## NJ HUNTER EDUCATION RIFLE/MUZZLELOADER PRACTICE EXAM

## CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION AND COMPARE TO ANSWER KEY

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- 1 To properly sight in a gun, you should move the
  - a. rear sight in the same direction you want the bullet holes to move
  - b. front sight in the same direction you want the bullet holes to move
  - c. front and rear sight in the same direction
  - d. rear sight in the same direction as the bullet group

2 An excellent way to clean a muzzleloader is to

- a. use cleaning oils
- b. use a rag
- c. use soapy water
- d. use shotgun cleaning solvent
- 3 Caliber is the measurement of the:
  - a. diameter of the bore
  - b. weight of the bullet
  - c. weight of the action
  - d. length of the barrel
- 4 Which size black powder is used only to prime flintlocks?
  - a. Fg
  - b. FFg
  - c. FFFg
  - d. FFFFg
- 5 The rifling of a rifle is
  - a. another name for the bolt
  - b. the grooves in the bore of the barrel which make the bullet spin
  - c. the part of the barrel which the cartridge fits
  - d. the diameter of the barrel where the bullet goes
- 6 When pouring powder into the barrel it is best to use:
  - a. a powder measure
  - b. a funnel
  - c. a powder horn
  - d. a powder flask with a cutoff spout
- 7 When loading, a patch is used in a muzzleloading rifle to:
  - a. take up looseness of poor fitting balls
  - b. prevent fouling
  - c. make a tight gas seal between bore and ball
  - d. separate ball from powder
- 8 The best way to learn how to use your new muzzleloader is to:
  - a. ask your hunter education instructor
  - b. follow the manufacturer's instructions
  - c. ask your friend
  - d. figure it out your self in your backyard

9 To prevent becoming lost while hunting in a strange area, you should:

- a. Hunt with a partner
- b. Hunt within seeing or hearing distance of a road
- c. Carry a map of the area and a compass, and
- know how to use them
- d. Stay only on well-marked trails

10 You have been hunting all day and now you don't know where you are. What should you do FIRST?

- a. walk in the direction you think you came from
- b. yell until someone hears you and answers
- c. admit you are lost and S.T.O.P.
- d. fire three shots in the air

11 Let someone know where you are going to hunt:

- a. so they could help you drag out your game
  - b. so you could be found if lost or injured
  - c. so there would be no argument about who killed any game
- d. so they can use your hunting spot in case you cannot go

12 During the hunting season you can start shooting game

- a. any time you see it day or night
- b. only during legal hours listed in the digest
- c. any day of the week
- d. only during the morning hours

13 To hunt deer during the muzzleloader season you must have

- a. firearm hunting license
- b. valid rifle permit
- c. muzzleloader deer season permit
- d. all of the above

14 When hunting with a modern rifle:

- a. the magazine must be plugged
- b. the gun may be loaded with 5 rounds
- c. the gun may not be loaded with more than 3 rounds
- d. you must use single shot rifles only
- 15 A firearm transported in a vehicle must be:
  - a. pointed out the window in case it fires
  - b. unloaded and cased
  - c. loaded and ready in case you see game
  - d. stored in the gun rack

16 A hunter must tag his deer or turkey:

- a. as soon as possible after getting to the check station
- b. before proceeding onto a public road
- c. as soon as the hunter determines the animal is dead and unloads his firearm
- d. when he sees the conservation officer

17 A hunter shoots at and hits a deer which then enters posted land that he does not have permission to enter. What should the hunter do?

- a. immediately enter the property so the deer will not get away
- b. leave his equipment at the posted sign and then enter
- c. ask the landowner for permission to enter the property
- d. wait until dark and retrieve the deer

18 Why should a good hunter practice during the off-season?

- a. to watch the smoke when the gun fires
- b. to use up old powder
- c. for safe, clean kills
- d. to hunt safely near buildings

19 You are following the blood trail of a deer which you shot. You then lose the blood trail. You should now

- a. give up
- b. shoot another animal
- c. search in circles around the last sign of blood
- d. go back to where the animal was hit

20 When loading a muzzleloading shotgun which of the following is loaded first?

over powder wad

overshot wad

a. powder

shot

b.

c.

d.

21 What is the largest vital area to aim for on a big game animal?

- lungs a
- head b.
- back leg с. d. front leg

22 One of the main reasons some people oppose hunting is:

- possible extinction of huntable animals a.
- poor behavior of some hunters b.
- loss of habitat c.
- d. danger of having firearms in home

23 To the hunter, the term RESPONSIBILITY means that the hunter:

- is fully accountable for his actions
- b. hunts for trophies only
- tries to preserve game for others to hunt c.
- regularly reminds others of his hunting rights d.

24 You have just witnessed a game violation, as a responsible hunter you should:

- not do anything because you are not a a. Conservation Officer
- b. remain silent, one of the violators is your neighbor
- record as much information as possible, then c. report the violation to a Conservation Officer as soon as possible
- approach the violator and make him aware that d. he is a poacher

25 Hunting on posted private land without permission is:

- a privilege a.
- b. responsible
- trespassing c.
- d. a right

26 For the average hunter, the effective range of a muzzleloader rifle is:

- 25 yards a.
- b. 50 yards
- c. 100 yards
- 125 yards d.

27 Which of the following activities has the lowest accident rate?

- snow skiing a.
- b. football
- swimming c.
- d. hunting

28 The color which is most visible in the field and not found in nature is:

- fire engine red a.
- b. blaze or hunter orange
- red and black plaid c.
- d. canary yellow

29 Accidents with firearms DO NOT just happen, they are caused by

- disregard for safety rules a.
- mechanical failure of firearms b.
- too many hunters competing for the game c.
- d. hunter's guns misfiring

30 Treat every gun as if it were loaded:

- if you have loaded it a. b.
- if another person hands it to you if you think it may be loaded c.
- all the time d.

- 31 The muzzle and barrel of a firearm should be examined after any fall or after being placed on the ground (after unloading) to:
  - check the rifling a
    - be sure there is no obstruction in the barrel b.
    - see if it is loaded c. d.
    - remove any dirt from the finish

32 You have decided to hunt deer from a treestand. The best way to get your gun up into the tree is to

- use a shoulder strap to carry it up with you a. climb up into the tree and have your friend b.
- throw it up to you secure yourself to the tree, pull the unloaded c.
- gun up with a haul line
- d. use any of the above methods because they are all safe
- 33 To tell if a muzzleloader is loaded
  - shine a light down the barrel a.
  - snap a cap b.
  - use a premarked ramrod as a measure c.
  - d. blow down the barrel to see if air passed out the bottom hole

34 The first thing you should do upon entering your climbing tree stand is:

- look around for deer a.
- haul up your gun b.
- attach your safety harness c.
- check the wind direction d.

35 The number of animals the habitat can support throughout the year is called:

- carrying capacity a.
- b. overload function
- edge effect c.
- population dynamics d.

36 Most funds for wildlife programs come from:

- Federal income tax paid by everyone a
- New Jersey state sales tax b.
- Fines from hunting and fishing violations c.
- d. Pittman-Robertson funds

## TRUE AND FALSE

- 37 T F Habitat is the key to wildlife survival
- 38 T F You can use synthetic material for shooting patches since they are smoother than cotton or linen.
- 39 T F The purpose of the New Jersey Hunter Education Course is to help you become a safe and responsible hunter
- 40 T F Driving around town with a deer on your car hood is a good way to promote hunting.
- 41 T F The licensed hunter is an important tool in modern game management and wildlife conservation.
- 42 T F You can shine a light from a vehicle into the woods and fields when you have a muzzleloading gun in the vehicle.
- 43 T F You should use short strokes with the ram rod while seating the projectile.
- 44 T F The best way to remove a stuck projectile is to use a silent ball discharger.
- 45 T F Smokeless powder is a good substitue for black powder.