trainee is asked where a classified physical item belongs. What should be checked?

- A. The item's cover color
- B. The order in which it was purchased
- C. The patron's preferred shelf
- D. The classification notation and the library's shelf arrangement

54. While assisting the public from a circulation service point, a call number appears correct but the item is repeatedly misfiled. What is best?

- A. Check the call number, item record, and local shelving practice
- B. Move the item to a popular display permanently
- C. Remove the call number label
- D. Assume patrons are placing it incorrectly

55. During a supervised assignment in a busy weekend branch, a title has low circulation but remains central to local history. What follows?

- A. Withdraw it automatically because use is low
- B. Move it to general fiction without review
- C. Evaluate its mission value rather than circulation alone
- D. Replace it with the newest bestseller

56. A trainee working in a multilingual service setting learns that a serial issue arrives with a changed title and numbering pattern. What should happen?

- A. Treat every change as a new unrelated title
- B. Verify the publication information before updating the record
- C. Discard the issue because numbering changed
- D. Change the title from memory

57. At a library makerspace, a patron requests a book the library does not own. What service may help?

- A. A promise that the library will purchase it immediately
- B. A suggestion to search every staff office
- C. A replacement title chosen without clarification
- D. An authorized interlibrary-loan or resource-sharing request

58. While serving patrons in a public access computer station, a student needs an overview source for a new topic. What should guide selection?

- A. The source with the most advanced vocabulary
- B. The student's purpose, level, scope, and source reliability
- C. The first item returned by a broad search
- D. A source selected only because it is long

59. During a service period at a library partnership event, a user needs firsthand evidence about an event. Which resource type is most relevant?

- A. A later summary with no cited evidence
- B. An advertisement unrelated to the event
- C. A primary source connected directly to the event
- D. A general index without linked material

60. In a scenario set at a neighborhood public library, a health information request concerns a rapidly changing topic. What matters most?

- A. Current, authoritative information appropriate to the user's purpose
- B. An old source chosen because it is familiar
- C. A source with no author or date
- D. A summary copied from an unknown site

61. As part of routine work in a suburban branch library, a patron cannot use the standard print format comfortably. What should collection work consider?

- A. Whether every patron should use the same format
- B. Whether the patron can borrow nothing
- C. Accessible formats and the library's accommodation procedures
- D. Whether the format is attractive to staff

62. While assisting the public from a library outreach table, a community member offers an oral history item for local collection consideration. What should staff document?

- A. Only the donor's name and a guessed date
- B. Provenance, permissions, condition, and local significance
- C. A promise that the item will be displayed
- D. The item without any handling or rights record

63. During a supervised assignment in a shared library service desk, a fragile item is requested for routine handling. What is the best response?

- A. Assess condition and follow preservation or supervised-use procedures
- B. Place it on open display without protection
- C. Repair it with any available adhesive
- D. Refuse every request without offering alternatives

64. A trainee working in a youth services area learns that a returned item is marked available but cannot be found. What should staff check?

- A. The patron's personal credibility
- B. Every item in the building without a plan
- C. The title's popularity only
- D. The item record, shelving sequence, holds, and recent handling

65. At a temporary outreach location, shelf reading reveals a book in the wrong sequence. What is appropriate?

- A. Discard it because it was misfiled
- B. Change its classification without review
- C. Return it correctly and note the recurring problem
- D. Hide it in a staff-only area

66. While serving patrons in a public library meeting room, a bibliographic record lacks an important identifier. What should the trainee do?

- A. Invent an identifier from the call number
- B. Copy an identifier from an unrelated edition
- C. Delete the whole record
- D. Verify the identifier from a reliable source before adding it

67. During a service period at a telephone reference line, two editions serve the same subject but differ in currency and format. What should selection consider?

- A. The users, policy, currency, format, and available access
- B. Only the lower purchase price
- C. Only the newest cover design
- D. Whether staff personally prefer one edition

68. In a scenario set at a library consortium help desk, a subject heading does not match the user's everyday term. What assistance is useful?

- A. Tell the user the everyday term is incorrect
- B. Use related terms and authorized search paths to improve discovery
- C. Remove the subject heading from the record
- D. Search only the exact phrase first given

69. As part of routine work in a library collection workroom, a patron objects to a title in the collection. What should staff do?

- A. Remove the title immediately
- B. Listen respectfully and explain the established review process
- C. Argue that complaints are never valid
- D. Promise the title will remain without reviewing policy

70. While assisting the public from a new trainee orientation session, a collection review finds many outdated materials on a changing topic. What is the best response?

- A. Keep everything because older materials are always valuable
- B. Withdraw every item without checking use or alternatives
- C. Move the materials to a hidden shelf
- D. Evaluate currency and replace or withdraw through policy

71. During a supervised assignment in a small municipal library, an inventory count differs from the item records. What should happen?

- A. Recheck the count and reconcile discrepancies through procedure
- B. Change all records to match the first count
- C. Blame the last employee who handled items
- D. Discard the discrepancy list

72. A trainee working in a rural library branch learns that a patron asks for a freely available online resource. What should the trainee evaluate?

- A. Whether the page has the most advertisements
- B. Whether it appears first in a search
- C. Authority, relevance, accessibility, stability, and rights information
- D. Whether it requires the patron to guess its source

73. At a public reference desk, a program serves multilingual families. What resource planning is most appropriate?

- A. Offer only materials in the staff's preferred language
- B. Consider language access, community input, and usable formats
- C. Assume one translated flyer solves every barrier
- D. Avoid multilingual materials because demand is uncertain

74. While serving patrons in a local history room, a display promotes a new program. Which resource choice is strongest?

- A. Unrelated items selected only for bright covers
- B. The most expensive resources in the building
- C. Materials and information that directly support the program goal
- D. Items chosen without considering audience or accessibility

75. During a service period at a library training session, a resource record contains a rights note that limits copying. What should staff do?

- A. Respect the note and refer questions through the authorized process
- B. Assume all library resources can be copied freely
- C. Remove the rights note to simplify service
- D. Promise permission without checking the rights information

76. In a scenario set at a quiet weekday service period, a patron asks a broad question about employment resources. What should the trainee do first?

- A. Choose a resource based on the employee's interests
- B. Give a single link and end the interaction
- C. Tell the patron to search without assistance
- D. Ask clarifying questions about the goal and desired information

77. As part of routine work in a library email help channel, a person asks what another patron has borrowed. What is the best response?

- A. Provide the information if the request sounds friendly
- B. Confirm only the title and not the patron's name
- C. Ask nearby patrons whether they know
- D. Protect the information and explain the authorized privacy process

78. While assisting the public from a community reading program, a patron becomes frustrated after several unsuccessful searches. What response is most appropriate?

- A. Tell the patron the search is their responsibility
- B. Repeat the same search without discussion
- C. Acknowledge the difficulty and propose a focused next step
- D. End the interaction to protect the schedule

79. During a supervised assignment in a branch undergoing a system change, a patron complains that a policy is inconvenient. What should the trainee do?

- A. Argue that inconvenience proves the policy is wrong
- B. Listen, explain the applicable limit, and identify an available option
- C. Ignore the complaint because the rule is posted
- D. Promise an exception without authority

80. A trainee working in a library staff handoff learns that a question requires expertise outside the trainee's role. What is best?

- A. Provide a clear referral while sharing appropriate library assistance
- B. Give a confident answer regardless of expertise
- C. Refuse all assistance because the topic is specialized
- D. Search a random website and repeat its conclusion

81. At a county library service point, a patron requests an accommodation for using a service point. What should happen?

- A. Ask the patron to prove the need publicly
- B. Tell the patron that everyone must use one method
- C. Follow the accommodation process and seek authorized assistance
- D. Promise an immediate permanent change without review

82. While serving patrons in a downtown public library, a patron asks staff to break a rule for a personal reason. What is the best response?

- A. Explain the limit and offer any authorized alternative
- B. Break the rule whenever the reason sounds sympathetic
- C. Apply the rule harshly without explanation
- D. Ask another patron to approve the exception

83. During a service period at a community learning center, a parent asks for details about an older child's library activity. What should guide the response?

- A. The assumption that family relationships remove all privacy
- B. The library's privacy policy and the person's authorized access
- C. The parent's volume or urgency
- D. A staff member's personal preference

84. In a scenario set at a library computer area, a patron has limited English proficiency and needs reference help. What is most appropriate?

- A. Speak louder in English until the patron agrees
- B. Avoid the interaction because it may take longer
- C. Ask another patron to interpret sensitive details
- D. Use available language-access resources and confirm understanding

85. As part of routine work in a circulation service point, a patron complains about another user using a shared space. What should the trainee do?

- A. Remove the other user without checking the facts
- B. Tell the complainant to handle it personally
- C. Ignore the report because shared spaces are informal
- D. Clarify the concern and apply the same space-use standard

86. While assisting the public from a busy weekend branch, a line forms while one complex reference question is underway. What is the best response?

- A. Acknowledge waiting patrons and manage the service flow
- B. Ignore the line until the complex question ends
- C. End the current interaction abruptly
- D. Ask waiting patrons to leave the building

87. During a supervised assignment in a multilingual service setting, a patron's behavior creates an immediate safety concern. What should happen?

- A. Continue debating the policy to prove a point
- B. Attempt an improvised physical intervention
- C. Protect people and obtain designated assistance under procedure
- D. Ask the patron to supervise the situation

88. A trainee working in a library makerspace learns that a patron reports that a staff interaction caused a problem. What is a useful first response?

- A. Defend the employee before hearing the concern
- B. Listen, clarify the facts, and identify a corrective next step
- C. Promise discipline without reviewing the report
- D. Tell the patron that mistakes never occur

89. At a public access computer station, a patron refuses to follow a posted procedure. What should the trainee do?

- A. Explain the reason for the procedure and the available choices
- B. Threaten consequences that the trainee cannot impose
- C. Ignore the refusal and complete the transaction anyway
- D. Ask other patrons to pressure the person

90. While serving patrons in a library partnership event, a user wants help with a basic computer task. What approach best supports service?

- A. Take control and complete every step silently
- B. Demonstrate the steps while allowing the user to practice
- C. Refuse because computer skills are personal matters
- D. Change system settings without explaining them

91. During a service period at a neighborhood public library, a vulnerable patron appears confused about a service form. What should the trainee do?

- A. Complete every answer without confirming the patron's wishes
- B. Send the patron away to avoid responsibility
- C. Share the form with others for advice
- D. Explain the form clearly and involve authorized support when needed

92. In a scenario set at a suburban branch library, an outreach participant says the program is difficult to access. What should staff do?

- A. Assume the participant simply did not plan well
- B. Cancel the program immediately
- C. Ask what barrier occurred and document a possible improvement
- D. Promise every future barrier will disappear

93. As part of routine work in a library outreach table, a service issue must be handed to another employee. What information is most useful?

- A. A long personal opinion about the patron
- B. Only the patron's name without context
- C. A promise that the next employee will solve everything
- D. The request, verified facts, action taken, and next step

94. While assisting the public from a shared library service desk, a patron raises their voice but has not created a safety threat. What is the best approach?

- A. Remain calm, set respectful limits, and focus on the issue
- B. Match the patron's volume to show authority
- C. End the conversation without explaining why
- D. Promise whatever outcome will quiet the person

95. During a supervised assignment in a youth services area, a patron offers feedback after a program. How should it be used?

- A. Treat one comment as proof of universal opinion
- B. Record the specific feedback and compare it with the program goal
- C. Discard criticism because attendance was high
- D. Change the entire program without reviewing evidence

96. A trainee working in a temporary outreach location learns that two patrons request the same limited service at once. What should guide the order?

- A. Which patron appears more familiar to staff
- B. Which patron asks more loudly
- C. The published process, urgency, and equitable service standard
- D. Which request is easiest to finish

97. At a public library meeting room, a patron asks about a sensitive personal topic. What communication style is best?

- A. Use privacy, neutral language, and a focused reference interview
- B. Ask unnecessary personal questions in public
- C. Make assumptions about the patron's situation
- D. Refuse to discuss any sensitive topic

98. While serving patrons in a telephone reference line, a patron enters incorrect information on a form. What should the trainee do?

- A. Submit the form with guessed information
- B. Point out the issue respectfully and explain how to correct it
- C. Announce the mistake to nearby patrons
- D. Erase the form without explaining the problem

99. During a service period at a library consortium help desk, a patron is ready to end a reference interaction. What should the trainee confirm?

- A. That the patron agrees with every staff opinion
- B. That the patron accepts the first source offered
- C. That the interaction lasted a specific number of minutes
- D. The patron has a usable next step and knows where to return

100. In a scenario set at a library collection workroom, a patron thanks the trainee but still appears uncertain about the next step. What is best?

- A. End the interaction immediately because thanks were offered
- B. Add several unrelated resources without checking the need
- C. Invite a brief confirmation and restate the available next step
- D. Assume uncertainty means the patron rejected the assistance

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1. D — Check the source's authority, purpose, and supporting evidence. The reason is the position of a result does not establish its quality. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

2. C — Compare the conflicting information with the authorized source. The reason is the discrepancy must be checked before a conclusion is made. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

3. B — Identify the immediate risk and preserve the relevant facts. The reason is priority questions depend on risk and sequence rather than courtesy alone. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

4. A — The request should be clarified before selecting a specialized response. The reason is missing intent makes a confident specialized answer premature. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

5. D — The resource's availability needs verification before promising access. The reason is one statement does not resolve the location discrepancy. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume

unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

6. C — Choose the option with the closest fit to the question. The reason is best-answer items reward relevance to the stated task. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

7. A — The flyer may have contributed, but other causes remain possible. The reason is a change occurring after an action does not prove sole causation. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

8. B — That search attempt did not produce the needed result. The reason is one failed search is narrower than a conclusion about the whole system. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

9. A — Verify the item and transaction record before changing status. The reason is transaction discrepancies require verification and an authorized correction. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

10. C — Identify the choice that does not fit the stated rule. The reason is the qualifier changes the task from selecting a match to finding an exception. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

11. D — Apply the rule in light of the specific safety fact. The reason is specific facts can change the priority of an otherwise routine process. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

12. B — The verified transaction number. The reason is verifiable records are stronger than impressions or emotional emphasis. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

13. B — Document the observable error without assigning an unsupported motive. The reason is intent requires evidence that the scenario does not provide. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

14. C — The log records several complaints that require pattern review. The reason is the record supports review but not an exaggerated generalization. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume

unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

15. D — The purpose, authority, currency, and relevance of each source. The reason is source quality depends on fit and evidence rather than appearance. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

16. A — Treat the added deadline as an unsupported assumption. The reason is an answer cannot rely on facts absent from the stem. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

17. D — Ask a focused clarifying question before narrowing the search. The reason is clarification improves both relevance and efficient use of resources. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

18. B — The time, observable action, response, and notification. The reason is neutral documentation separates observed facts from speculation. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

19. A — Preserve the facts and refer the matter through the proper channel. The reason is authority limits remain relevant even when an outcome seems helpful. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

20. C — Choose a reversible, authorized step that preserves later choices. The reason is a reversible step limits harm while more information is obtained. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

21. B — Whether a relevant policy or factual difference explains the outcomes. The reason is consistency requires comparable treatment while allowing justified distinctions. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

22. C — The exception when the stated facts meet its conditions. The reason is an explicit exception is part of the facts controlling the decision. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

23. D — The resource was not found using that search approach. The reason is absence from one result set does not prove universal absence. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated

permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

24. A — Record the disagreement and seek corroborating information. The reason is conflicting reports call for careful corroboration rather than guesswork. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

25. C — Compare each choice with the exact facts and qualifier. The reason is rechecking fit is more reliable than using superficial answer cues. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

26. D — Secure the session according to the library's workstation procedure. The reason is public devices require protection of the previous user's information. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

27. B — Verify the access path and the reported error without requesting a password. The reason is remote access problems should be diagnosed without collecting secret credentials. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

28. A — Show how to add relevant terms or filters. The reason is search refinement improves discovery without changing shared records. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

29. D — Preserve the transaction details and follow the outage procedure. The reason is continuity depends on accurate temporary information and controlled follow-up. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

30. A — Confirm the source and use the authorized correction process. The reason is metadata corrections require verification and controlled editing. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

31. B — Explain the approved authentication steps and where to get help. The reason is clear authorized steps protect both access and account security. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

32. C — Do not open it and report it through the technology procedure. The reason is unknown attachments can create security risks and require controlled handling. Other choices miss a controlling

fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

33. A — Explore an authorized accessible alternative or accommodation path. The reason is service quality includes reducing documented access barriers. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

34. D — Record the error and consult the designated support process. The reason is documented escalation reduces repeated errors and protects records. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

35. C — Use role-based permissions and the approved access process. The reason is permissions should match job responsibility and privacy needs. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

36. B — How the filter changes the result set and how to broaden it. The reason is understanding filters supports independent and accurate searching. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

37. A — Protect the information and follow the workstation cleanup procedure. The reason is visible personal information creates an immediate privacy concern. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

38. B — Confirm authorization and escalate the change through procedure. The reason is production changes can affect many users and require control. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

39. C — Explain the affected service and provide approved alternatives. The reason is accurate communication supports service continuity without speculation. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

40. D — Verify identity and follow the authorized record-merging process. The reason is record matching can affect privacy and service history. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

41. C — Check the source data, calculations, and reporting period. The reason is reports are reliable only when inputs and scope are checked. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated

permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

42. D — Avoid the link and report the message as suspicious. The reason is unexpected credential requests are a security warning. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

43. A — End the session and remove the patron's account information. The reason is shared devices require a clean handoff between users. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

44. B — Test essential functions and document user-impacting changes. The reason is controlled testing connects interface changes to service impact. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

45. D — Secure or remove the document under the print procedure. The reason is uncollected printouts can expose private information. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

46. B — Verify the current destination and update the authorized resource. The reason is referrals depend on current, accurate destinations. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

47. C — Ranking is not the same as authority or relevance. The reason is users need help interpreting results rather than merely receiving them. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

48. A — Teach the search steps while providing appropriate assistance. The reason is instruction should support user independence and proper access. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

49. A — Refuse sharing; direct the request to support. The reason is passwords are personal security controls, not shared shortcuts. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

50. B — Use documented guidance or escalate rather than improvise risky changes. The reason is controlled learning protects service while building competence. Other choices miss a controlling fact or

assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

51. C — Collection policy, user need, authority, currency, and access. The reason is collection decisions should connect mission, evidence, and community need. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

52. D — Authority control and consistent access points. The reason is consistent forms help users find related works together. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

53. D — The classification notation and the library's shelf arrangement. The reason is location depends on the library's organizing system. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

54. A — Check the call number, item record, and local shelving practice. The reason is repeated misfiling can reflect a record or arrangement problem. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

55. C — Evaluate its mission value rather than circulation alone. The reason is collection value includes community significance and uniqueness. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

56. B — Verify the publication information before updating the record. The reason is serial control depends on accurate publication history. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

57. D — An authorized interlibrary-loan or resource-sharing request. The reason is cooperative borrowing extends access through established procedures. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

58. B — The student's purpose, level, scope, and source reliability. The reason is resource fit depends on user need and information quality. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

59. C — A primary source connected directly to the event. The reason is primary sources provide direct or near-direct evidence for inquiry. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission.

This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

60. A — Current, authoritative information appropriate to the user's purpose. The reason is currency and authority are especially important for changing subjects. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

61. C — Accessible formats and the library's accommodation procedures. The reason is format choice can determine whether access is genuinely usable. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

62. B — Provenance, permissions, condition, and local significance. The reason is local materials need context and responsible stewardship. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

63. A — Assess condition and follow preservation or supervised-use procedures. The reason is preservation balances access with protection of the resource. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

64. D — The item record, shelving sequence, holds, and recent handling. The reason is a controlled search uses records and likely locations. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

65. C — Return it correctly and note the recurring problem. The reason is accurate arrangement supports discovery and inventory. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

66. D — Verify the identifier from a reliable source before adding it. The reason is identifiers must match the specific resource and edition. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

67. A — The users, policy, currency, format, and available access. The reason is selection is a multi-factor service decision. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

68. B — Use related terms and authorized search paths to improve discovery. The reason is controlled vocabulary and user language can work together. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume

unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

69. B — Listen respectfully and explain the established review process. The reason is a consistent challenge process protects fairness and accountability. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

70. D — Evaluate currency and replace or withdraw through policy. The reason is weeding and replacement should be systematic and mission-based. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

71. A — Recheck the count and reconcile discrepancies through procedure. The reason is inventory accuracy depends on verification and traceable correction. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

72. C — Authority, relevance, accessibility, stability, and rights information. The reason is open access does not eliminate the need for evaluation. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

73. B — Consider language access, community input, and usable formats. The reason is responsive planning connects resources to the community served. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

74. C — Materials and information that directly support the program goal. The reason is displays work best when they guide users toward a purpose. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

75. A — Respect the note and refer questions through the authorized process. The reason is rights information can affect how a resource may be used. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

76. D — Ask clarifying questions about the goal and desired information. The reason is a reference interview turns a broad request into a workable need. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

77. D — Protect the information and explain the authorized privacy process. The reason is circulation information requires controlled disclosure. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated

permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

78. C — Acknowledge the difficulty and propose a focused next step. The reason is empathy paired with a concrete next step supports service recovery. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

79. B — Listen, explain the applicable limit, and identify an available option. The reason is respectful explanation can preserve trust without abandoning procedure. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

80. A — Provide a clear referral while sharing appropriate library assistance. The reason is a referral should be accurate, useful, and within role. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

81. C — Follow the accommodation process and seek authorized assistance. The reason is access needs should be handled respectfully and through procedure. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

82. A — Explain the limit and offer any authorized alternative. The reason is consistent boundaries protect both fairness and service. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

83. B — The library's privacy policy and the person's authorized access. The reason is privacy questions require policy-based authorization rather than assumption. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

84. D — Use available language-access resources and confirm understanding. The reason is language access supports accurate and dignified service. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

85. D — Clarify the concern and apply the same space-use standard. The reason is neutral fact-finding supports fair application of rules. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

86. A — Acknowledge waiting patrons and manage the service flow. The reason is communication and triage protect service for everyone. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission.

This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

87. C — Protect people and obtain designated assistance under procedure. The reason is safety takes priority over ordinary customer-service sequencing. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

88. B — Listen, clarify the facts, and identify a corrective next step. The reason is service recovery begins with accurate listening and proportionate action. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

89. A — Explain the reason for the procedure and the available choices. The reason is clear boundaries are more effective when paired with lawful options. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

90. B — Demonstrate the steps while allowing the user to practice. The reason is guided practice supports independence and preserves user control. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

91. D — Explain the form clearly and involve authorized support when needed. The reason is support should protect dignity while respecting the patron's agency. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

92. C — Ask what barrier occurred and document a possible improvement. The reason is specific feedback helps turn access concerns into practical changes. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

93. D — The request, verified facts, action taken, and next step. The reason is complete neutral handoffs reduce repetition and prevent lost details. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

94. A — Remain calm, set respectful limits, and focus on the issue. The reason is calm boundaries can de-escalate ordinary conflict. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

95. B — Record the specific feedback and compare it with the program goal. The reason is feedback is useful when interpreted with purpose and context. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume

unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

96. C — The published process, urgency, and equitable service standard. The reason is fair triage should be consistent and tied to legitimate need. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

97. A — Use privacy, neutral language, and a focused reference interview. The reason is privacy and neutral clarification support dignified assistance. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step. It also keeps the decision reviewable.

98. B — Point out the issue respectfully and explain how to correct it. The reason is accurate correction protects the patron without causing embarrassment. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

99. D — The patron has a usable next step and knows where to return. The reason is a clear closing supports independence and future access. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.

100. C — Invite a brief confirmation and restate the available next step. The reason is a concise confirmation prevents a polite but incomplete handoff. Other choices miss a controlling fact or assume unstated permission. This response answers the task, protects accuracy, and remains within authority. It is the strongest evidence-based next step.