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Howell Woods Orientation and Safety Open Book Test-Waterfowl

Each hunter must pass this test with a minimum of 27 correct questions, 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.

1. What is the minimum age for a hunter at Howell Woods?

- A. 16
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 18

2*. Hunters (non-Management Partner hunters) do not have to hunt in their designate blind location as long as they stay in the general area?

TRUE **FALSE**

3. At what time must all hunting/shooting end?

- A. 9:00 am
- B. 11:00 am
- C. 12:00 pm
- D. 5:00 pm

4. What is the maximum number of shot shells per hunter allowed?

- A. There is no limit
- B. 25 shells
- C. 28 shells
- D. 18 shells

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

TRUE **FALSE**

6. All dogs used for retrieving waterfowl must remain on a leash or in a kennel until arriving in designated hunting area?

TRUE **FALSE**

7. Wood duck numbers in North Carolina have remained stable or increased in recent years as a result of

- A. a decrease in the number of waterfowl hunters
- B. the range expansion of beavers
- C. reduced acreage of bottomland hardwoods lost through timber cutting

8. Vegetation overhanging edges of streams, ponds and lakes is vital for providing concealment and escape cover for wood ducks and young broods.

TRUE **FALSE**

9. The most important factor in the decline of continental waterfowl populations originating in the prairie pothole region is/are

- A. predators such as coyotes and hawks
- B. avian bird flu and other diseases
- C. increase in hunter proficiency
- D. loss of their chief nesting habitat

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

TRUE **FALSE**

11. The normal clutch size of wood ducks nesting in North Carolina ranges from

- A. 10-15 eggs
- B. 8-14 eggs
- C. 15-20 eggs
- D. 6-12 eggs

12. Dump nesting occurs when more than one female contributes eggs to a single nest.

TRUE **FALSE**

13. Ratios of cover to open water have been suggested as 75:25 for brood rearing areas.

TRUE **FALSE**

14*. 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**

15. Only the male mallard sports a violet-blue spectrum on each wing.

TRUE **FALSE**

16. Excepted reasons for the decline of the population of Canada geese migrating to and wintering in North Carolina are

- A. probable over-hunting in North Carolina and heavy mortality during Northern seasons
- B. changes in farming practices in northern states
- C. the increase in coyote populations
- D. Only A and B
- E. A, B and C

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

TRUE **FALSE**

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

TRUE **FALSE**

19. Wood duck nest boxes should never be installed without adequate predator guards.

TRUE **FALSE**

20. Wood duck nest boxes should be placed _____ yards apart and be visually isolated from each other to discourage dump nesting.

- A. 25-50
- B. 50-75
- C. 75-100
- D. 100-200

21. How many races of Canada geese are found in North America.

- A. 6
- B. 8
- C. 11
- D. 12

22. List three important tree species that provide nesting cavities for wood ducks in North Carolina.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

23. Baited areas are considered baited for ____ days after the removal of the bait.

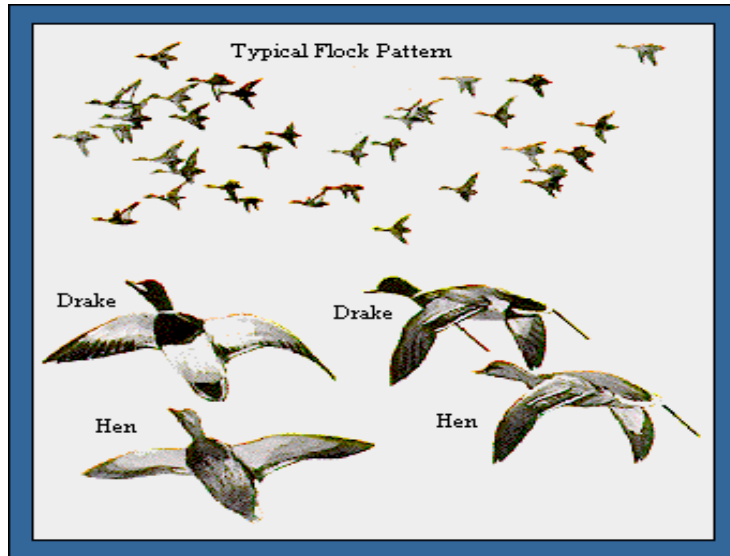
- A. 7
- B. 10
- C. 15
- D. 30

24. No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person, unless the birds are tagged by the hunter.

TRUE **FALSE**

Use the provided book to identify the following waterfowl species.

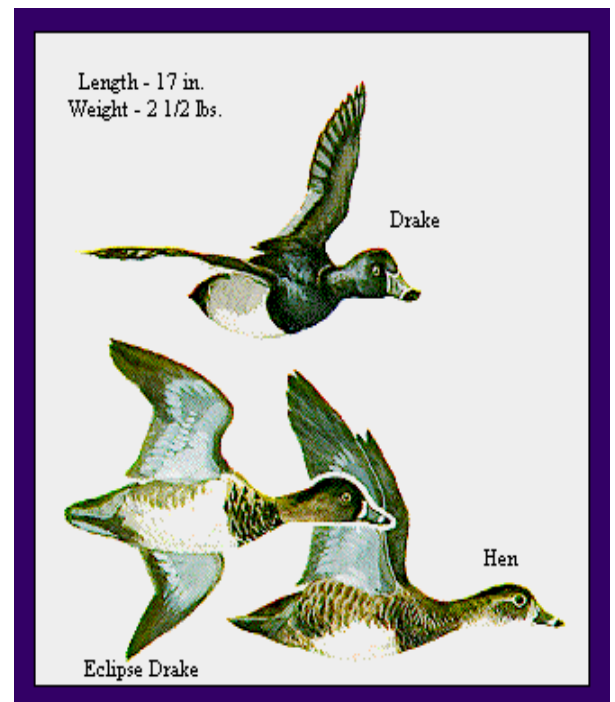
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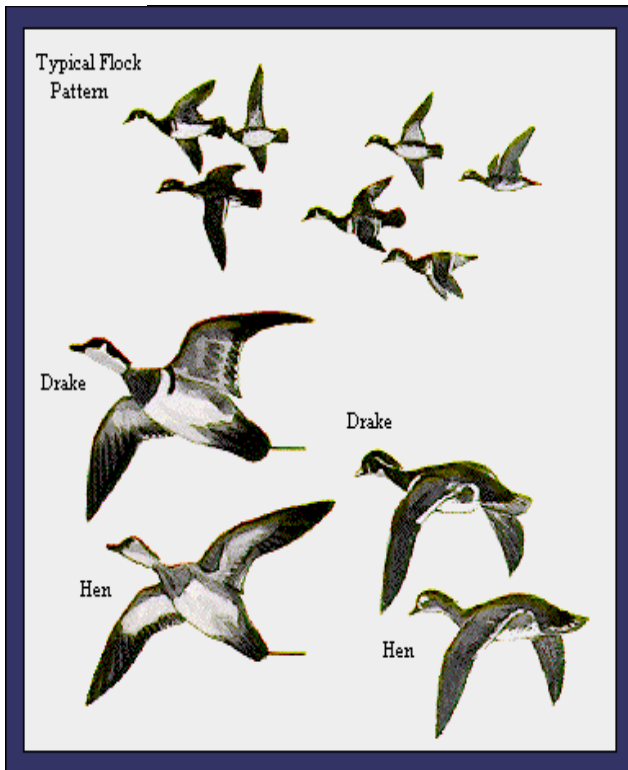
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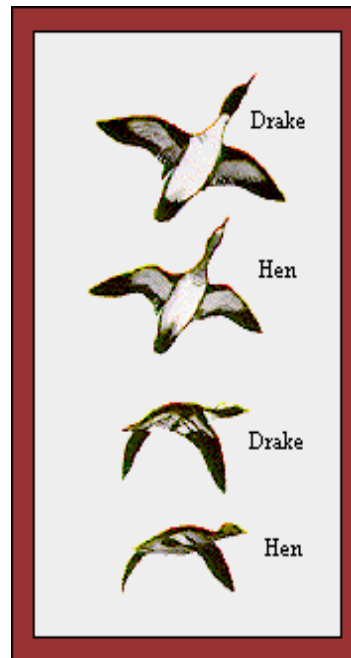
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30. The current bag limits for the following waterfowl are **(must get all correct or fail the test!!!)**

Wood duck: _____

Mallard: _____

Hooded Merganser: _____

Ring-neck duck: _____