

QUESTIONS ON LAW 7 – DURATION OF THE GAME

1. May the referee delegate his job of timekeeper to the fourth official or one of his assistant referees? _____

2. Following the very late arrival of one of the teams, the referee realises that darkness will prevent the game being completed. The Competition Rules make no mention of whether or not time may be reduced but, with the agreement of both teams, he decides to play only 35 minutes in each half. Has the referee the authority to do this? If not, what action should he take? _____

3. What do you understand by the terms:
(a) additional time _____
(b) extra time _____
(c) allowance for time lost _____

4. A player is seriously injured and play is stopped for four minutes while the player is removed from the field of play for treatment. What effect will this stoppage have on the duration of the game? _____

5. Before the start of the game the two captains advise the referee that they wish to forego the half-time interval. When half time arrives one of the captains says that he now wishes to have an interval. What action should the referee take and why? _____

6. Within the Laws of the Game, what stipulates the duration of the half-time interval? _____

7. The referee ends the first half and realises he has only played 40 minutes of a scheduled 45 minutes period. Indicate with a tick what action the referee should take.
(a) Compensate by playing 50 minutes in the second half. _____
(b) Make the second half 40 minutes so that both periods are of equal length. _____
(c) Bring the players back and play the remaining 5 minutes before allowing the half time interval. _____
(d) Ignore the short time played and play a second half of 45 minutes. _____

8. The referee allows the first half, scheduled for 45 minutes, to run for 55 minutes because of a faulty watch. How long should the second half be? _____

9. If extra time has to be played in a game where the scores are level after 90 minutes of play, what governs the length of time to be played in the extra period? _____

10. The match is well into the second half when a heavy snowstorm makes further play impossible. The referee abandons the game. What must he do after the game and how soon should he do it? _____

