Firing Line Commands

Commands are given at 3 second intervals where applicable

1. <u>When ready to start the firing of a match, the Range Officer commands:</u>
    a. "Relay No. 1, Match No. ___ (or name the match), on the firing line"
    b. "Competitors take your assigned position and prepare to fire, but do not load"
    c. "There will be a three minute preparation period" and "The preparation period begins now"
    d. "The preparation period has ended"
2. <u>The Range Officer, having made sure the range is clear, then commands:</u>
    a. "With ____ rounds, load"
    b. "Is the line ready?"
    c. "The line is ready" or "The line is not ready"
    d. "Ready on the right" or "Ready on the left"
    e. "Ready on the firing line"
    f. "Commence firing"
3. <u>The Range Officer at the end of the time limit for the string then commands:</u>
    a. "Cease firing"
    b. "Cease firing - unload"
    c. "Cylinders open"
    d. "Slides back"
    e. "Is the line safe on the left?" or "Is the line safe on the right?"
    f. "The line is safe. Go forward, score targets, and paste" (or "change")
4. <u>When it has been ascertained that all personnel have returned to the firing line, the Range Officer then commands:</u>
    a. "The range is clear, you may handle your guns"
    b. "Police the firing line"