

# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Master Hunter Applicant PRACTICE Examination

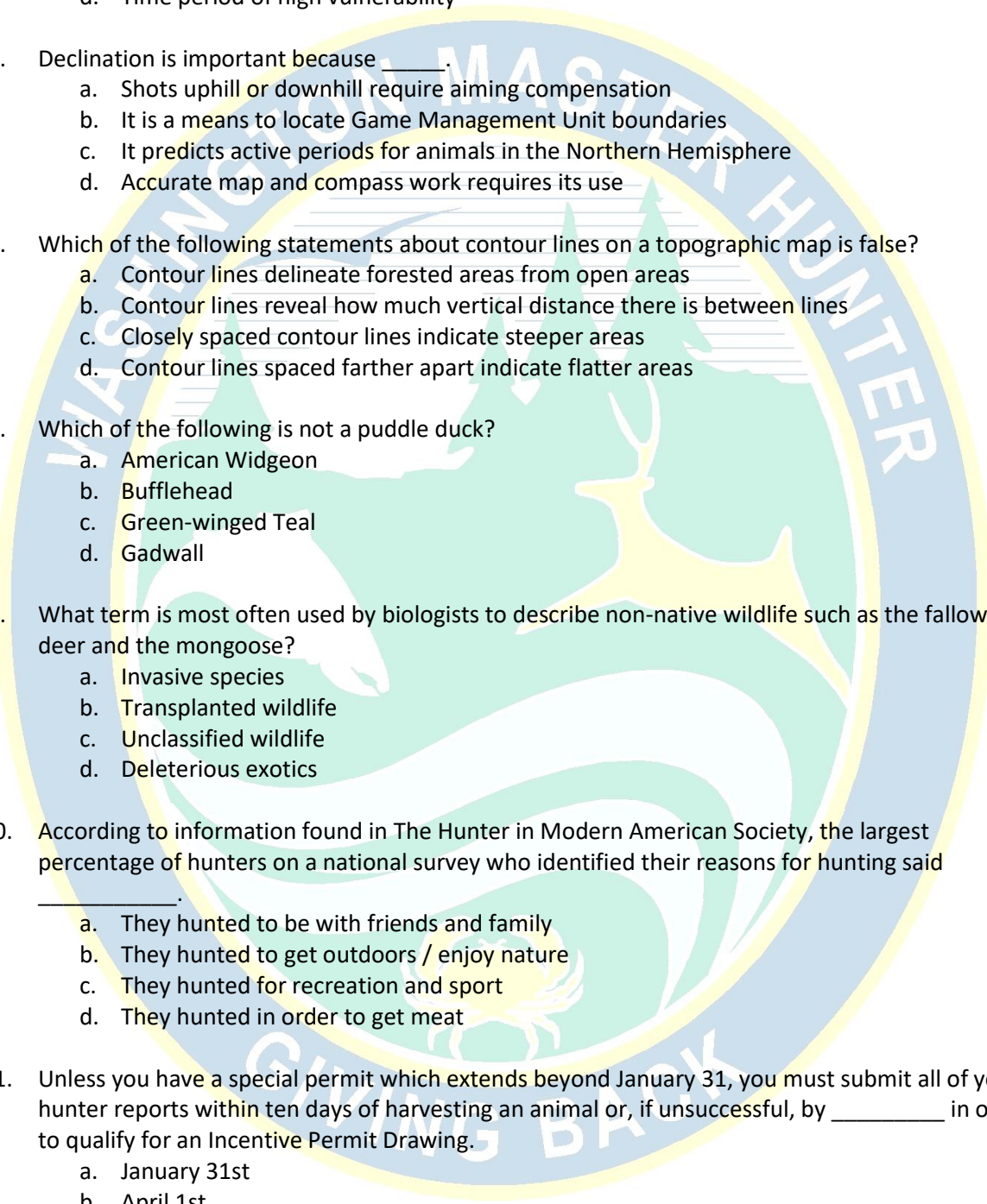
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This sample exam was designed by the Master Hunter Advisory Group and WDFW to give Master Hunter Applicants an idea on what kind of questions are on the current Master Hunter Permit Program Exam. If you have questions regarding this sample exam, please contact the Hunter Education Division at 360-902-8111.

1. The highest priority for a Master Hunter is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Knowledge of regulations
  - b. Marksmanship skills
  - c. Ethics
  - d. Wildlife management knowledge
  
2. Which is the best first course of action for a hunter who wounds an elk and then tracks it to posted private property it has died on?
  - a. Tag and field dress the animal, and then notify the landowner.
  - b. Notify the local WDFW officer, and then leave the animal alone.
  - c. Contact the landowner and obtain permission to retrieve the animal.
  - d. Tag and field dress the animal immediately to prevent spoilage, and then remove the carcass from the private land.
  
3. A baited area for waterfowl remains so for \_\_\_\_ days after its complete removal.
  - a. 5
  - b. 10
  - c. 15
  - d. 20
  
4. Which of the following approaches are appropriate when seeking permission to hunt on private property?
  - 1 Seek permission well in advance of the time period you wish to hunt
  - 2 Be respectful
  - 3 Never approach the owner with hunting equipment in your possession
  - 4 Offer money and if the price is too high, find an indirect route to the land
  - 5 Do some research and see what type of help you can offer the landowner
  - 6 It is best to ask permission on opening morning since landowners like their privacy
  - 7 You don't need to ask permission if the land isn't well posted

Answers:

- a. 1, 2, 3, 5
- b. 1, 2, 5, 6
- c. 4, 6, 7
- d. 1, 2, 4

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5. Which one of the following factors is not generally used to establish hunting seasons?
- Harvestable surplus in game animals
  - Time period when animal fitness is highest
  - Economic factors
  - Time period of high vulnerability
6. Declination is important because \_\_\_\_\_.
- Shots uphill or downhill require aiming compensation
  - It is a means to locate Game Management Unit boundaries
  - It predicts active periods for animals in the Northern Hemisphere
  - Accurate map and compass work requires its use
7. Which of the following statements about contour lines on a topographic map is false?
- Contour lines delineate forested areas from open areas
  - Contour lines reveal how much vertical distance there is between lines
  - Closely spaced contour lines indicate steeper areas
  - Contour lines spaced farther apart indicate flatter areas
8. Which of the following is not a puddle duck?
- American Widgeon
  - Bufflehead
  - Green-winged Teal
  - Gadwall
9. What term is most often used by biologists to describe non-native wildlife such as the fallow deer and the mongoose?
- Invasive species
  - Transplanted wildlife
  - Unclassified wildlife
  - Deleterious exotics
10. According to information found in *The Hunter in Modern American Society*, the largest percentage of hunters on a national survey who identified their reasons for hunting said \_\_\_\_\_.
- They hunted to be with friends and family
  - They hunted to get outdoors / enjoy nature
  - They hunted for recreation and sport
  - They hunted in order to get meat
11. Unless you have a special permit which extends beyond January 31, you must submit all of your hunter reports within ten days of harvesting an animal or, if unsuccessful, by \_\_\_\_\_ in order to qualify for an Incentive Permit Drawing.
- January 31st
  - April 1st
  - January 10th
  - December 31st

12. Select the conditions which could result in harvesting less than a limit.
- 1 Poor hunting conditions
  - 2 Lower hunting skills
  - 3 No desire to harvest a limit
  - 4 Inadequate bag limit knowledge

Answers:

- a. 1, 4
  - b. 1, 2, 4
  - c. All of the above
  - d. None of the above
13. A Muzzleloader firearm is considered to be loaded if it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Charged with powder and bullet, but not primed
  - b. Charged with powder and bullet and primed
  - c. Neither
  - d. Both
14. The annual dull, hen-like appearance of male waterfowl is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Dilution
  - b. Albinism
  - c. Speculum
  - d. Eclipse plumage
15. Choose the best definition for the Pittman-Robertson Act.
- a. Prohibits interstate transport of illegally captured animals
  - b. Places an excise tax for wildlife on sales of ammunition and firearms
  - c. Funds National Refuge System
  - d. Requires use of non-lead shot for waterfowl hunting
16. Which of the following statements about hypothermia are true?
- 1 Hypothermia is the loss of or decrease in core body temperature.
  - 2 Hypothermia frequently occurs between temperatures of 30 to 50 degrees.
  - 3 Continuous shivering and/or chattering of the teeth are early signs of hypothermia.
  - 4 Cold, wet, and windy conditions increase the risk of hypothermia.

Answers:

- a. 1
  - b. 1, 3
  - c. 1, 2, 3
  - d. All of the above
17. What should you do first if you are lost?
- a. Fire three signal shots
  - b. Inventory your survival resources
  - c. Build a shelter and gather firewood
  - d. Admit you are lost and remain calm

18. Which one of the following factors is not generally used to establish hunting seasons?
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19. Which of the following "shot" is legal for waterfowl hunting?
- Bismuth-tin
  - Copper plated lead shot
  - Steel shot
  - Iron tungsten

Answers:

- 1, 2, 4
- 1, 3, 4
- 2, 3, 4
- All of the above

20. If the area you are planning to hunt for big game is relatively flat and some zones are prone to frequent use by the general public, which of the following strategies could improve public safety?
- Thoroughly scout the area in advance and hunt in those areas farthest from public use
  - Hunt from a tree stand
  - Use archery gear, or a shotgun loaded with slugs or buckshot in the appropriate seasons
  - Hunt someplace else

Answers:

- 1, 2, 4
- 1, 3, 4
- 2, 3
- All of the above.

**True or False - This section of the test contains True/False questions.**

- It is illegal in the State of Washington to possess, sell, or trade naturally shed antlers from deer, elk, and moose.
- WDFW operates six regional offices throughout the state.
- The WDFW Director is appointed by the Governor.
- Most firearm-related hunting incidents occur when a hunter is shot by a member of his or her own hunting party.
- The Rocky Mountain elk that inhabit Eastern Washington are generally smaller in body than Roosevelt elk of similar age and gender found in Western Washington.

Answers:

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| 1. C  | 14. D |
| 2. C  | 15. B |
| 3. B  | 16. D |
| 4. A  | 17. D |
| 5. C  | 18. C |
| 6. D  | 19. B |
| 7. A  | 20. C |
| 8. B  | 21. F |
| 9. D  | 22. T |
| 10. A | 23. F |
| 11. C | 24. T |
| 12. C | 25. T |
| 13. B |       |

