***ANSWER KEY TO RECYCLING INTELLIGENCE QUIZ  
Should the following items be thrown into the New Mexico State University (or city of Las Cruces) blue bins under the new protocol after China changed its recycling standards in 2018? Answer Yes or No***

*1.) Plastics No. 1 and 2 (Look for a recycling symbol designating the number.):* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*2.) Aluminum cans:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*3.) Steel cans:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*4.) Printer paper:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*5.) Corrugated cardboard:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*6.) Plastics No.'s 3-7:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*7.) Plastic bags:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*8.) Phone books:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*9.) Tissue boxes:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*10.) Empty-but-clean food boxes (such as cereal, cake-mix or TV dinner boxes):* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*11.) Lids/caps of No. 1 or No. 2 plastic containers:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*12.) Thin cardboard cartons (orange juice, milk or similar cartons):* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*13.) Thin-paper store receipts:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*14.) Styrofoam (packing supplies, cups, take-out boxes, etc.):* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*15.) Clean plastic containers that held food: No. (These are often plastics No.'s 3-7.)****\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*16.) Thin-cardboard fast-food cups:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*17.) Plastic, fast-food cup lids:* ***\_\_\_Yes or x\_\_\_No***

*18.) Plastic straws:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*19.) Clean, cardboard ice cream boxes:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*20.) Glossy or newspaper-type magazines:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*21.) Glossy calendars:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*22.) Newspapers:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*23.) Empty toilet-paper rolls and empty paper-towel rolls:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*24.) Paper towels, tissues or toilet paper:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*25.) Shredded office paper:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*26.) File folders:* ***\_\_x\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

***Junk Mail/Mail: Depends on the type****:  
   28.) - Glossy-paper envelopes:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No*** *29.)Office-paper or plain-paper envelopes:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No*** *30.) Manila paper envelopes:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No*** *31.) Paper envelopes with a cellophane address pane:****x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*32.)Paper containing pieces of hard plastic, like sample credit cards: Paper component* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*33.) Plastic component of junk mail* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No*** *34.)- Glossy-paper correspondence/letters:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No*** *35.)Office paper or plain-paper correspondence/letters:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No*** *36.) Soft-plastic envelopes with padding:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No*** *37.) Soft-plastic envelopes without padding:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*38.) Paper envelopes lined with plastic/bubble wrap:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

***REGULAR RECYCLING QUESTIONS:***

*48.) Paper gift wrap (plain brown or colored/decorated):* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*49.) Glossy or newspaper-type advertisements:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*50.) Shampoo/soap bottles (# 1 or #2):* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*51.) Hard plastic containers (such as Christmas decoration storage bins):* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*52.) Metal aerosol cans:* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No (if decompress the air pressure)***

*53.) Hardback books: x****\_\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*54.) Paperback books:* ***\_\_x\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*55.) Garden hoses:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*56.) Tires:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*57.) Must all No. 1 and No. 2 bottles, such as detergent bottles, be rinsed out?* ***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*58.) Can No. 1 and No. 2 bottles that contained chemicals/cleaners be recycled?****\_\_x\_Yes or \_\_\_No (****As long as they're household-sized products and the containers have been rinsed out with water)*

*59.) Should the lids/caps of No. 1 or No. 2 plastics be removed before recycling?*

***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*60.) What should be done with the lids if they're taken off the bottle?*

***\_x\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No (Yes for paper labels, no for plastic labels)***

*61.) Should labels be removed from plastic, aluminum and tin cans, and bottles before recycling?*

***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*62.) What should be done with the labels?*

***\_\_x\_Yes or \_x\_\_No (recycle paper labels, trash plastic ones)***

*63.) What should be done with plastics that don't have a recycling number printed or stamped on them?*

***\_\_x\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

*64.) Must brown cardboard be corrugated in order to be recycled?*

***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*65.) Should corrugated cardboard boxes be broken down before being placed in blue bins?*

***\_x\_\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*66. Often there is a plastic ring left on No. 1 and 2 containers from where the lid/cap was attached. What should be done with the plastic ring?*

***\_\_x\_Yes or \_\_\_No***

*67. Is glass still recyclable (in Blue Bins)?*

*Answer:* ***\_\_\_Yes or \_x\_\_No***

***(****It is recyclable but can't be placed in blue curbside bins. Rather, it should be dropped off at the Old Foothills Landfill, 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., or the Recycling Center, 2855 W. Amador Ave., Las Cruces)*

***Answer source****: South Central Solid Waste Authority*