

# OPEN BOOK TEST 2010

## Open Book Test answers

We all hope you were able to engage in some good discussions about this year's Open Book Test. Encouraging everyone to share experiences and talk about the rules with fellow officials is a major reason for setting questions each year. It was a mixture of easy and tough ones, some highlighting new rules and some that have caused us problems over the past 12 months.

The answers follow, together with an explanation for each, and we hope that it will help to ensure that we are all updated and ready for the challenges ahead!

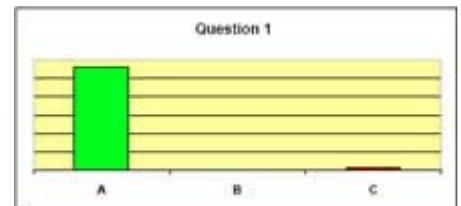
**The graphs below show the distribution of answers of each question (web replies only)**

Green: Correct answer

### Question 1

**At any Professional event can a player suffering from muscle cramping receive treatment from the trainer?**

- **A:** Yes, s/he is allowed two full changeover treatments.
- **B:** Yes, s/he may receive one Medical Time Out plus two full changeover treatments.
- **C:** No, since January 2010 this is not allowed.

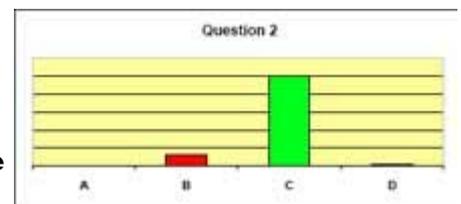


**The correct answer is A.** The rules have changed for 2010 as medical time outs are no longer allowed for muscle cramping and only two full changeover treatments are permitted. It's different if the cramping is a manifestation of a different injury where a medical time out is still ok. It is therefore necessary for the medical professionals to make these decisions and not the official.

### Question 2

**During a WTA match, the score is 4-3 in the second set. Player A is due to serve next. Player B is requesting to go to the toilet saying that she cannot wait until the set break. The chair umpire authorizes Player B to leave the court on her own time. What should happen if player B is not back on court and ready to play within the allowed time?**

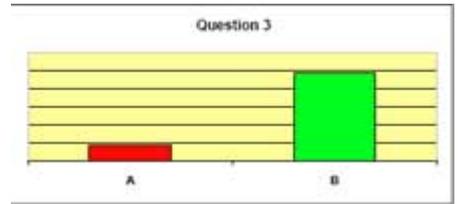
- **A:** Nothing since Player B took her toilet at a changeover, play resumes whenever she is back.
- **B:** Player B will be penalized under the Point Penalty Schedule (Code Violation Warning, Point Penalty, Game Penalty) for Delay of Game.
- **C:** Player B will be penalized with Time Violations (Warning for the 1st offense and loss of points for all subsequent infractions)
- **D:** Player B will be penalized a Time Violation for the 1st offense then by Code Violations for Delay of Game.



**C is the answer.** WTA events treat this situation differently to ATP/ITF events and use back to back Time Violations until the player returns to the court.

### Question 3

At an ATP event the trainer comes on court, evaluates for 10 seconds and spends the rest of the changeover treating the player for cramps. Does this treatment count as one of the 2 permissible changeover treatments?

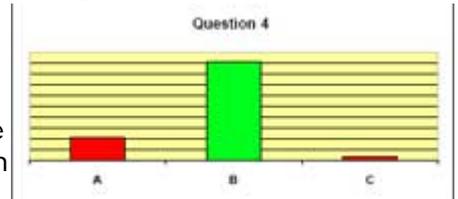


- A: Yes
- B: No

Players are allowed two full changeover treatments so if a trainer took some time to evaluate and to decide the injury was cramp the player would have the remaining time of that changeover plus the two allowed full changeovers. **The correct answer to this is therefore B.**

### Question 4

You are the Chair Umpire on a match using Electronic Review. There is a Challenge and when it is played on the screen the "mark" shown is in, but the graphic says "Out"! There is a lot of confusion and laughter but what should you do?

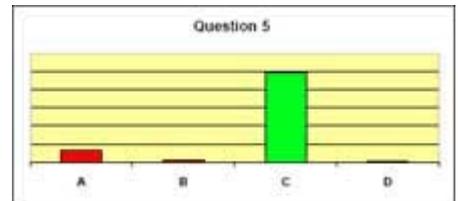


- A: The graphic is correct – confirm this with Review Official.
- B: The mark is correct – confirm this with Review Official.
- C: Replay the point.

This rare situation would certainly cause a stir! It would be diplomatic to be seen to be checking what has happened with the Review Official before then making any announcement. **The mark would be the correct answer here (answer B)**, and not the "In" or "Out" shown on the screen following guidance received from the Review Official.

### Question 5

You are the Chair Umpire in a singles match playing the best of 5 tiebreak sets and the score is 7-5 6-4 6-7 4-4. The ball change is at 7/9. Assuming that ball changes have been handled correctly so far when should you change the balls?



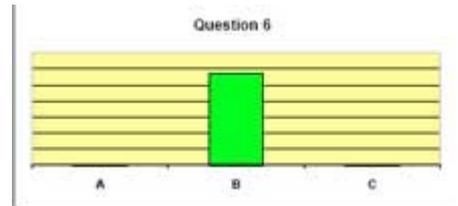
- A: Now
- B: In 1 game
- C: In 2 games
- D: You've missed it – so when the player that should have received the new balls next serves.

**The correct answer here is C.** If you didn't get this one then you probably did the maths correctly but forgot about the ball change that would have been due at the start of the 3rd set tiebreak. This would have to be delayed until the 2nd game of the 4th set.

## Question 6

If you are evaluated as an official in 2010 and you receive a "5" is that as good as it gets?!

- **A:** Yes, you can't get better than a "5".
- **B:** No, we now evaluate on a 1-7 scale.
- **C:** No, the best you can be awarded is a "1".

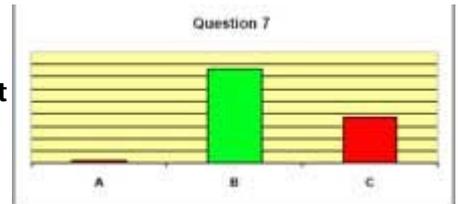


**B is the answer this time.** We now use a 1-7 scale s

## Question 7

During a WTA match, player A is receiving a Medical Time Out at 3/2 in the second set and during the treatment time, player B has called her coach on court. At the following changeover (score is now 5/2), player A calls the trainer back on court for a changeover treatment. Can Player B call her coach back?

- **A:** Yes, since her opponent has called for the trainer
- **B:** Yes, but only if she has not used her one coaching break for that set already'
- **C:** No, since this is a changeover treatment following a MTO

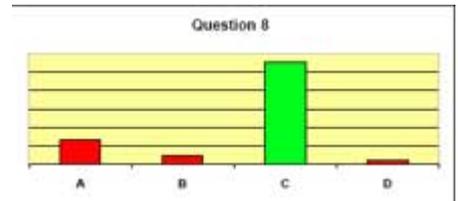


WTA allow coaches on to court once per set for each player or team. However, if an opponent has a medical time out then the coach is allowed on again (but not for a subsequent changeover treatment). In this instance the medical time out for Player A at 3-2 was the reason the coach came on for Player B and so she is allowed the coach again at 5-2, provided she has not used her one coaching break for that set already. **B is the answer.**

## Question 8

You are an Assistant Referee called on to court for a match played on clay without a chair umpire. Player A has called a ball out and his opponent, Player B, asked him to show the mark. He was unable to locate the mark. Player A is claiming the point but Player B says that because Player A cannot show the mark the point should be awarded to him. What is your decision?

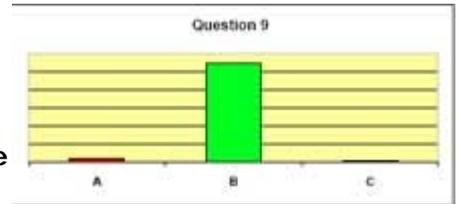
- **A:** Point to Player A
- **B:** Point to Player B
- **C:** Ask questions re the type of shot played, decide if a mark is likely, and then base your decision on the facts.
- **D:** Replay the point



While we would normally expect a player to be able to show a mark we also recognise the reality that not all clay courts will produce a ballmark every time. Here we are looking for the Assistant referee to base their decision on the state of the court and what s/he sees and hears before making the decision. **C is the answer.**

### Question 9

During the final set of a long singles match, both players are suffering from muscle cramping and need to receive treatment from the trainer at the same changeover. You have asked for a second trainer but there is only one present. What should you do to handle this situation?

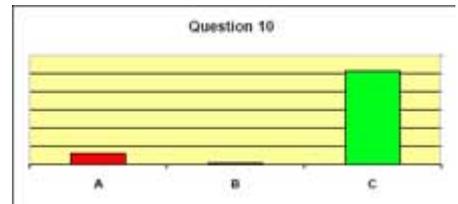


- **A:** Allow 30 secs (45 secs if it is a set break) of treatment to each player.
- **B:** Allow 60 secs (90 secs if it is a setbreak) of treatment to each player.
- **C:** Deny treatment as it would be unfair to do otherwise.

*When there is only one trainer it is fair to allow a full changeover treatment to each player, i.e. 60 seconds each. You would extend the changeover to allow this to happen. The trainer will decide which player to treat first. **B is the therefore the correct answer.***

### Question 10

In which situation(s) will back-to-back Time Violations be given on the WTA Tour?



- **A:** When a player is late coming back from the 10 minute Heat Rule Break.
- **B:** When a player is not ready to play within the allowed time after having left the court on her own time for a toilet break.
- **C:** Both of the above.

***C is correct.** WTA are now using back to back Time Violations to cover both of these situations on court.*