

TEST 4

1. As a nation, the savings rate was reported at minus .5% or less for the year 2008. When was the last time savings rates this low were reported (circle correct answer(s))

1. 1915
2. 1980
3. 1930

2, Name three ways you can start to save money right away:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. When selecting a cell phone plan your should (circle correct answers)

1. ask if you can test if for a few days without paying a cancellation fee
2. Cancel your plan whenever you are ready
3. Select a prepaid wireless plan if you only use your cell phone occasionally
4. Only select services you will use
5. Stick to making calls during on peak times
6. Use the same services for all family members on your plan
7. Ask about all fees, any per minute rates and any contract cancellation fees

4. You should budget an amount for home repairs that exceeds you monthly mortgage payment

1. False
2. True

5. The amount you set aside monthly for home repairs should equal (circle correct answer(s))

1. \$50 more than your monthly mortgage payment
2. 10 percent of your pay
3. one percent of your home's value annually divided by 12 months.

6. When you home does require a repair that you can not do yourself, you should select services (circle correct answer(s))

1. Check references and talk to the people for whom the contractor has done work
2. Hire someone who is well advertized
3. From well-established, licensed contractors who submit written, fixed-price bids for the work
4. Accept the lowest bid

7. The average car in use in America is (circle correct answer(s))

1. 5 years old
2. 3.4 years old
3. 9.2 years old

8. To check the reputation of a mechanic you can find information in (circle correct answer(s))

1. Car fax
2. Better Business Bureau
3. Mechanics Weekly

9. You should keep all your receipts from car maintenance and repair together so you can easily see what's been done and what due\ is

1. True
2. False

10. Name some of the shopping preparations and methods that will help you increase your savings Name two

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Rising values and falling costs are the hallmarks of inflation

1. False
2. True

12. Fixing any plumbing leaks won't make a big difference in your water bill

1. False
2. True

13. Name two needs that should always be in your budget

1. Food, clothing, housing
2. clothing, utilites, essentials,

14. Your first step to save money if you are a senior, on prescription drugs is (circle correct answer(s))

1. Buy Drugs Online
2. Consider Medicare Part D
3. Ask your doctor if affordable substitute medication might work for you
4. Comparison shop local pharmacies
5. Ask if you can purchase your drugs in year supply
6. All of the above

15. Which of the following are alternatives to traveling to create an enjoyable vacation without breaking the budget? (Circle correct answer(s))

1. Travel off season
2. Charge it on your credit card that has the lower interest rate and finance charges
3. Find Freebies – check with your local Chamber of Commerce
4. Plan one long vacation and stick to that one as your special trip
5. Dodge surcharges and fees by paying attention to the incidentals that can add up
6. Transport yourself
7. All of the Above

16. If you lose your job you should apply for unemployment insurance, or visit the local employment commission for help in job prospecting

1. False
2. True

17. If you are receiving harassing phone calls from credit card companies and other creditor you may request in writing that the agency trying to collect ONLY contact you by mail. If they fail to do, who should you report the violation to? (Circle correct answer(s))

1. Secretary of Treasury
2. State Attorney General's Office
3. Credit Bureaus

18. List 3 ways to know if someone has a 'gambling problem'

1. Do you gamble hoping to pay off debts
2. Do you gamble until there is no more money in your wallet
3. Do you borrow to gamble
4. Do you save to gamble
5. Do you sell things to have cash with which to gamble

19. To recover from natural disasters, you need to plan today

1. True
2. False

20. List 3 approaches to managing debt

1. Written budget
2. Request help
3. Pay down highest interest credit cards first
4. Make payments on secured debt before unsecured debt

21. What are 3 ways to build a strong credit report

1. Open a checking account
2. Apply for a small loan through your bank

3. Put utility bills in your name and pay on time
4. Apply for secured credit card

22. List 3 ways to avoid unmanageable medical debt

1. Don't reduce or cancel coverage
2. Assess your needs
3. Save money now
4. Look carefully at your employers plan
5. Use local free clinics
6. Use generic drugs
7. Apply for Medicaid or Medicare if you are eligible

23. If you are in school and need a credit card you should

1. Consider the terms
2. Don't impulse shop
3. Be responsible with the card
4. All of the above

24. Can you borrow from your 401K

1. **Yes**
2. No

25. The most important change about budgeting is

5. **Attitude**
6. Law suit
7. Budget

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