HUNTING SAFETY COURSES

PRACTICE TEST WITH ANSWER KEY

Each question has 4 multiple-choice answers. The correct answer is noted at the end of the test with an explanation.

1. What is the name of the moving parts of a firearm that load, fire, and eject the ammunition?
   A. Magazine
   B. Action
   C. Loader
   D. Lock

2. What is the name of the rear end of the barrel in a firearm?
   A. Bolt
   B. Base
   C. Breech
   D. Chamber

3. What is the name of the metal housing for the working parts of the action?
   A. Chamber
   B. Base
   C. Receiver
   D. Rear barrel

4. What is the purpose of the cylinder release in a double action revolver?
   A. To hold the cartridge in readiness for shooting
   B. To free the cylinder from the frame
   C. To release the magazine and empty the cartridges
   D. To eject the cylinder in the event repairs are needed

5. What is the name for the inside of a firearm's barrel, where the projectile travels through when fired?
   A. Breech
   B. Rail
   C. Bore
   D. Chamber

6. What is the length of rabbit hunting season in the state of Florida?
   A. March 10 – 22
   B. August 1 – 28
   C. October 22 – November 11
   D. Year-round
When hunting resident game in the state of Florida, what is the legal limit to the magazine capacity that a centerfire semi-automatic rifle may hold?

A. There is no limit  
B. 5 rounds  
C. 10 rounds  
D. 15 rounds

What is the legal age for using a handgun for the purposes of hunting?

A. Magazine  
B. Action  
C. Loader  
D. Lock

Where is the hunting of deer by any means prohibited in the state of Florida?

A. Collier County  
B. Brevard County  
C. Florida Keys  
D. Dade County

What is the daily bag limit for most deer in the state of Florida?

A. 1  
B. 2  
C. 3  
D. 5

What is the proper arm position for a handgun shooting stance?

A. Fully extended  
B. Locked out  
C. Shoulders raised  
D. Relaxed and flexible

How far apart, side to side, should the feet be in a handgun shooting stance?

A. 5 inches  
B. Hip-width  
C. 8 inches with one foot forward  
D. Feet locked

What is the optimal body position to fire a rifle from?

A. Prone  
B. Kneeling  
C. Standing  
D. Sitting

Which one of the following positions in rifle shooting is optimal for short range shots?

A. Kneeling  
B. Supine  
C. Sitting  
D. Standing
15. What is the most common shooting position used when firing a shotgun?
   A. Kneeling
   B. Standing
   C. Sitting
   D. Moving

16. Which one of the following exercises is most useful in increasing mobility for a hunt?
   A. Sit ups
   B. Chin ups
   C. Jogging
   D. Leg stretches

17. How soon before a deer hunt should a hunter ideally check his blind for rotting wood?
   A. The summer before the hunt
   B. One month before the hunt
   C. The week before the hunt
   D. As needed

18. Which article of clothing should be taken on a hunt?
   A. Sneakers
   B. Rain suit
   C. Bandana
   D. Sunglasses

19. Which one of the following should be done before hunting on private land?
   A. Consult local laws concerning hunts on private land
   B. Ensure that the hunting license is up to date
   C. Acquire the landowner's permission
   D. Hunting should never be done on private land

20. How many compasses should a hunter bring on a trip?
   A. 1
   B. 2
   C. 1 GPS compass and 2 magnetic
   D. 3

21. What is the primary use of a hunting call?
   A. To distract the target animal from unwanted scents
   B. To ward off potential scavengers
   C. To lure the target animal to an area
   D. To confuse other animals in the area

22. What is the purpose of a trail camera?
   A. To capture a target animal's picture and location
   B. To provide a continuous surveillance feed of the area it is set in
   C. To warn a hunter of other hunters in the area
   D. To warn a hunter of predators in the area
What is the typical detection range of a trail camera?
A. 20 – 30 feet  
B. 20 – 50 feet  
C. 50 – 100 feet  
D. 100 – 200 feet

What is the color of hunting safety gear worn in the United States?
A. Green  
B. Orange  
C. Red  
D. Yellow

What is the best method for cleaning latex diaphragm or tube calls?
A. Cold water and air dry  
B. Warm water and air dry  
C. Warm water with soap and air dry  
D. Cold water with no drying to retain moisture

What is the purpose of washing all clothing intended for a hunt before going on a hunt?
A. To avoid discomfort for long periods in the wilderness  
B. To prevent infection  
C. To prevent a target animal from detecting a hunter’s scent  
D. To ensure the quality of camouflage color

What should a hunter do after unintentionally making a loud noise (e.g., stepping on a twig) in an area where target animals may be?
A. Find the nearest cover  
B. Stop all movement for as long as possible  
C. Quickly take a shot if a target animal is nearby  
D. Reverse direction

When hunting deer, which one of the following is the best location for hunting?
A. Wide open fields  
B. Heavily wooded areas  
C. Terrain bottlenecks  
D. Sparsely populated rural areas

What are the ideal weather conditions for duck hunting?
A. Sunny and clear  
B. Fog  
C. High winds  
D. Overcast skies

When planning a hunt for turkey, what time should a hunter be in the chosen area to spot turkeys flying to their roosts?
A. The morning of the hunt  
B. The night before the hunt  
C. The week before the hunt  
D. The afternoon before the hunt
31. When should ear protection be used on a hunt?
   A. At all times
   B. When using any gun firearm
   C. When using high-caliber firearms
   D. Ear protection is not necessary on a hunt

32. What is the best firearm carry for reducing a hunter’s arm fatigue?
   A. Shoulder carry
   B. Trail carry
   C. Ready carry
   D. Cradle carry

33. What direction should the muzzle of a hunter’s firearm point when carrying it?
   A. Out in front of the hunter
   B. In a safe, controlled direction
   C. Upwards and to the side
   D. The muzzle of a firearm should be covered while being carried

34. When taking a shot with a rifle scope mounted on top of a rifle, what should the scope’s range be set at?
   A. 0
   B. 10 m
   C. 15 m
   D. 20 m

35. Which one of the following ammunition calibers is correct for hunting small game?
   A. .220 SWIFT
   B. .223 REM
   C. .22 WMR
   D. .300 WBY

36. When not taking a shot, where should a hunter’s trigger finger be?
   A. Resting on the safety, ready to disengage it
   B. Resting lightly on the trigger
   C. Placed inside the trigger guard, but away from the trigger
   D. Placed outside the trigger guard

37. Which one of the following surfaces should never be shot at?
   A. Metal
   B. Wood
   C. Water
   D. All of the above

38. When should a firearm be assumed to be loaded?
   A. At all times
   B. When the magazine has been checked and seen to be loaded
   C. When the safety is off
   D. When the barrel is uncovered
39. Which one of the following is the safest method for hunting rifle storage?
   A. The rifle should be locked inside of a safe with a combination or key lock
   B. The rifle should be securely hung horizontally on a wall, locked in place
   C. The rifle should be broken down if possible, and the parts stored securely
   D. The rifle should be stored inside of a gun case or sleeve and locked inside of a safe

40. Which one of the following steps is the first taken in loading or unloading a firearm?
   A. Put the safety on
   B. Point the barrel in a safe direction
   C. Open the action
   D. Cover the barrel with a sleeve

41. Which one of the following is an ethical guideline for hunters in respect to other hunters?
   A. Adhere to fair chase rules
   B. Do not interfere in another hunter’s hunt
   C. Strive for a quick, clean kill
   D. Do not waste usable parts of a target animal

42. What is the purpose of fair chase laws?
   A. To establish a safe environment for the hunter
   B. To establish a hunt that does not take unfair advantage of a target animal
   C. To prohibit the use of certain firearms and equipment
   D. To ensure the boundaries of wildlife preserves are enforced

43. Which one of the following is banned under fair chase laws?
   A. Decoys
   B. Enhanced scent sprays
   C. Radios
   D. Infrared cameras

44. How far apart should multiple hunters be spaced on a hunt to establish a safe fire zone?
   A. 10 – 15 yards
   B. 15 – 20 yards
   C. 20 – 40 yards
   D. 40 – 50 yards
45. When on a hunt involving multiple hunters, what is the ideal maximum number of hunters that should be in one group for safety purposes?
A. 3  
B. 4  
C. 5  
D. 6

46. Regardless of weather, how much water does a hunter typically need per day?
A. 1 – 2 quarts  
B. 2 quarts  
C. 2 – 4 quarts  
D. 1 – 2 gallons

47. What is the first step in field treatment of hypothermia?
A. Remove any wet clothing  
B. Prepare a fire to warm the victim  
C. Give the victim warm liquids  
D. Find shelter for the victim

48. Which one of the following is the proper strategy to avoid a mountain lion attack when in the wild?
A. Play dead  
B. Back away slowly  
C. Make as much noise and motion as possible  
D. Get to the highest ground possible

49. What is a good strategy for starting a fire in rainy conditions?
A. Dig a fire pit  
B. Use wood with sticky sap  
C. Light the fire from the leeward side of the wind  
D. Use decayed materials such as dead leaves and pine needles to fuel the fire

50. What is the best firearm carry for reducing a hunter’s arm fatigue?
A. Shoulder carry  
B. Trail carry  
C. Ready carry  
D. Cradle carry
1. B. The action serves as the heart of the firearm’s mechanism to load and fire the weapon.

2. C. The rear end of the barrel of a firearm is called a breech.

3. C. The metal housing for the working parts of the action is called the receiver.

4. B. The cylinder release in a double action revolver frees the cylinder from the frame.

5. B. The inside of a firearm’s barrel is called the bore.

6. D. Rabbit hunting with any legal firearm in Florida may occur year-round.

7. B. Hunting with a centerfire semi-automatic rifle with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds is prohibited in Florida.

8. B. Juveniles under the age of 18 may not use handguns for the purpose of hunting.
C. The hunting of deer by any means is prohibited in the Florida Keys.

B. Only two deer may be taken per day during the proper season.

A. Arms should be fully extended, but not necessarily locked out.

B. The feet should be at comfortable and stable positions, typically hip width for each foot.

A. The prone position offers a greater degree of accuracy and stability.

D. The standing position is the quickest to adopt and fire from, but is the least effective for long distance shots.

B. The standing position allows for fast fire and quicker movements, which are essential for hitting a moving target, a situation commonly encountered with shotguns.

C. Jogging and walking can help increase mobility and prepare for swift movements needed for a hunt.

A. A hunter’s blinds should be checked for rot and structural problems the summer before the deer hunt occurs to avoid critical problems at the time of the hunt.

B. A rain suit should be taken on a hunt in case of inclement weather conditions.
C. Hunters must acquire permission from a landowner before hunting on private property, preferably the summer before.

B. A hunter should pack at least 2 compasses in case one of them is lost in the course of hunting.

C. A hunting call is mainly used in order to lure the target animal into range for the kill.

A. Trail cameras are used to provide pictures of the target and their location.

C. Trail cameras are usually have detection ranges of 50 – 100 feet.

C. Hunting safety gear is typically bright orange in color.

A. Latex diaphragm or tube calls should be rinsed with cold water, and then allowed to air dry before storage.

C. Washing all clothing before a hunt will help eliminate any scents that will drive off a target animal.

B. A hunter should stop and stand in the location they are in for as long as possible to avoid spooking the target animal if they are suspected to be close.

C. Bottlenecks in terrain, especially those between farms where deer are known to graze, are the best places to look for them.
D. Overcast conditions, like those before a storm, decrease the chances of ducks spotting hunters by light glinting off of a rifle or movements of shadows.

B. Hunters should ideally be able out the night before the hunt to spot turkey flying to their roosts.

B. Hunters should use ear protection when taking a shot with any rifle, handgun, or shotgun.

D. The cradle carry, with the stock of the weapon in crook of the arm and the barrel out and to the side, is the best carry for reducing arm fatigue.

B. The muzzle of a hunter’s weapon should always point in a safe direction, and as such that it can easily be controlled.

A. Setting the scope range to zero means that the shot will hit closely to where the weapon is aimed.

C. Ammunition calibers of .22 LR or .22 WMR are intended to hunt small game.

D. A hunter should keep their finger outside the trigger guard and away from the trigger until ready to shoot.

D. Any one of these surfaces, when shot at, has the potential to deflect a shot when it hits, potentially in a dangerous direction.

A. A hunter should always assume that a firearm is loaded, and treat it accordingly to avoid accidents.
C. Breaking down or disassembling a rifle for storage will potentially negate the risk of accidental discharge and make it so that it is not possible to fire the weapon.

B. Always make sure the barrel of a firearm is pointed in a safe direction before loading or unloading a weapon.

B. If another hunter or other hunters are known to be in the same area, do not interfere in their hunt.

B. Fair chase laws are meant to ensure a hunt that does not give a hunter an unfair advantage over their quarry.

C. The use of radios or electronic communication is not permitted during a hunt under fair chase laws.

C. A general guideline is for hunters to stay 25 - 40 yards apart and always within sight of one another to establish a safe fire zone for each hunter.

A. A limit of three hunters will help avoid zone of fire accidents. For newer hunters, two is a safer limit until the hunters can understand the concept and maintenance of a zone of fire.

C. A hunter will usually need around 2 to 4 quarts of water per day.

D. The first step to take when treating someone for hypothermia is to find shelter for the victim.
C. Making loud noises and large motions will create the appearance of being "big" and threatening, and may prevent an attack by a mountain lion.

B. Wood such as pine has sap that is usually flammable and will burn more readily.

A. Rushing water in streams or rivers provides an environment where bacteria and algae cannot grow easily, and will be easier to purify.