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Howell Woods Orientation and Safety Open Book Test

Each hunter must pass this test with a maximum of three questions answered incorrectly, with all of the safety questions answered correctly (marked with an asterisks). You may only use the provided information packet to answer any questions, not other hunters answer sheet! If you fail to correctly answer the required number of questions you will be given the opportunity to take the test again, answering only the missed questions. Your hunt start time will only begin after satisfactory completion of this test! Good Luck.

Circle the letter of the correct answer for multiple choice questions and circle the correct word for True/False questions.

Section A- Safety & Protocol

1*. All hunters must possess a working flashlight and use it while going to and from your area during the period of darkness?

TRUE **FALSE**

2*. No hunter may track animal alone or without a Howell Woods staff member or designated hunt volunteer.

TRUE **FALSE**

3*. Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.

TRUE **FALSE**

4*. Hunters do not have to hunt in their designate stand location as long as they stay in the general area?

TRUE **FALSE**

5*. All hunters must sign in and out upon arrival or leaving the property at the designated location and with a designated hunt official and have all harvested game inspected by a Howell Woods staff.

TRUE **FALSE**

6*. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. Do not load firearm until safely in the stand, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

TRUE **FALSE**

7*. Harvested animals maybe field dressed at the site of kill?

TRUE **FALSE**

8* ATV's or four wheeled vehicles may be driven off trail to get to hunting stand location?

TRUE **FALSE**

9*. Hunters must wear a safety blaze orange hat and/or vest at all times when hunting deer and feral pigs?

TRUE

FALSE

10*. When hunting for deer or feral pigs hunters must hunt at least 10-feet of the ground but no more than 20 feet.

TRUE

FALSE

11*. All violators of any safety protocol will be immediately removed, without refund, from the property and prohibited from any future hunting opportunities at Howell Woods.

TRUE

FALSE

12* No alcohol or other mind-altering drug may be ingested eight hours prior to or during the hunt.

TRUE

FALSE

13. Tracking of any wounded animal will only be conducted for a maximum of:

A. 45 minutes

B. 1 hour

C. 30 minutes

D. As long as it takes to retrieve animal

14*. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open. Firearms should be carried empty to and from the hunting area.

TRUE

FALSE

15*. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm.

TRUE

FALSE

16*. It is acceptable to point your weapon at an unknown object, if you are using your scope in place of binoculars.

TRUE

FALSE

Section B- Pigs

1. Hogs were first brought to North America by:
 - A. English Settlers in 1607
 - B. Christopher Columbus in 1492/1493 or Hernando de Soto in 1539
 - C. Game ranch managers in the early 1900's

2. The two most serious diseases commonly found in feral swine are?
 - A. Rabies and salmonellosis
 - B. Leptospirosis and swine brucellosis
 - C. Swine brucellosis and pseudorabies

3. What is the gestation period for feral swine?
 - A. 90-110 days
 - B. 100-140 days
 - C. 110-150 days

4. The average litter size is?
 - A. 6-9 piglets
 - B. 4-8 piglets
 - C. 5-12 piglets

5. Feral swine diet consists of?
 - A. Roots, acorns, nuts and earthworms
 - B. Bulbs and tubers, slugs, frogs and reptiles
 - C. Bird eggs, carrion, mice, injured small animals
 - D. All of the above

6. Wild hogs occur in a variety of habitats but tend to prefer:
 - A. Shaded mountain coves
 - B. Wooded areas close to water
 - C. Open, grassy areas
 - D. Agricultural areas

7. When do female feral swine reach sexual maturity?
 - A. 5-8 months
 - B. 8-12 months
 - C. 6-15 months

8. When do male feral swine reach sexual maturity?
 - A. 12-15 months
 - B. 5-8 months
 - C. 7 ½ -12 months

9. When are piglets typically weaned?
 - A. 1-2 months
 - B. 3-4 months
 - C. 5-7 months

10. Feral pig hunting is conducted on the Howell Woods property for:
- A. Reduces a non-native population which helps wild turkey and other wildlife
 - B. Provides a source of income to Howell Woods
 - C. Helps reduce crop and road damage
 - D. All of the above
11. The effective “kill zone” is much smaller and lower on a feral pig than that of a whitetail deer.
- TRUE** **FALSE**
12. Wild hogs are typically not aggressive and will retreat if approached.
- TRUE** **FALSE**
13. Feral swine consume large amounts of food and may reduce the food supply available for animals such as;
- A. Whitetail deer
 - B. Bear
 - C. Wild turkey
 - D. Squirrel
 - E. All of the above
14. One group of researchers reported wild boars in monitored areas of the Great Smokey Mountains to have reduced plant cover by as much as:
- A. 80%
 - B. 50%
 - C. 35%
 - D. 25%
15. The best way to avoid potential damage problems with feral swine is:
- A. Liberal harvest of feral swine
 - B. Live trapping and hunting with dogs
 - C. Electric fencing
 - D. Avoid introducing the animals into new areas

Section C- White-tailed Deer

- White-tailed bucks physiologically mature by _____ years of age?
 - 2 ½
 - 3 ½
 - 4 ½
 - 5 ½
- What is the gestation period for white-tailed deer?
 - 160 days
 - 175 days
 - 183 days
 - 196 days
- By the age of _____ the average buck will have grown about 90 percent of his total antler size.
 - 2 ½
 - 3 ½
 - 4 ½
 - 5 ½
- List at three characteristics for each;

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| Doe: _____ | Fawn: _____ |
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- Antler size depends on the following;
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- The average home range for a mature white-tailed buck is _____ acres annually.
 - 640
 - 1200
 - 2000
 - 3000
- A buck fawn may be the first antlerless deer seen because he is less wary and more inquisitive.

TRUE **FALSE**
- State the appearance of the shape of the head between the ears for the following;

Doe fawn _____

Buck fawn _____
- White-tailed deer fawns are weaned at _____ months of age.
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6

10. As far as nutrition, the two most critical times for white-tailed deer are _____ and _____.

- A. late summer, late winter
- B. late spring, early winter
- C. early summer, early winter

11. White-tailed deer bucks must meet what three requirements to be harvested on the Howell Woods property?

- A. Weight, antler spread and number of points
- B. Antler spread, main beam length and antler base size
- C. Number of points, main beam length and antler spread.

12. What is the monetary penalty for shooting a buck that does not meet the minimum of all three of the buck antler requirements on Howell Woods? _____