Silver State Brigade
Cadet and Junior Leader of the Semester and Year Board
Study Guide

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Blazon. On a silver metal and epoxied device, 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height, the representation of the State of Nevada in light blue, displaying a gray mountain range and, at the upper center, a silver star. Wrapping around and surmounting the center of the device at the base of the mountain range is a black scroll bearing the inscription, "**THE BEST IN THE WEST**," in silver letters.
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Symbolism. Silver and light blue are the colors of the Washoe County School District. As the Silver State, Nevada is renowned for its rich mining history and mineral resources, represented by the silver elements of the design. The silver star on a light blue background alludes to the Nevada State Flag and further symbolizes the state's historic association with silver. The gray mountain range represents the Sierra Nevada Mountains and their enduring influence on the region's identity and landscape. The black scroll, styled in the form of a lasso encircling the state, reflects Nevada's western heritage and underscores the district's motto, **"THE BEST IN THE WEST."**

JROTC FOUNDATIONS:

Introducing JROTC:

1. What does JROTC stand for? (U1C1L1)

   Answer: Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

2. What is the mission of JROTC? (U1C1L1)

   Answer: To motivate young people to be better citizens (Army).

3. What is a cadet? (U1C1L1)

   Answer: A cadet is a student enrolled in JROTC who is developing leadership, citizenship, character, and life skills through the program.

4. What opportunities are available through JROTC? (U1C1L1)

   Answer: Leadership development, citizenship education, service learning, physical fitness, and extracurricular activities.

Organization and Traditions of Service Programs:

5. What congressional act established JROTC? (U1C1L2)

   Answer: The National Defense Act of 1916.

6. What is the chain of command? (U1C1L2)

   Answer: A succession of leaders through which authority and responsibility pass.

7. Why is the chain of command important? (U1C1L2)

   Answer: It promotes accountability and efficient communication.

Customs and Courtesies of JROTC:

8. What is military courtesy? (U1C1L3)

   Answer: Respect and consideration shown toward others.

9. What is the position of honor? (U1C1L3)

   Answer: Keeping the senior person on your right.

10. When may the U.S. Flag be flown at night? (U1C1L3)

    Answer: When properly illuminated.

11. When should a cadet salute? (U1C1L3)

    Answer: During official greetings, ceremonies, and when rendering honors.

Social Etiquette and Manners:

12. Why are good manners important? (U1C1L4)
    Answer: They demonstrate respect, professionalism, and consideration for others.

13. What are three characteristics of proper social etiquette? (U1C1L4)

    Answer: Respect, courtesy, and consideration.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND BEHAVIORS:

Personal Code of Conduct:

14. What is a personal code of conduct? (U1C2L7)

    Answer: A set of principles that guides behavior and decision-making.

15. Why is accountability important? (U1C2L7)

    Answer: It requires individuals to accept responsibility for their actions.

Personal Growth Plan:

16. What is a personal growth plan? (U1C2L8)

    Answer: A plan to help identify and achieve goals.

17. Why is goal setting important? (U1C2L8)

    Answer: It provides direction, motivation, and a way to measure progress.

TEAM BUILDING:

Team Building and Drill:

18. What is teamwork? (U1C3L1)

    Answer: People working together toward a common goal.

19. What makes a team effective? (U1C3L1)

Answer: Trust, communication, cooperation, and accountability.

Stationary Movement and Marching Techniques:

20. What are the two parts of a command? (U1C3L2)

    Answer: Preparatory Command and Command of Execution.

21. What is command voice? (U1C3L2)

Answer: A clear and authoritative voice used to issue commands.

22. What is the marching cadence for Quick Time? (U1C3L2)

    Answer: 120 steps per minute.

23. What command is used to salute while in formation? (U1C3L2)

    Answer: Present, Arms.

Squad Drill:

24. On which foot is “Column Right, March” given? (U1C3L3)

    Answer: The right foot.

25. What is the purpose of squad drill? (U1C3L3)

    Answer: To build discipline, teamwork, and confidence.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

Understanding and Controlling Stress:

26. What is stress? (U1C5L1)

    Answer: The body's response to demands or challenges.

27. What are healthy ways to manage stress? (U1C5L1)

    Answer: Exercise, sleep, time management, and healthy communication.

Cadet Challenge:

28. What is the purpose of the Cadet Challenge? (U1C5L2)

    Answer: To assess and improve physical fitness. (Army)

SERVICE LEARNING:

Orientation to Service Learning:

29. What is service learning? (U1C6L1)

Answer: Service learning is a learning strategy that combines meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enhance learning, develop civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. (Army)

CYBER ETHICS AND AUTHENTICATION:

Methods of Authentication:

30. What are the three common factors of authentication? (U1C7L6)

    Answer: Something you know, something you have, and something you are.

LEADERSHIP:

Elements of Leadership:

31. What is leadership? (U2C1L1)

    Answer: Influencing others by providing purpose, direction, and motivation.

32. Why is leadership important in JROTC? (U2C1L1)

    Answer: It helps cadets accomplish mission while developing others.

Leadership Attributes:

33. What are the three leadership attributes? (U2C1L2)

    Answer: Character, Presence, and Intellect.

34. Why is character important in leadership? (U2C1L2)

    Answer: Character builds trust and guides ethical decision-making.

Leadership Competencies:

35. What are the three leadership competencies? (U2C1L3)

    Answer: Leads, Develops, and Achieves.

36. What does it mean to develop others? (U2C1L3)

    Answer: To mentor, coach, and create opportunities for growth.

Leadership Styles:

37. What are the three leadership styles? (U2C1L4)

    Answer: Directing, Participating, and Delegating.

38. When is the delegating style most effective? (U2C1L4)

    Answer: When team members are capable and require minimal supervision.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND BEHAVIORS:

Becoming a Better Communicator:

39. What are the characteristics of effective communication? (U2C2L1)

    Answer: Clarity, respect, active listening, and understanding.

40. Why is active listening important? (U2C2L1)

    Answer: It improves understanding and demonstrates respect.

Delivering Your Speech:

41. What are three qualities of an effective public speaker? (U2C2L3)

    Answer: Confidence, preparation, and clear delivery.

42. How can a speaker reduce nervousness? (U2C2L3)

    Answer: Through preparation, practice, and controlled breathing.

Ethical Concepts and You:

43. What is ethics? (U2C2L5)

    Answer: Principles and values that guide decisions and behavior.

44. Why are ethics important in leadership? (U2C2L5)

Answer: Ethical leaders build trust and credibility.

TEAM BUILDER:

Team Member Qualities:

45. What qualities make an effective team member? (U2C2L1)

Answer: Dependability, accountability, communication, cooperation, and respect.

46. Why is teamwork important in JROTC? (U2C3L1)

Answer: It improves mission accomplishment and strengthens leadership skills.

Taking Charge – Leadership Responsibilities:

47. What is a leader's primary responsibility? (U2C3L3)

Answer: To care for people while accomplishing the mission.

48. How do leaders set the example? (U2C3L3)

Answer: Through their actions, professionalism, and adherence to standards.

DECISION MAKING:

Bullying:

49. What should a cadet do if they witness bullying? (USC5L1)

    Answer: Report the behavior, support the victim, and seek assistance from a trusted adult or leader.

Preventing Violence:

50. What are effective ways to help prevent violence? (U2C5L2)

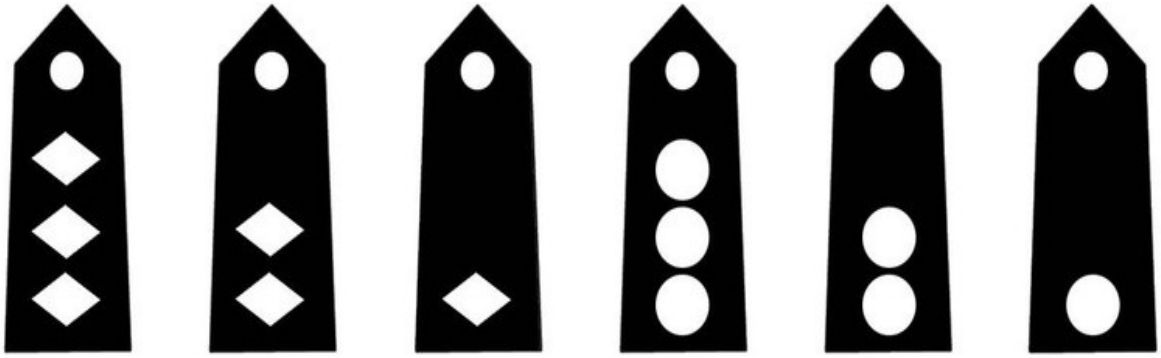
    Answer: Conflict resolution, communication, respect for others, and reporting concerning behavior.

Navy JROTC Ranks and Rates

RATE	ABBREVIATION	INSIGNIA	DESCRIPTION
CADET **ENSIGN**	C / ENS		1 GOLD BAR
CADET **LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE**	C / LTJG		2 GOLD BARS
CADET **LIEUTENANT**	C / LT		3 GOLD BARS
CADET **LIEUTENANT COMMANDER**	C / LCDR		4 GOLD BARS
CADET **COMMANDER**	C / CDR		5 GOLD BARS

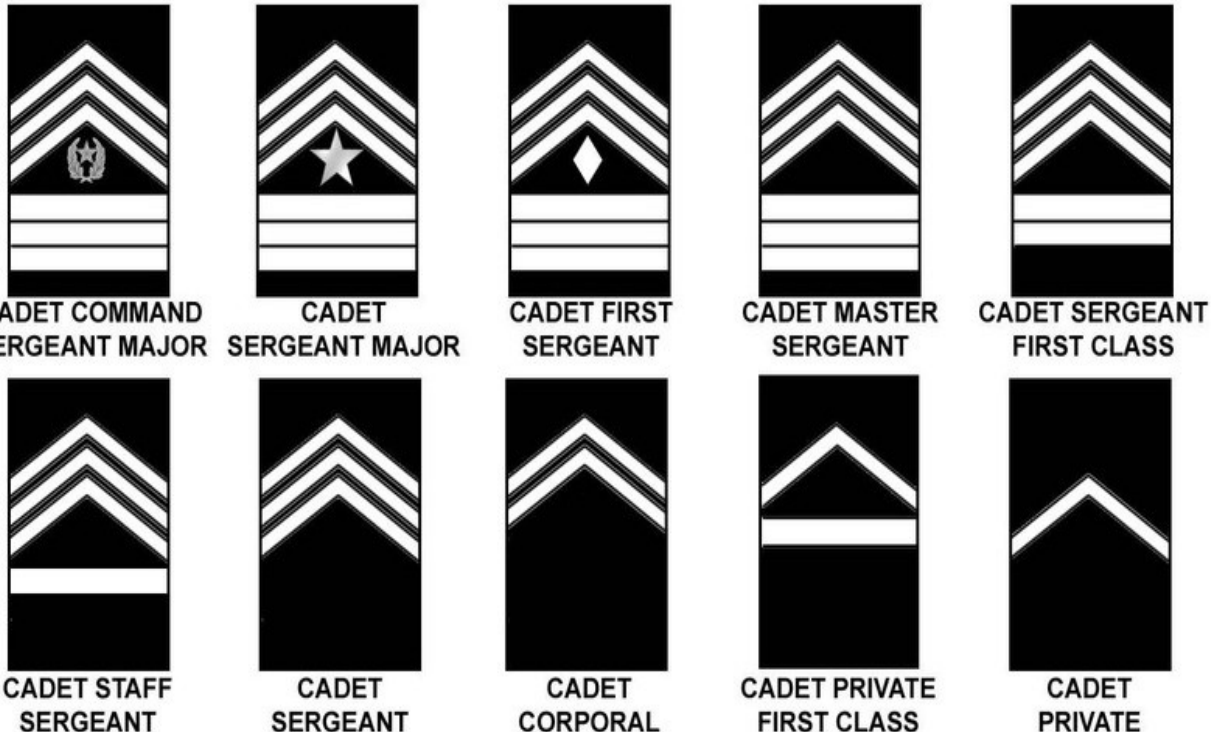
RATE	ABBREVIATION	INSIGNIA	DESCRIPTION
CADET **SEAMAN RECRUIT**	C / SR	N/A	THERE IS NO COLLAR DEVICE FOR THIS RATE
CADET **SEAMAN APPRENTICE**	C / SA		2 SILVER DIAGONAL STRIPES
CADET **SEAMAN**	C / SN		3 SILVER DIAGONAL STRIPES
CADET **PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS**	C / PO3		PERCHED EAGLE OVER ONE CHEVRON
CADET **PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS**	C / PO2		PERCHED EAGLE OVER TWO CHEVRONS
CADET **PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS**	C / PO1		PERCHED EAGLE OVER THREE CHEVRONS
CADET **CHIEF PETTY OFFICER**	C / CPO		EAGLE PERCHED ON A FOULED ANCHOR
CADET **SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER**	C / SCPO		EAGLE AND ONE STAR PERCHED ON A FOULED ANCHOR
CADET **MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER**	C / MCPO		EAGLE AND TWO STARS PERCHED ON A FOULED ANCHOR

Army JROTC Ranks



CADET COLONEL | CADET LIEUTENANT COLONEL | CADET MAJOR | CADET CAPTAIN | CADET FIRST LIEUTENANT | CADET SECOND LIEUTENANT

INSIGNIA OF GRADE FOR CADET ENLISTED PERSONNEL



CADET COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR | CADET SERGEANT MAJOR | CADET FIRST SERGEANT | CADET MASTER SERGEANT | CADET SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

CADET STAFF SERGEANT | CADET SERGEANT | CADET CORPORAL | CADET PRIVATE FIRST CLASS | CADET PRIVATE