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This test consists of 80 questions. You must correctly answer 68 questions (85%) to pass the test. Carefully read the following questions. Pick the best answer to each question and mark your choice on the answer sheet. *Do not write on this test—use the answer sheet!* Good luck!

### Multiple Choice

- The safest firearm to handle is the one that:
  - You believe has been unloaded
  - Is unloaded with the action open and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
  - Is loaded with the safety on
- The muzzle of your rifle is the end of the barrel where the:
  - Rifle is loaded
  - Scope attaches
  - Bullet exits the barrel  
*GOOD TO KNOW*
- When you take a rifle out of a vehicle:
  - The muzzle should point in a safe direction at all times
  - The barrel of the firearm should come out first
  - The rifle should be loaded and the safety off
- The safest way to carry your firearm in a vehicle is:
  - Loaded with the safety on
  - Unloaded in a case
  - Pointed out the window
- Before your friend hands you his or her rifle to hold, he or she should always:
  - Point the muzzle in a safe direction, open the action, and check if the firearm is loaded
  - Look through the scope
  - Load it
- When should you move the safety to the fire position?
  - Several minutes before firing
  - Just before firing
  - Whenever you start hunting
- You are hunting and a deer runs between you and your hunting partner. You should:
  - Not shoot
  - Shoot the deer in the neck
  - Shoot the deer behind the front shoulder
- Steel shot must be used when hunting
  - Ducks and geese
  - Turkeys
  - Blue Grouse

9. You are hunting with a friend who keeps pointing his shotgun in your direction. You should
- Ignore it—you don't want to hurt his feelings
  - Tell your friend what he is doing is dangerous, you don't like it, and you want him to point the muzzle of his gun in a safe direction at all times
  - Point your shotgun at your friend—he will get the idea and stop
10. The gauge or caliber on most firearms is stamped:
- Inside the chamber
  - On the trigger guard
  - On the barrel close to the action
11. You have been hunting all day and now you don't know where you are. What should you do first?
- Walk in the direction you think you came from
  - Eat all your food
  - Admit you are lost and stop, think, observe, and plan (S.T.O.P.)
12. What are ethics?
- Ways to poach wildlife
  - Laws made by the government
  - Personal standards by which a person lives and acts
13. To be a responsible hunter means that you:
- Can hunt whenever you want
  - Obey hunting laws and establish good personal hunting ethics
  - Remind others of your right to hunt
14. Which of the following firearm carries SHOULD NOT be used if someone is walking behind you?
- Shoulder carry
  - Elbow carry
  - Trail carry
15. A deer that you have been aiming at through your scope disappears into some brush. What do you do?
- Shoot at the point where you think it is
  - Fire a shot in the air to make it move into the open
  - Wait until you can positively identify the deer and can make sure that the shot is a clear and safe shot before firing
16. When turkey hunting, which of the following can be very dangerous?
- Wearing red, white, black or blue clothing
  - Sitting with your back against a large tree or rock and calling the bird to you
  - Identifying yourself by shouting when you see another hunter coming near you
17. Shooting at an animal that is standing on top of a ridge is:
- Safe at dawn or dusk because you can see the animal's silhouette clearly
  - Never safe because you cannot be sure what your bullet may hit on the other side of the ridge
  - Safe when another hunter is present
18. A "NO HUNTING WITHOUT PERMISSION" sign means that you can:
- Hunt there, the sign is only for hunters who do not live in Montana
  - Hunt there as long as the season is open and you have a license
  - Hunt only if you ask the landowner for permission first

19. The first thing you should do, after making sure your deer is dead is to:
- Field dress it
  - Drag it out of the woods
  - Cut out the day and month of your deer tag and attach it securely to the animal
20. A good hunter practices shooting his or her firearm to:
- Impress friends
  - Use up all his or her ammunition
  - Be sure that he or she can deliver a quick, clean kill when shooting an animal
21. When hunting, if you come to a gate you should:
- Open it so that other hunters can get through
  - Close it if it is open
  - Leave it the way it was when you came to it, whether open or closed
22. It is a good idea to tell others what your hunting plan is because:
- It lets them know where you are hunting and when you expect to be back
  - It can fool your friends into thinking you are hunting in one place while you are really in another place
  - It is a sure way to keep you from getting lost
23. If you want to signal for help the best way is to:
- Start yelling
  - Blow hard on a whistle 3 times
  - Blow hard on a whistle 5 times
24. The best place to obtain information about hunting seasons and rules is:
- A hunting magazine
  - A newspaper
  - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' hunting regulations
25. Hunters can help maintain a positive image for all hunters by:
- Never being seen wearing bloody hunting clothing to town
  - Not bragging in public about how many animals they kill
  - Both A and B
26. Once you have passed hunter education, the age at which you are allowed to hunt big game animals in Montana is:
- 12
  - 13
  - 14
27. The hunting clothes most likely to help you avoid being accidentally shot by another hunter is:
- Camouflage clothing so other hunters cannot see you
  - At least 400 square inches of fluorescent hunter orange clothing above the waist so that others can see you
  - Lumberjack style clothing because you are out in the woods
28. When you go hunting, the best place to load a firearm is:
- At camp
  - When you enter your hunting area and are ready to hunt
  - Inside a warm vehicle

29. There are basic rules to follow to safely handle a firearm. Which one of the following is NOT a firearm safety rule?
- A. Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded
  - B. Always be sure of your target and beyond
  - C. Always keep your firearm loaded and ready to fire
30. Who is responsible for the safe handling of a firearm?
- A. The game warden
  - B. The person holding the firearm
  - C. Your hunting partner
31. You and a friend are hunting together and you come to a fence that you want to cross. The first and best thing to do is:
- A. Climb over the fence with your firearm in hand
  - B. Hand your loaded firearm to your friend
  - C. Open the action and unload your firearm(s)
32. A hunting firearm in the home should be:
- A. Unloaded and stored in a safe place separate from ammunition
  - B. Stored anywhere in the house
  - C. Loaded at all times
33. When you want to hunt on private land, you must:
- A. Always ask for and get the landowner's permission first
  - B. Make all arrangements with the landowner ahead of time and follow the landowner's instructions
  - C. A and B
34. A safe and responsible hunter:
- A. Shoots animals from the road
  - B. Chases animals with a vehicle
  - C. Never shoots towards buildings or livestock
35. What is the most important thing a hunter can do in Montana to ensure that we have wild animals to enjoy and hunt in the future?
- A. Feed all the animals
  - B. Protect and maintain natural habitats
  - C. Build more zoos
36. Most of the money for wildlife management in Montana comes from the sale of hunting licenses and a special tax on:
- A. Everything people buy
  - B. Firearms and ammunition
  - C. Homes and vehicles
37. The purpose of the hunter education course is to:
- A. Produce expert shooters
  - B. Teach people how to be safe and responsible hunters
  - C. Help hunters kill lots of animals
38. Hunter education is important because it:
- A. Reduces the number of hunting accidents
  - B. Limits the number of hunters
  - C. Makes money for instructors

39. When is it okay to be an irresponsible hunter?
- A. When nobody else can see you
  - B. When your behavior doesn't hurt anyone
  - C. Never
40. Fair Chase means that you as a hunter show:
- A. An interest in killing as many animals as possible
  - B. Respect for the animals you hunt
  - C. A desire to break the law
41. Whose responsibility is it to know hunting laws and regulations before you go hunting?
- A. Yours
  - B. Your parents
  - C. The leader of your hunting group
42. If you shoot at a deer and it runs out of sight, you should:
- A. Assume you missed the animal and keep on hunting
  - B. Assume you hit the animal and follow it until you find it or are certain you missed
  - C. Immediately shoot at another deer standing nearby
43. The most important thing you can do to make sure your game meat will taste good is:
- A. Cover up the animal with dirt or mud to keep it cool
  - B. Properly field dress the animal and care for the meat while you're still in the field
  - C. Immediately wrap the animal in plastic and field dress it later
44. "Muzzle control" means:
- A. Being sure the firearm is loaded
  - B. Always pointing the muzzle of your firearm in a safe direction
  - C. Keeping the safety on at all times
45. "Safe Zone of Fire" refers to:
- A. An area that is open to hunting
  - B. The distance a bullet travels
  - C. An area into which a hunter may safely shoot
46. If you carry a firearm and slip, stumble or fall, the most important thing for you to do is:
- A. Protect the firearm from damage
  - B. Control the muzzle and keep it pointed in a safe direction
  - C. Throw the firearm away from you
47. The marked end of the needle on your compass points in the direction of:
- A. West
  - B. South
  - C. Magnetic North

**True/False**

48. People who drink alcohol or take illegal drugs before or while hunting or shooting are a danger to themselves and others.
49. Hunting is a right, not a privilege.
50. Hunting is an important tool of wildlife management.
51. A bullet fired from a .22 caliber rifle can kill or injure a person who is over a mile away.

52. When a wildlife biologist talks about "carrying capacity," they are talking about the number of shells you can load in a shotgun.
53. What is beyond your target is not important as long as you are sure you can hit what you are aiming at.
54. A loaded firearm with the safety on will NEVER fire if accidentally dropped on the ground.
55. The future of hunting depends on the behavior of hunters today.
56. All hunters should know basic First Aid.
57. All fires must be put completely out and cold to the touch before you leave a campsite.
58. A responsible hunter reads the hunting regulations every year.
59. A hunting license allows you to hunt on private property without asking the landowner for permission.
60. It is legal for your friend to use your deer tag.
61. Wearing wet clothing in windy cold weather chills your body and can lead to hypothermia.
62. A person who is an accurate shooter may still be unsafe when handling a firearm.
63. Dirt, moisture, and heat are the three main reasons why meat spoils.
64. All big game hunters who use firearms must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange clothing above the waist visible at all times.
65. Even if a firearm is unloaded, the muzzle must still be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
66. Loading a 20-gauge shell into a 12-gauge shotgun is a safe practice.
67. Whenever you go hunting, hiking, or camping you should always carry basic survival equipment and know how to use it.
68. In Montana, hunters under 14 years of age may hunt alone.
69. - 72. On your answer sheet list the four (4) basic rules of firearm safety.
73. - 76. On your answer sheet write down the name of each of the animals.



77. - 80. On the back of your answer sheet mark with a dot (●) the recommended spot for the best shot placement to deliver a quick, clean kill when shooting an animal.