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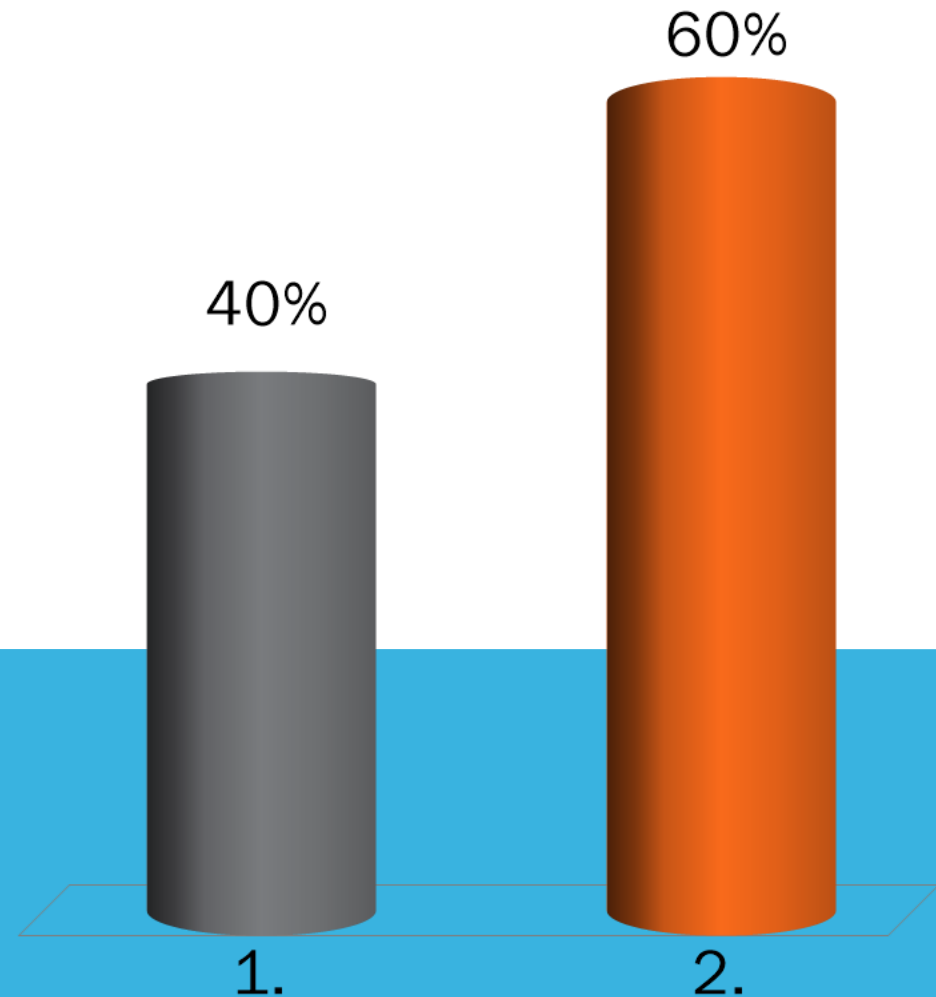
WHO WANTS TO BE A
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER!!!

ETHICS EDITION

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1. Under the Ethics Law, public officials cannot accept hospitality, including meals and other food and beverages.

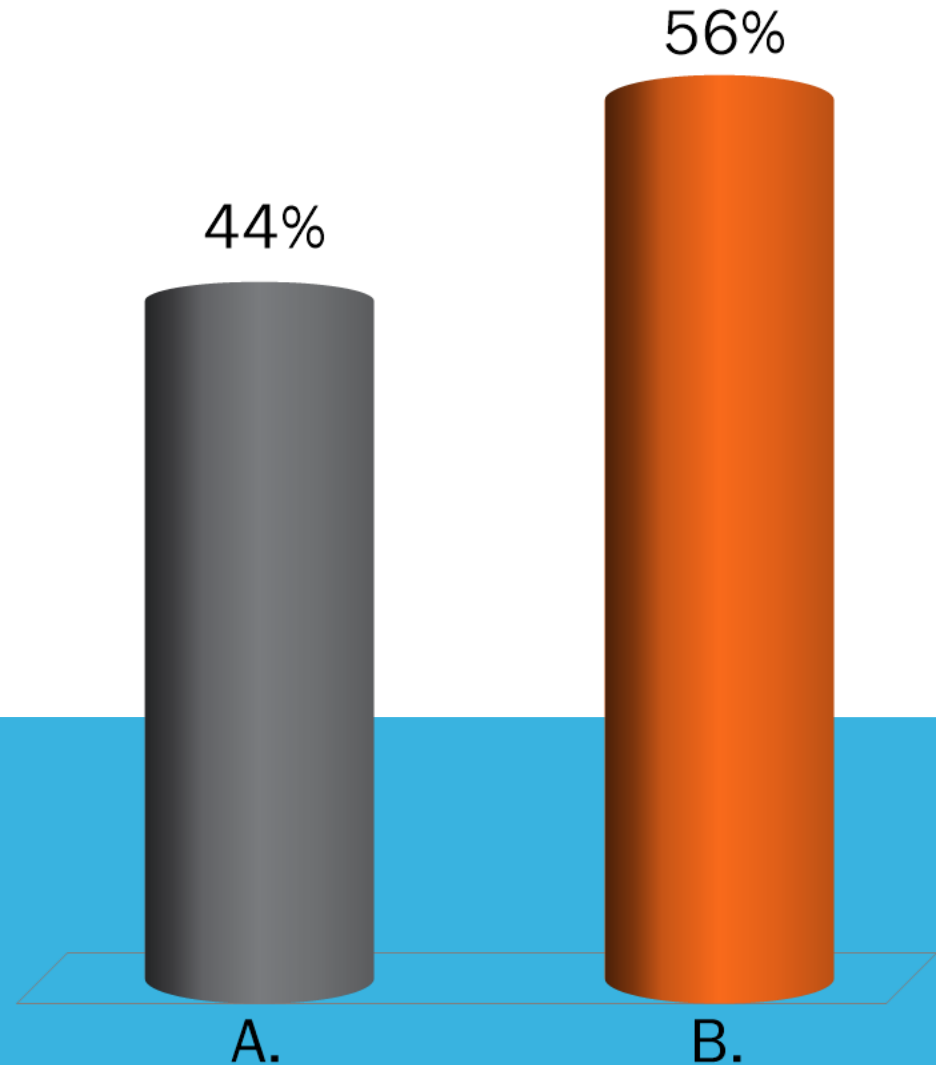
- 1. True
- 2. False



2. School board members can accept free tickets to a college football game.

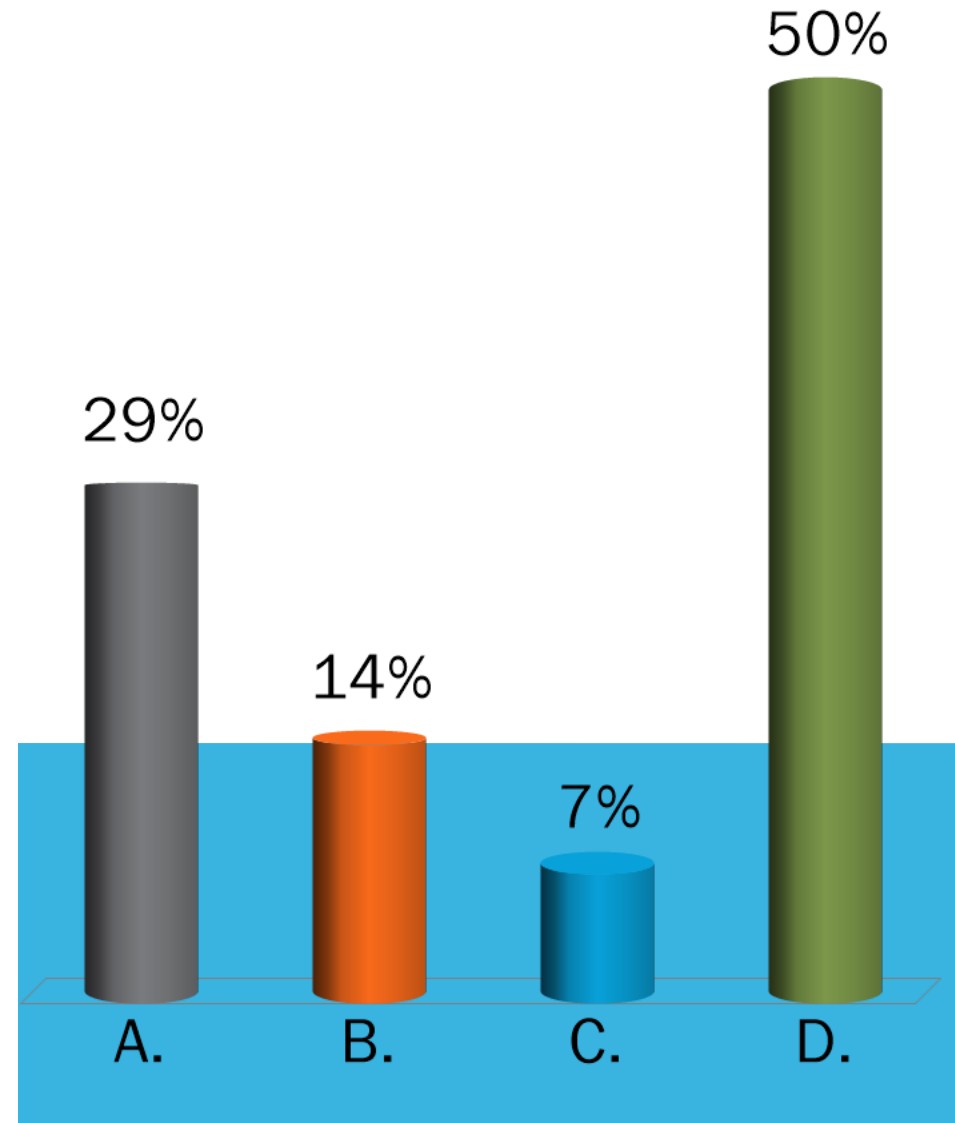
A. True

B. False



3. When does a school board member have to file the Statement of Economic Interest?

- A. Within the first 90 days of election or appointment
- B. Only elected board members must file during specified intervals during and after the campaign
- C. Annually, before January 31
- D. Annually, before April 30

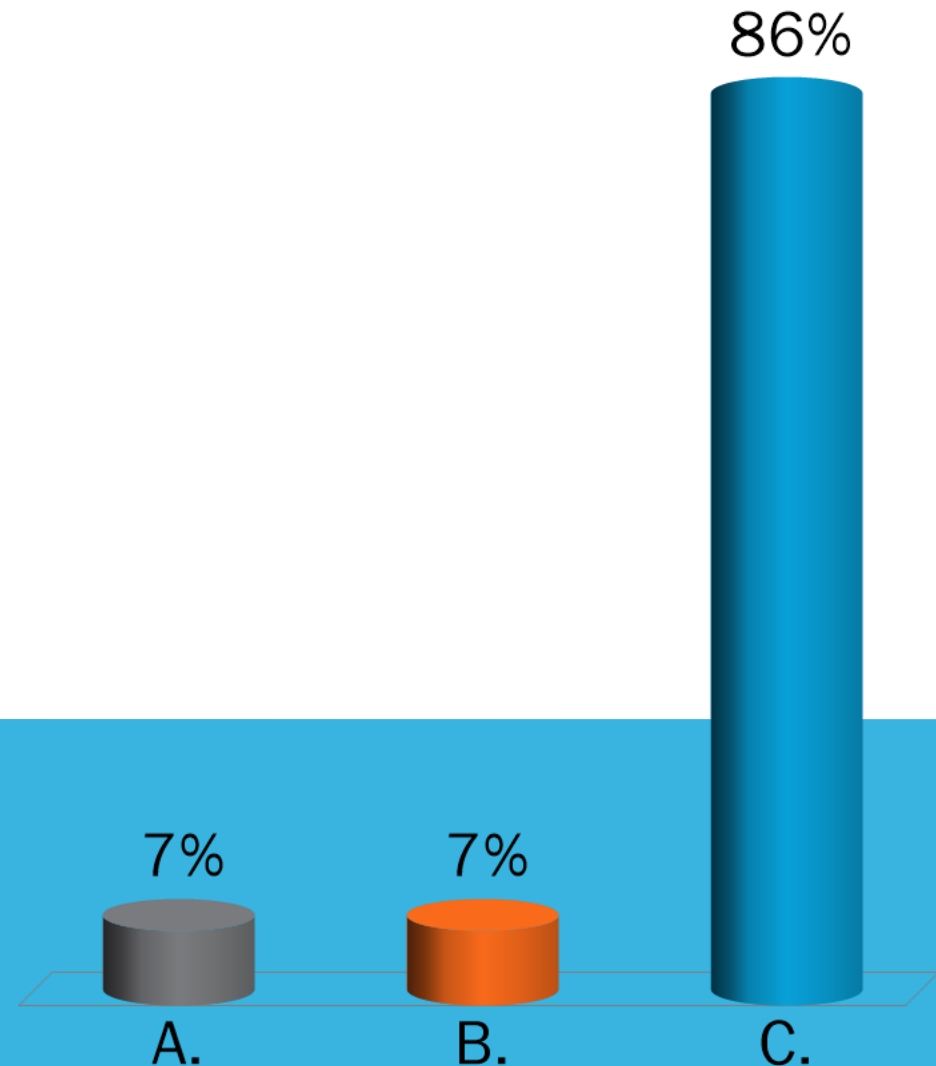


4. Can a school board member or employee accept gifts?

A. Yes

B. No

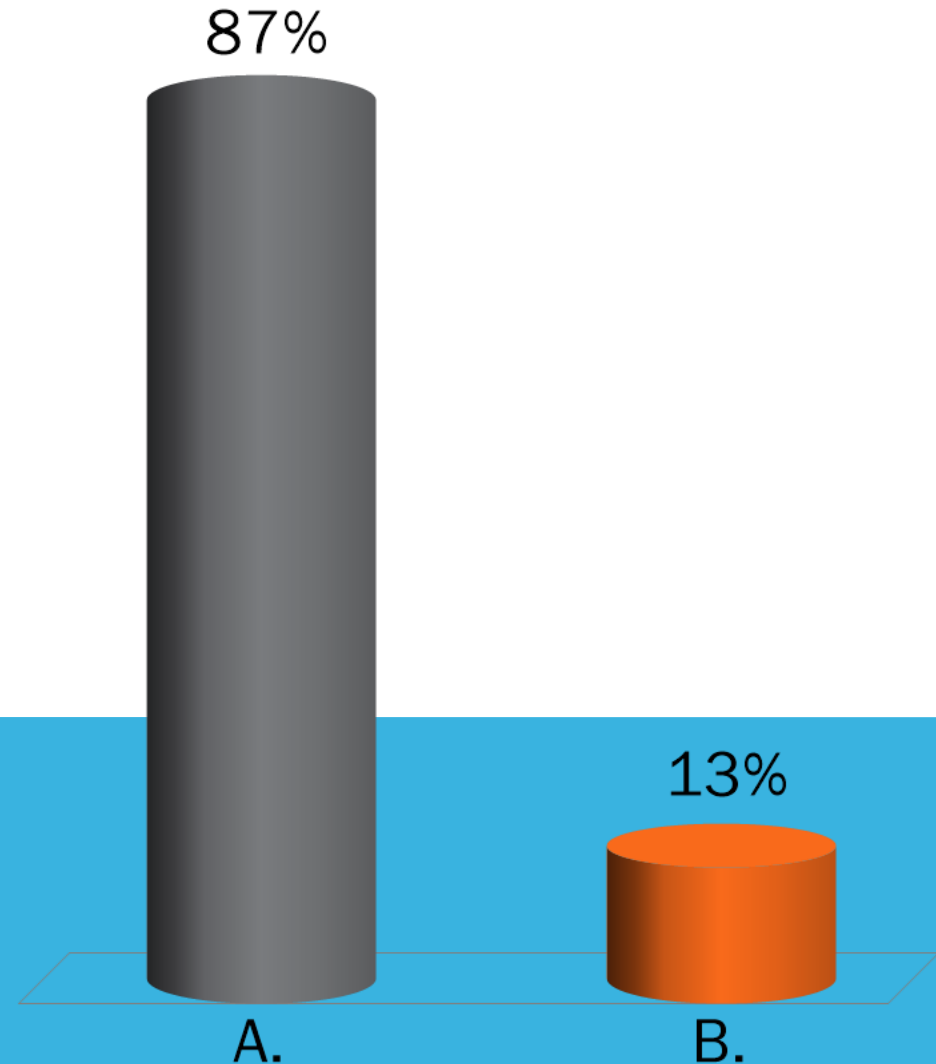
C. It depends



5. A school board member can take out a personal loan with the same bank that handles the board's bank accounts.

A. True

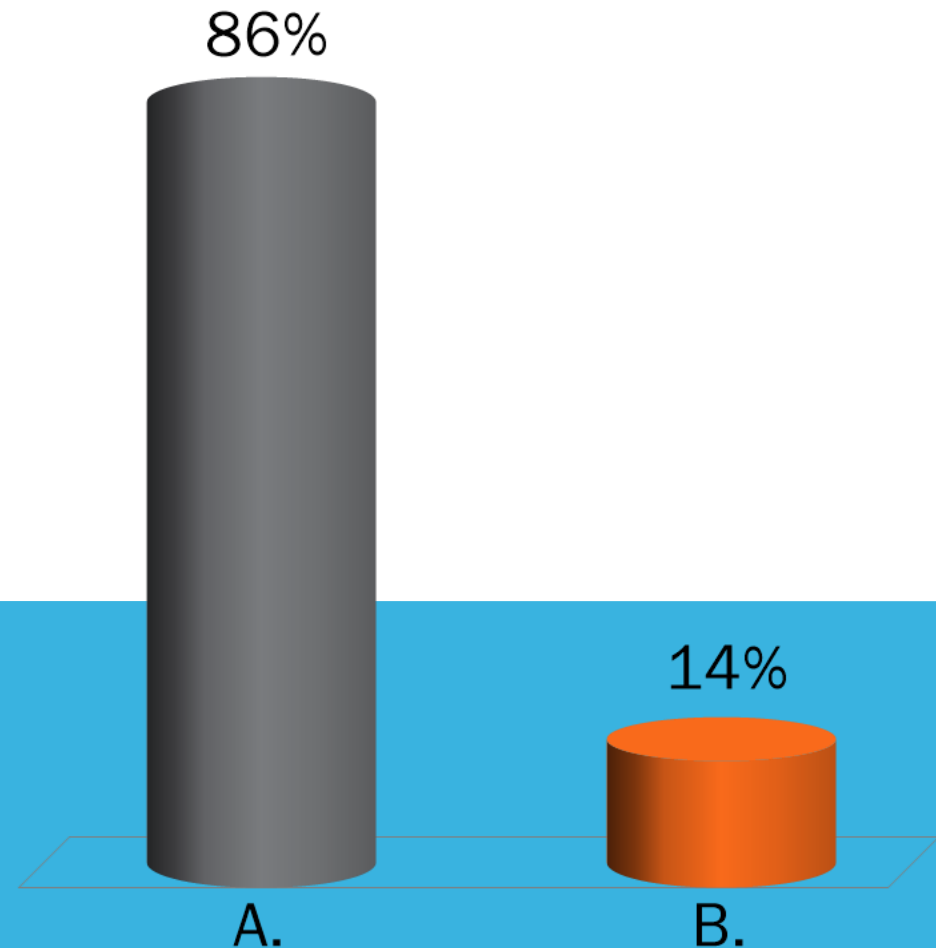
B. False



6. A school board member can go to dinner with an architect who wants to build the board's new high school.

A. True

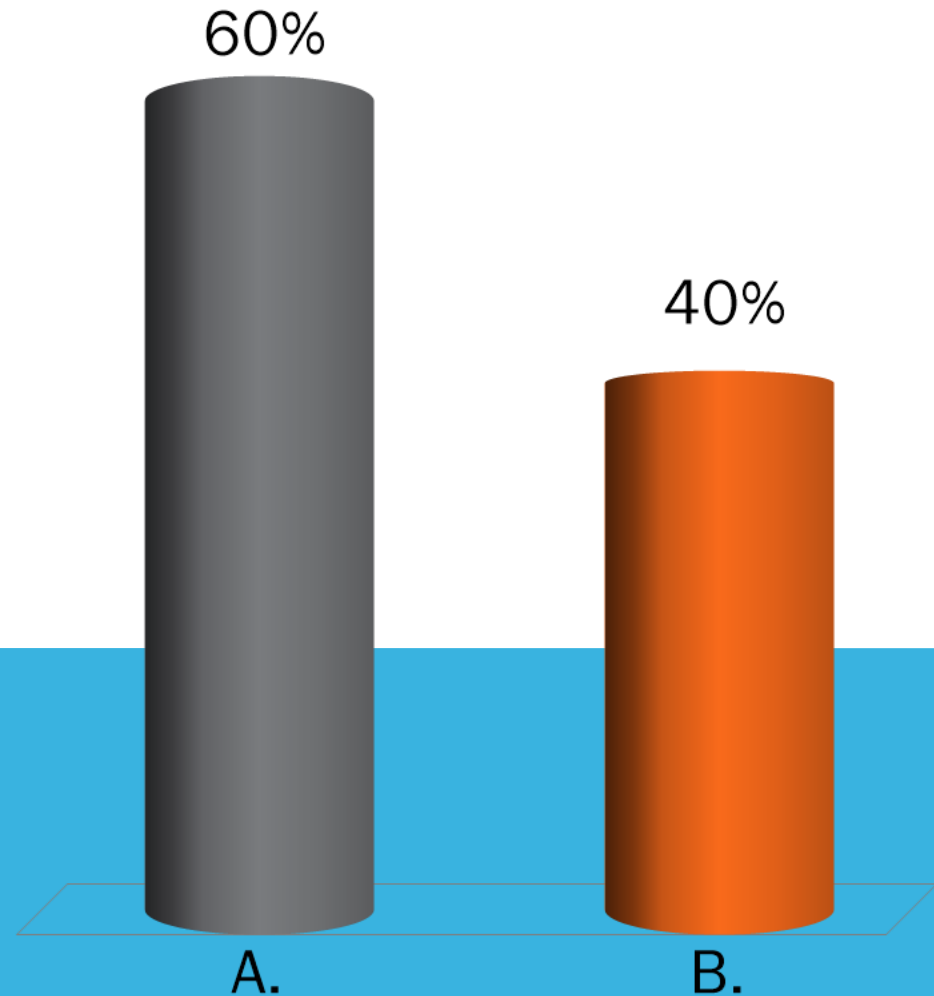
B. False



7. Can the school board purchase bus insurance from a company which employs a school board member as an agent?

A. Yes

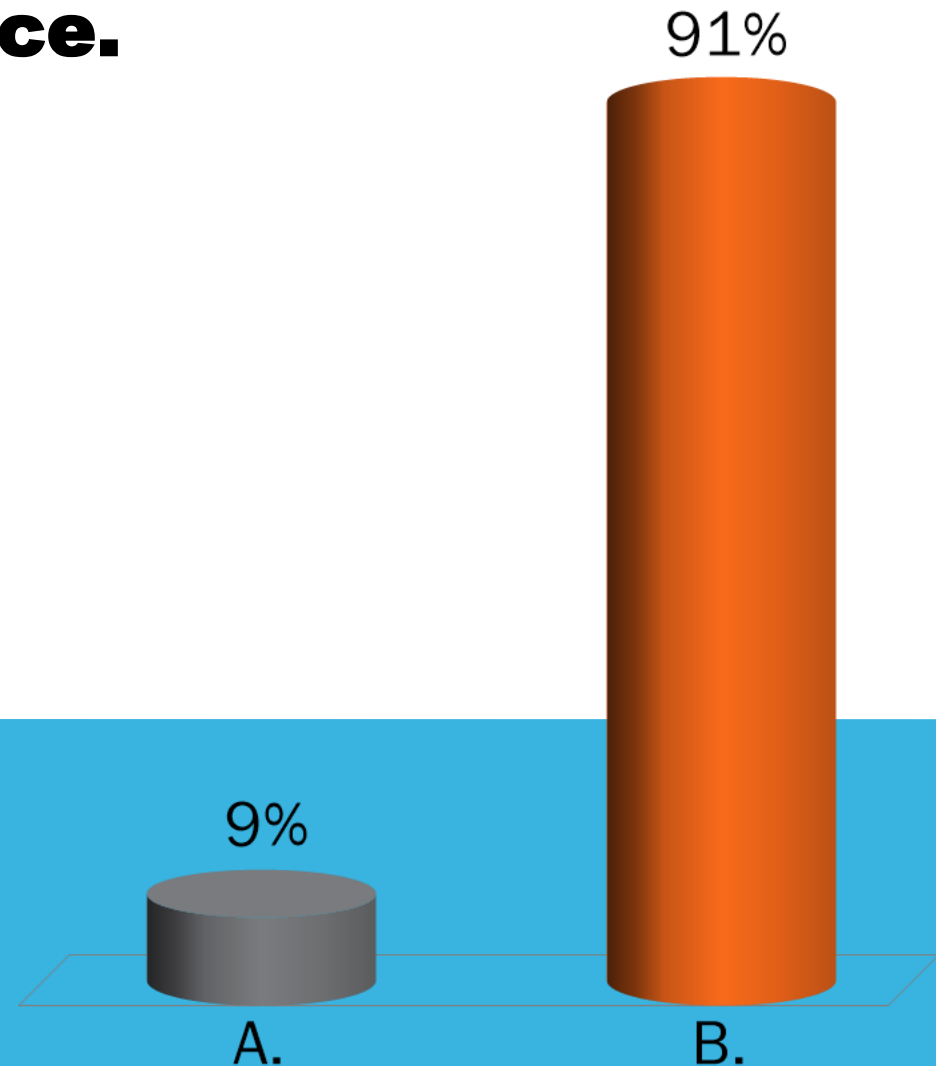
B. No



8. A school board member cannot accept a door prize from AASB at summer conference awarded solely based on the member's attendance.

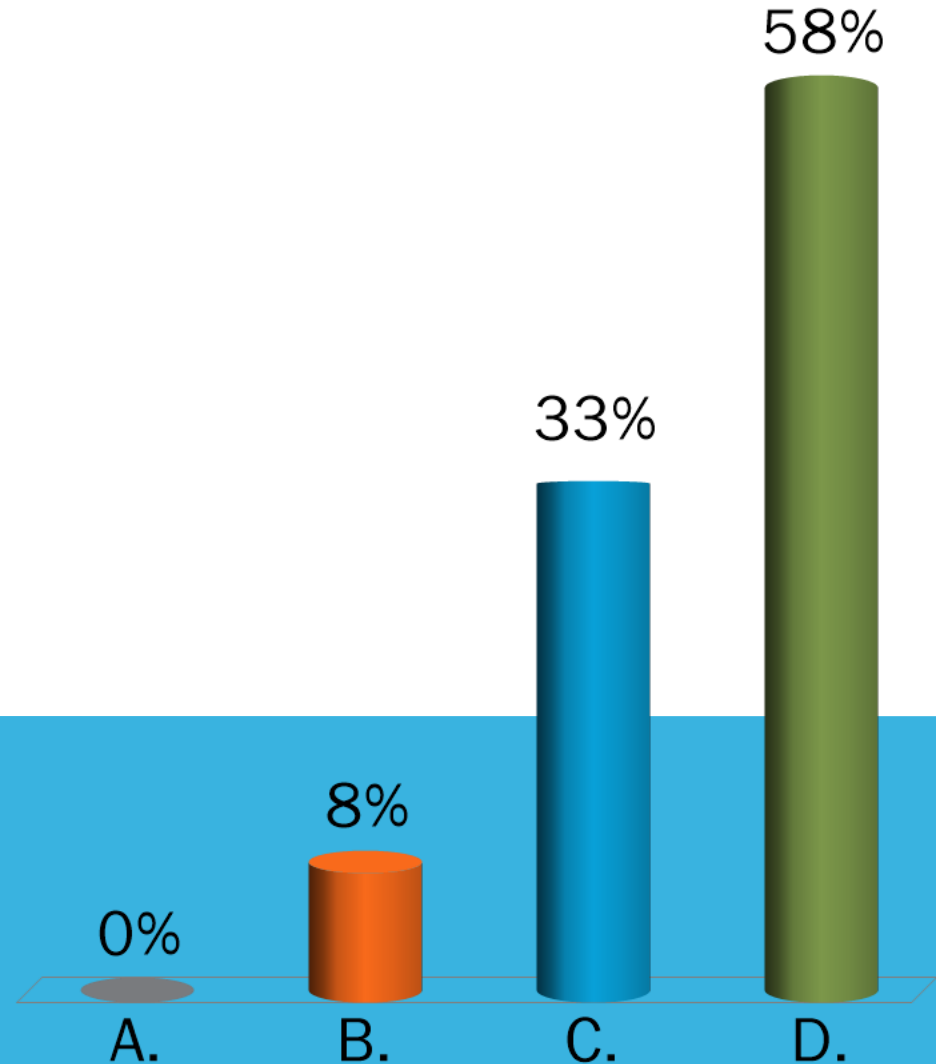
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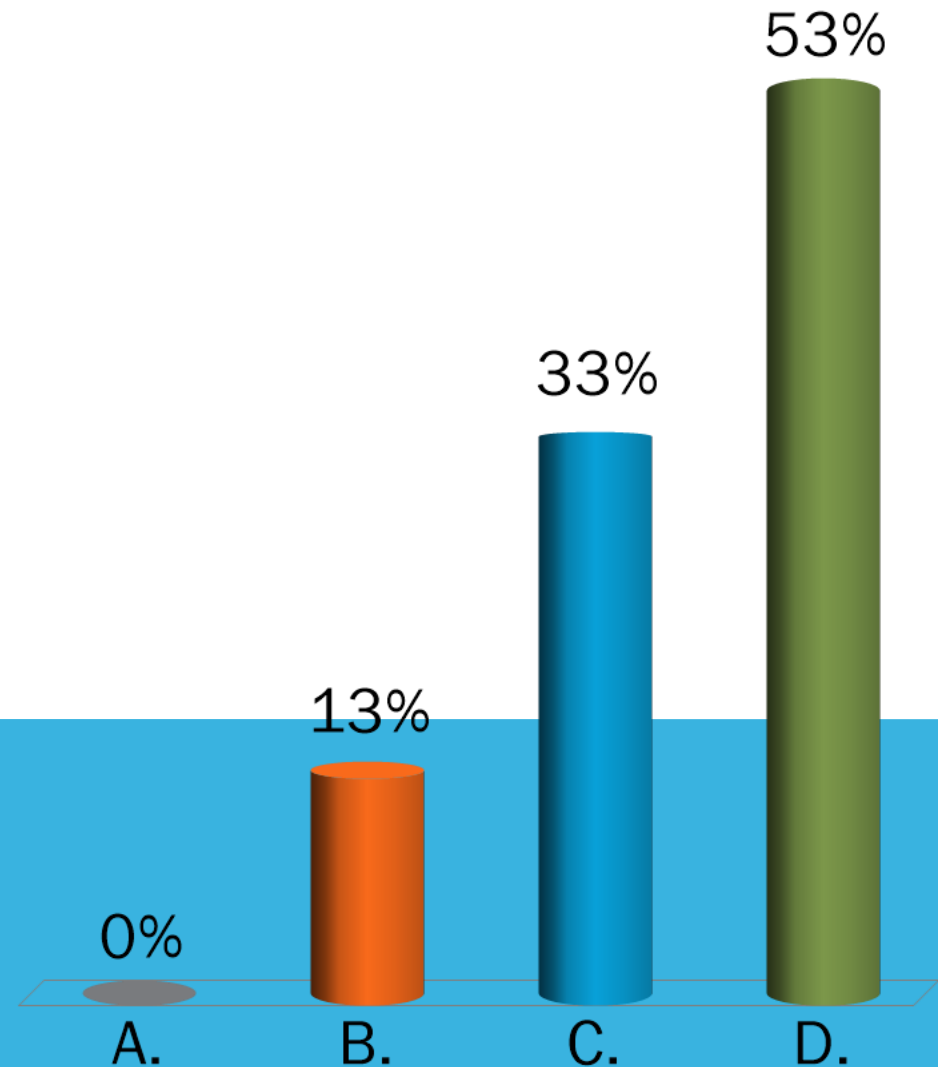
9. Which of these is considered a family member of a “public employee” under the Ethics Law?

- A. First cousin
- B. Aunt
- C. Brother-in-law
- D. None of the above



10. Which of these relatives is considered a family member of a “public official” under the Ethics Law?

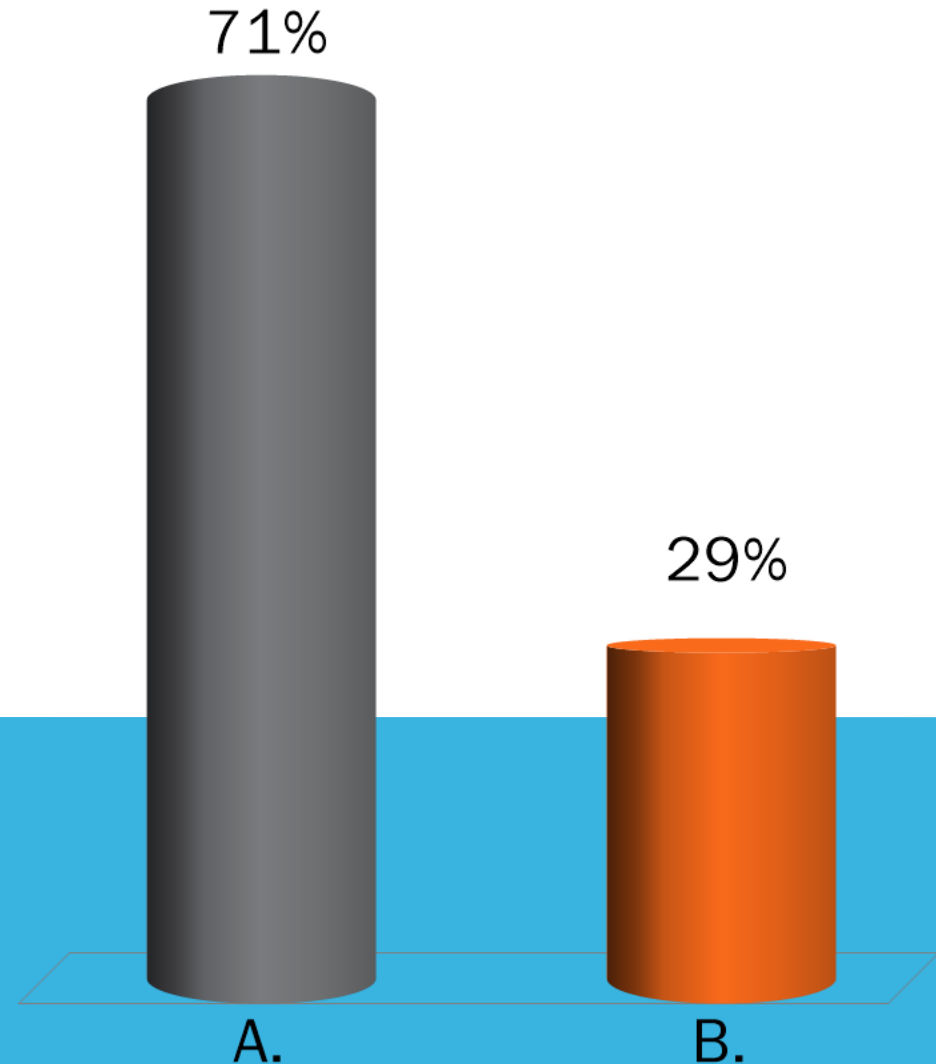
- A. First cousin
- B. Aunt by blood
- C. Brother’s wife
- D. None of the above



11. Superintendents are considered “public employees” under the Ethics Law.

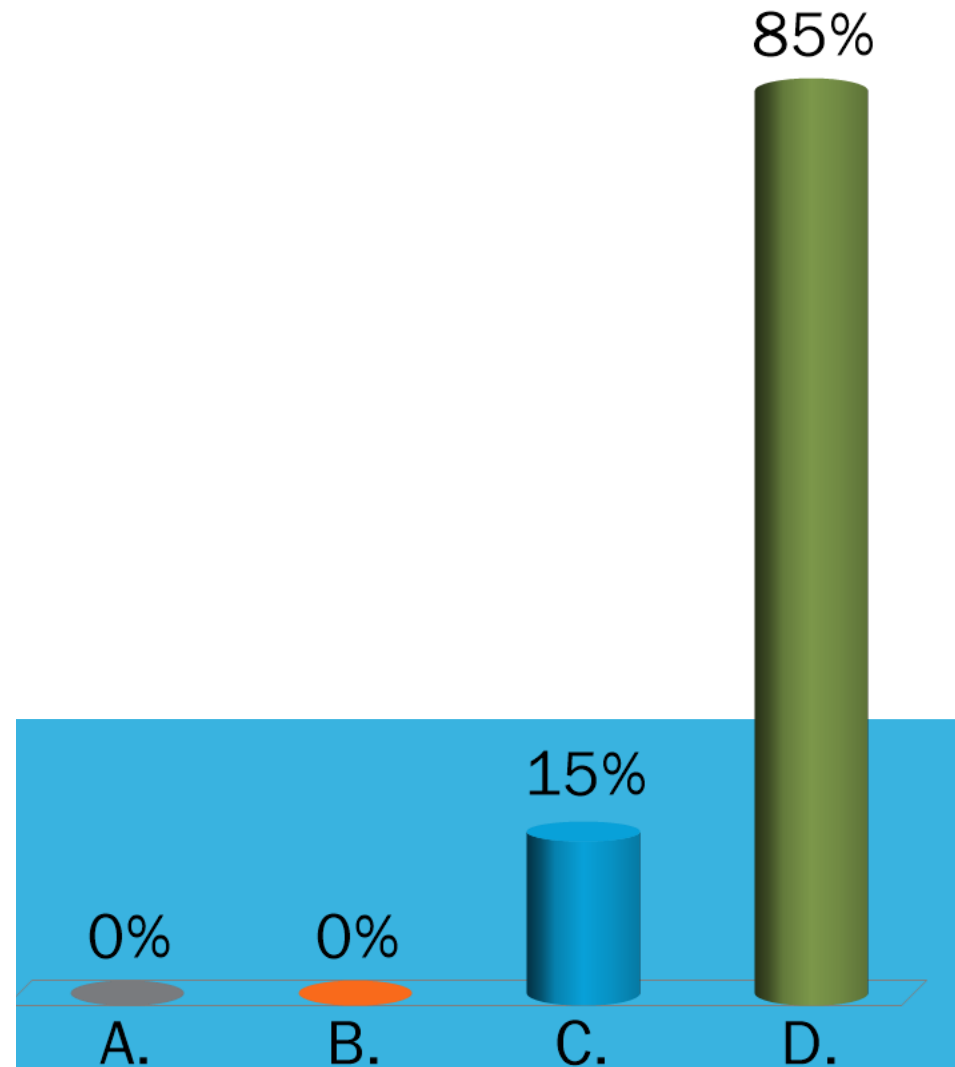
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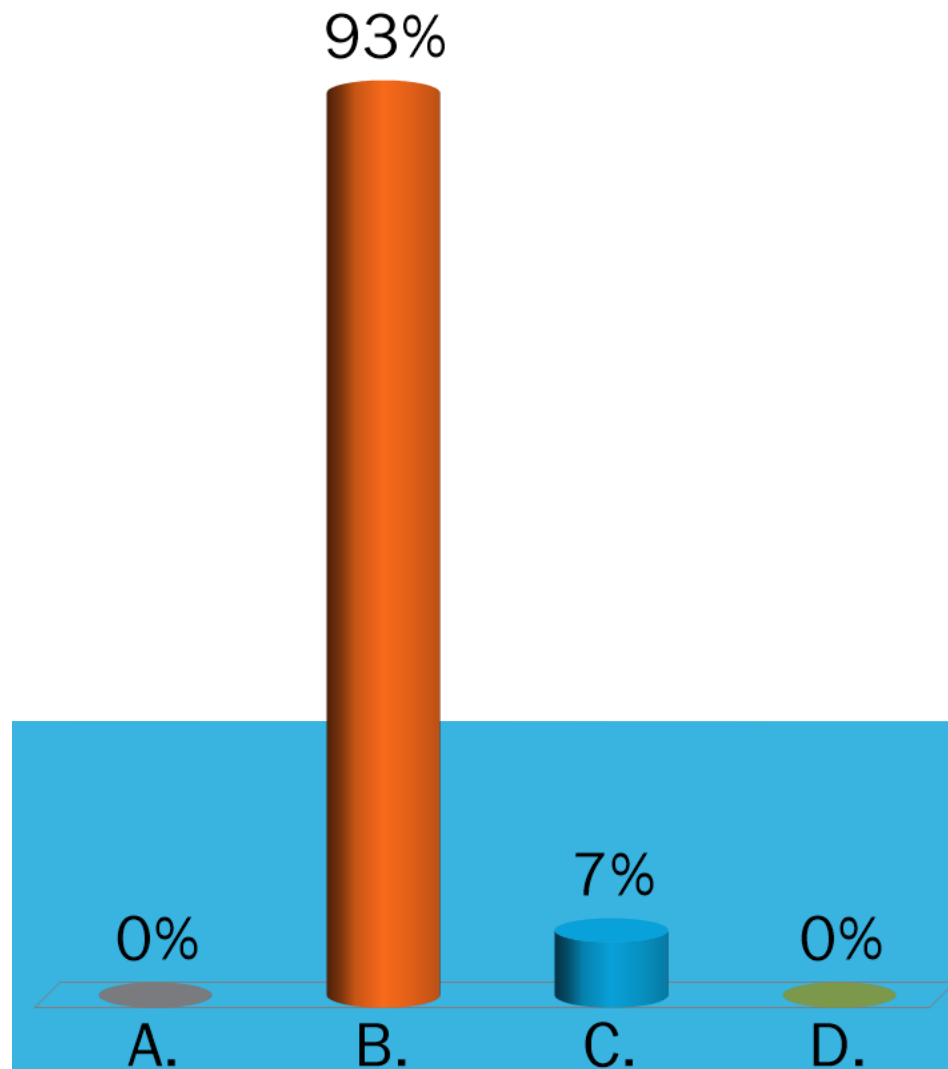
12. Which law does NOT address family members of public officials?

- A. Nepotism Law
- B. Ethics Law
- C. Competitive Bid Law
- D. All of the above address family members of public officials



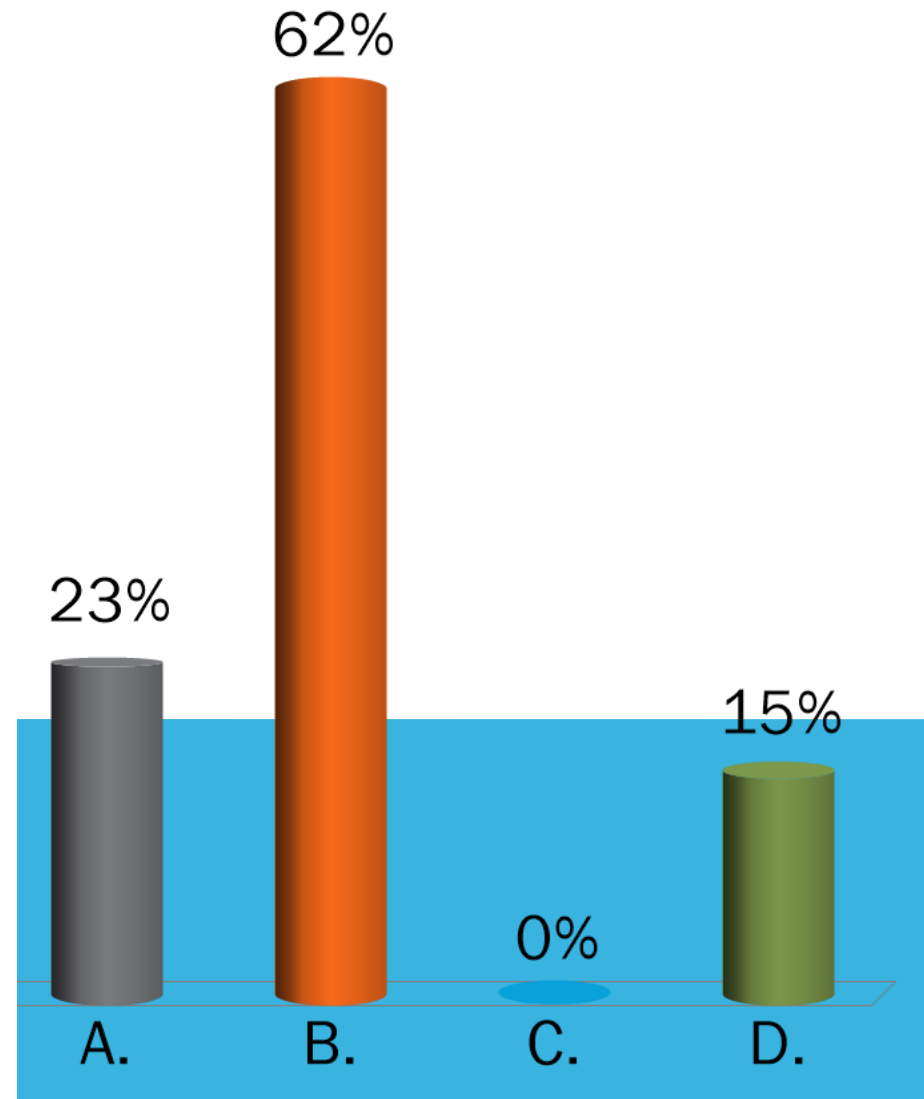
13. What should a school board member do if her daughter is recommended for a job with the board?

- A. Vote her conscience
- B. Abstain from the vote
- C. Ask the superintendent to recommend someone equally qualified & let the board member choose
- D. None of the above



14. What should a superintendent do if his wife wants a job with the board?

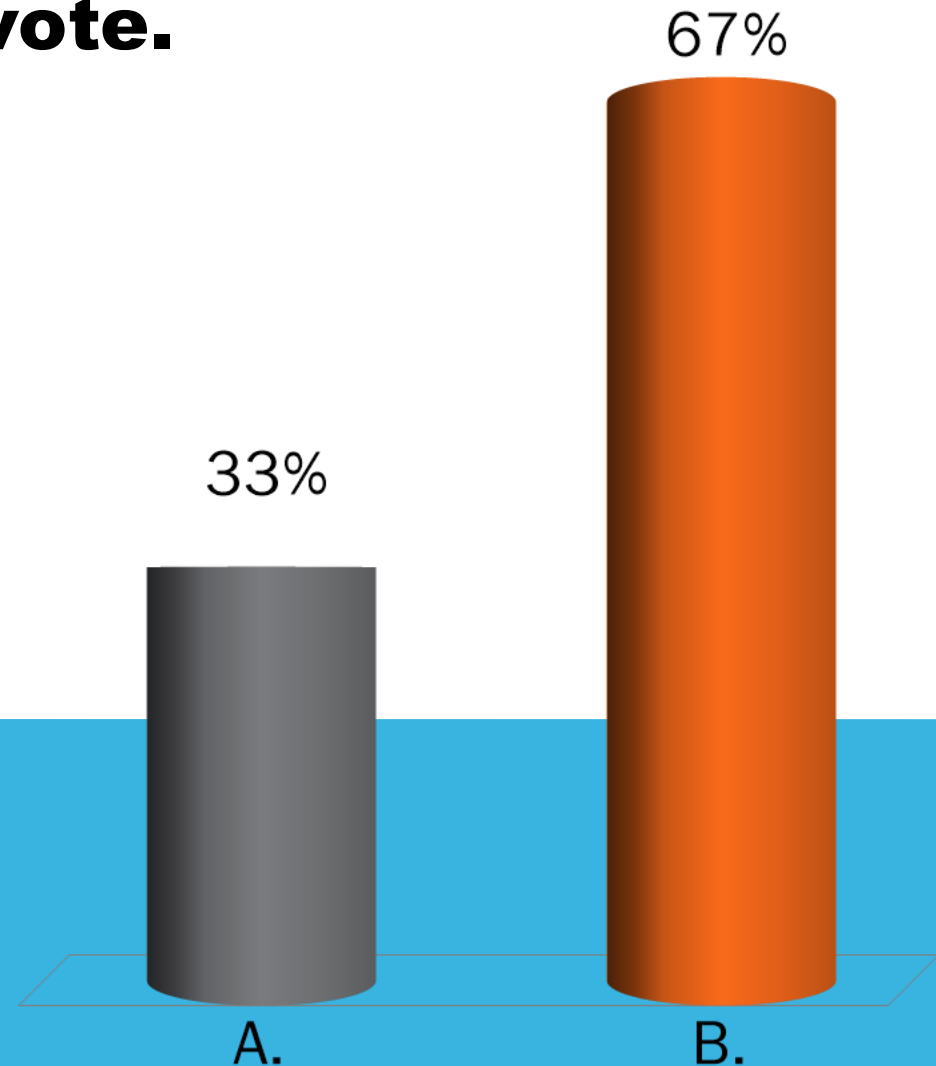
- A. If wife is the most qualified, make the recommendation
- B. Take no action and let the board president choose an impartial person to consider the applications.
- C. Let assistant supt. make recommendation
- D. None of the above



15. A board member's husband is in line to receive a raise with the rest of the system's teachers. The member must abstain from the vote.

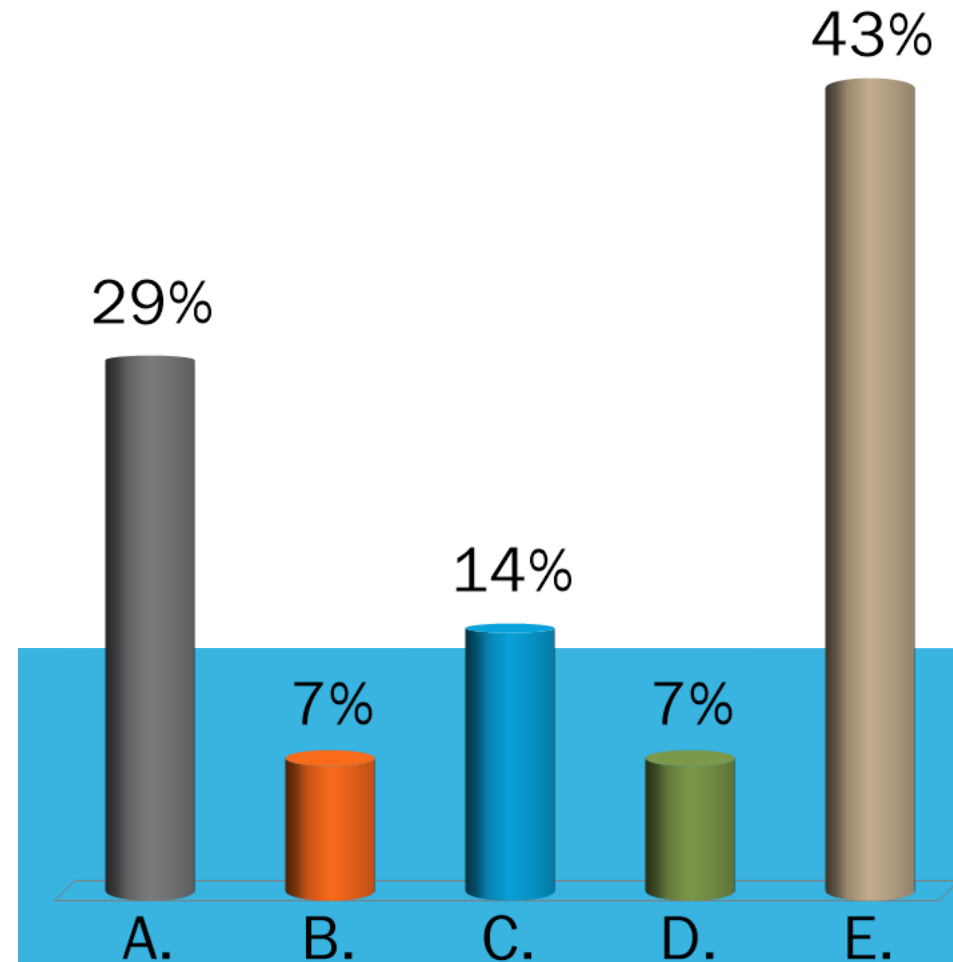
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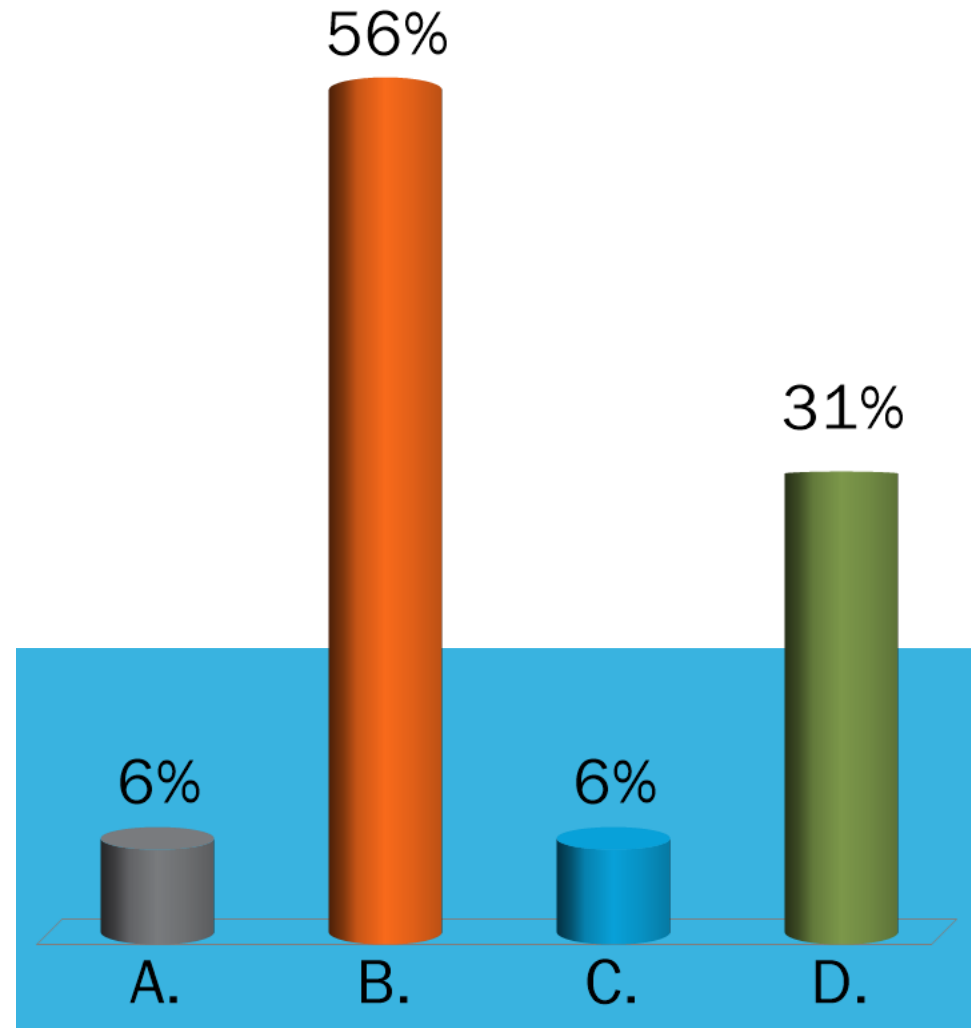
16. Can a board member who sells real estate approach the new superintendent and serve as his/her agent for buying a home in the community?

- A. Yes
- B. Yes, but only if he/she waives commission on any transaction
- C. Yes, but only if the supt asks the member for this assistance
- D. No, because it's a clear violation of the Ethics law
- E. No, because it's a bad idea and may violate the law



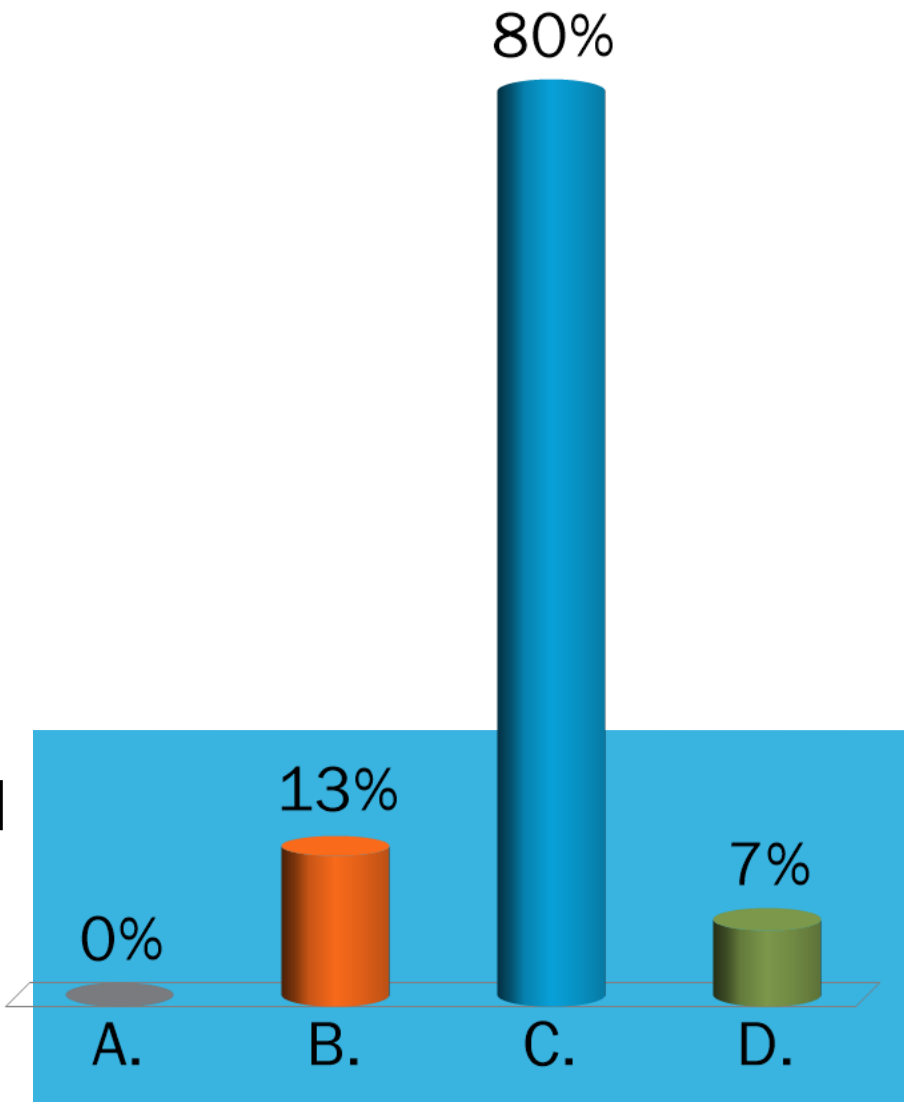
17. May the football coach use the high school field and practice facilities to host a football camp for local youth in the summer and keep the registration fees charged?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Yes, if part of the fee is remitted to the school board
- D. Yes, if non-school employees have the same ability to use facilities for such purposes



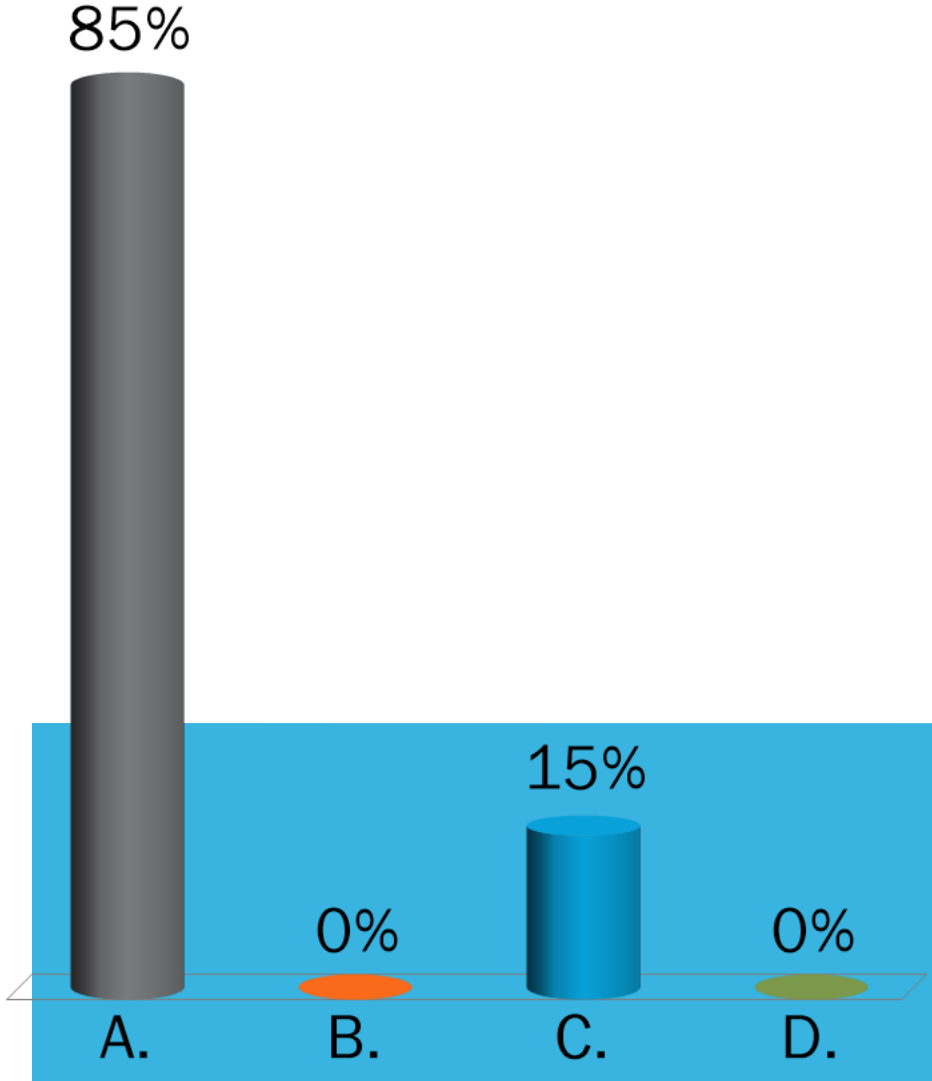
18. Can a principal borrow school chairs and tables on Saturday for his daughter's wedding at the park?

- A. Yes, the principal is the leader of the school and in charge of its contents
- B. Yes, if the chairs and tables are returned in good condition and any damaged goods are replaced
- C. No
- D. Yes, because the supt, board and many community members will attend



19. Who is required to report known ethics violations involving board members, officials or employees to the ethics commission?

- A. Any public official aware of the violation
- B. The superintendent
- C. The board or superintendent
- D. The local district attorney



Certificates for Playing!!!



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