

**University of Minnesota Invitational  
FFA Forestry 2017 Contest  
Written Examination**

This exam consists of 15 multiple choice and 5 true or false questions. Mark your answers on the front side of your scantron bubble sheet. DO NOT mark on this exam.

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ square feet in an acre.
  - a. 36,450
  - b. 43,560
  - c. 53,630
  - d. 56,360
  
2. If a landowner's goal is to increase the variety of organisms on their property, habitat \_\_\_\_\_ should be maximized.
  - a. diversity
  - b. length
  - c. sunlight
  - d. age
  
3. The number of seed trees required on a site depends on the species' ability to produce seed and the distance that seed can be dispersed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. wind
  - b. water
  - c. animal
  - d. human
  
4. The NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 15 contains \_\_\_\_\_ acres:
  - a. 80
  - b. 40
  - c. 160
  - d. 320
  
5. The official log rule in the state of Minnesota is the:
  - a. Doyle
  - b. Scribner decimal C
  - c. International one inch
  - d. DBH standard
  
6. Shearing is a cultural practice used with:
  - a. Hardwood timber
  - b. Veneer logs
  - c. A "sugar bush"
  - d. Christmas trees

7. The alternate host for the white pine blister rust is:
- Aspen
  - Winter wheat
  - Gooseberries and currants
  - Eastern red cedar
8. In time, thinning a forest generally increases:
- Soil fertility
  - Diameter growth
  - Excurent growth
  - Tree height
9. New growth of wood is initiated in the \_\_\_\_\_ layer.
- Cambium
  - Heartwood
  - Summerwood
  - Sapwood
10. Planting stock with the designation 2-2 indicates the:
- Trees are 2 years old
  - Trees are transplants
  - Trees are 4 inches long
  - Root to shoot ratio is 1
11. All other factors being equal, a quartersawn 2 x 12 will shrink \_\_\_\_\_ in width than/as a flatsawn plank of the same size:
- More
  - Less
  - About the same
  - None of the above
12. Which of the following trees does not have compound leaves?
- Boxelder
  - White ash
  - Paper birch
  - Butternut
13. A farm building project requires 1500 board feet of 1" x 8" boards priced at \$380/MBF (per thousand board feet). What will this material cost?
- \$1000
  - \$380
  - \$570
  - None of the above
14. If wood is used for flooring, you would prefer a species which is:
- Dense and strong so that it does not dent
  - Able to shrink and swell a lot during the seasonal climate changes
  - Weaker and more pliable for easy installation
  - None of the above

15. Bark is frequently removed before lumber is sawn. This bark may be used for:
- The production of water treatment chemicals
  - The synthesis of family multivitamin tablets
  - Heat (burned) for the sawmill and the dry kilns
  - Exotic fertilizer when combined with specially aged swine manure

True-False questions

For the following seven true or false questions, mark A on the scantron bubble sheet if the statement is true and B if the statement is false.

- |     | <u>True</u> | <u>False</u> |  |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--|
| 16. | A           | B            | Declination for a given location does not change over time.  |
| 17. | A           | B            | Spruce are recommended for the inner two rows of a shelterbelt.                                      |
| 18. | A           | B            | A cherry is an example of a drupe.   |
| 19. | A           | B            | The sapwood of redwood, white oak, and many of the cedars is highly resistant to decay.              |
| 20. | A           | B            | As a sawblade or chainsaw cuts through wood, the space left by the removal of wood is called a kerf. |

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Wood Identification**

This exam consists of 5 multiple choice questions. Mark your answer on the scantron bubble sheet. DO NOT mark on this exam.

1. Sample 1
  - a. Northern red oak
  - b. Cherry
  - c. Red (Norway) pine
  - d. White oak
  
2. Sample 2
  - a. Tamarack
  - b. Elm
  - c. Ash
  - d. Ponderosa pine
  
3. Sample 3
  - a. White pine
  - b. Sugar maple
  - c. Hickory
  - d. Hackberry
  
4. Sample 4
  - a. Butternut
  - b. Birch
  - c. Eastern red cedar
  - d. Cottonwood
  
5. Sample 5
  - a. Aspen
  - b. Douglas-fir
  - c. Northern white cedar
  - d. Spruce

## FFA Forestry CDE Timber Cruising

On your score sheet, record individual tree DBH to the nearest inch and merchantable height to the nearest ½ sawlog converted to feet (e.g., 1 ½ sawlogs equals 24 feet). Then utilizing that diameter and height information, determine individual tree volume from the table below and record that information on your score sheet.

### Tree Volume (Scribner Rule by Number of 16 foot logs)

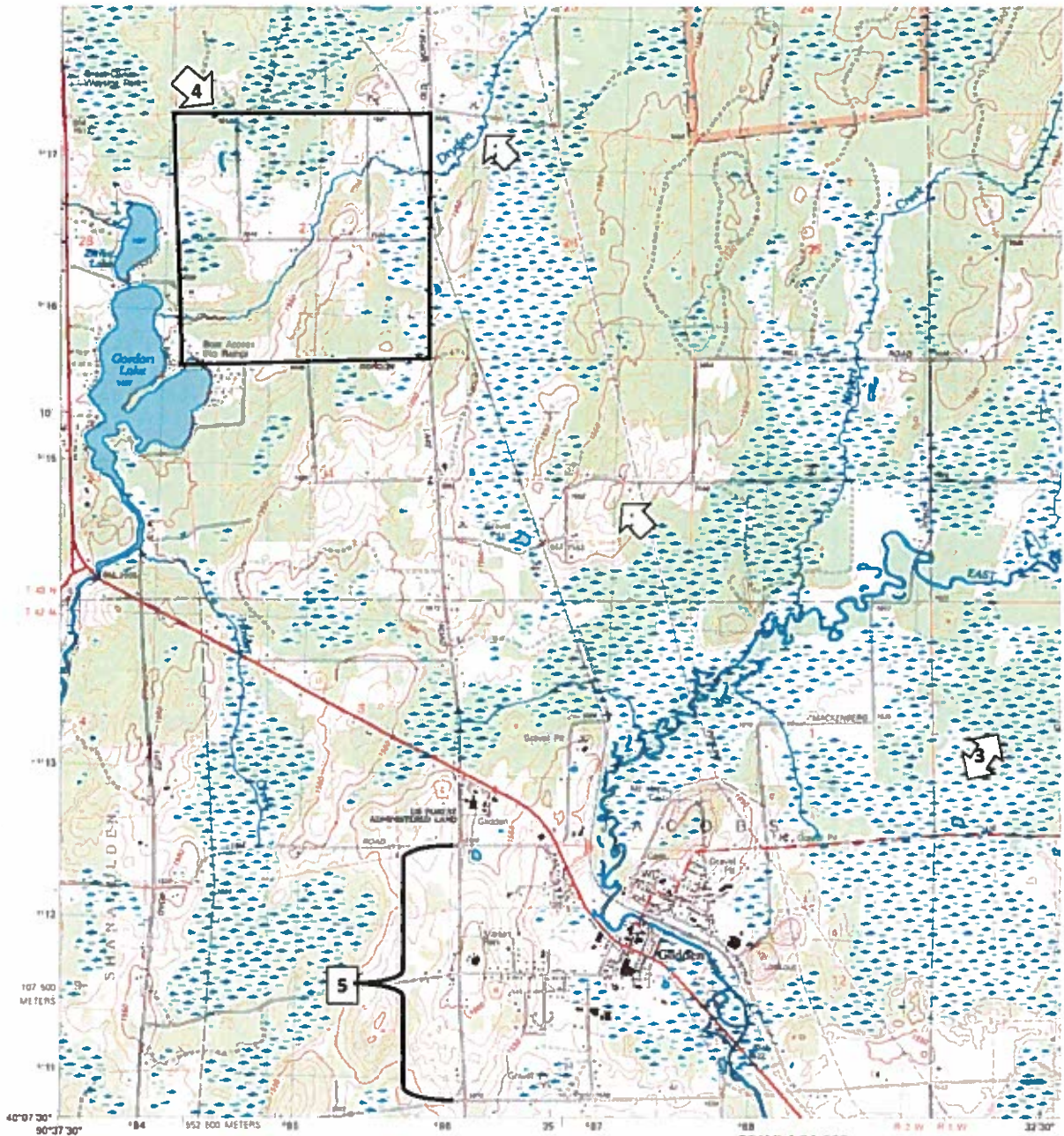
Diameter breast high (inches)	Volume (board feet) when number of 16-foot logs is:					
	½	1	1 ½	2	2 ½	3
10	17	28	36	44	48	52
11	22	38	49	60	67	74
12	28	47	61	75	85	95
13	34	58	76	94	107	120
14	40	69	92	114	130	146
15	47	82	109	136	157	178
16	54	95	127	159	185	211
17	63	109	146	184	215	246
18	72	123	166	209	244	280
19	81	140	190	240	281	322
20	90	157	214	270	317	364
21	100	176	240	304	358	411
22	111	194	266	338	398	458
23	123	214	294	374	441	508
24	137	234	322	409	484	558
25	149	258	355	452	534	617
26	165	281	388	494	585	676
27	179	304	420	536	636	736
28	195	327	452	578	686	795
29	210	354	491	628	746	864
30	277	382	530	678	806	933

# 2017 Fall Minnesota FFA Forestry Contest: Map Interpretation Practicum

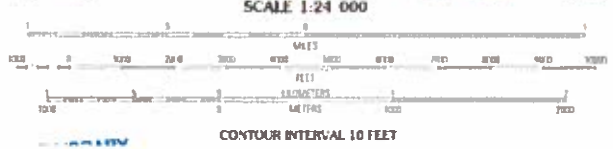
Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Code Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the elevation of the highest point in Section 35?
  - a. 1575 feet
  - b. 1600 feet
  - c. 1575 yards
  - d. 1650 feet
2. How many different Townships does Dryden Creek flow through between the north end of the map and Gordon Lake?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4
3. Which best describes the primary difference between the land at the two ends of the arrow?
  - a. Wetland vs. upland
  - b. Public vs. private ownership
  - c. Forest vs. non-forest
  - d. Open water vs. swamp
4. Approximately how many acres are inside the area delineated in black?
  - a. 800
  - b. 400
  - c. 240
  - d. 640
5. About how long is the north-south road between the ends of the marker?
  - a.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile
  - b. 1 mile
  - c. 4 miles
  - d. 3 miles



States Geological Survey 1984  
 & Service 2005  
 Imagery derived from imagery taken 1999  
 Survey System and survey control correct as  
 of 2006  
 1 (NAD 83) Projection and 1 000-meter grid  
 zone 15  
 coordinate System (north zone)  
 7 (NAD 27) is shown by dashed contour ticks  
 NAD 83 and NAD 27 for 7.5-minute



## **2017-18 Fall FFA Forestry Contest Indoor GPS and Compass Contest**

This exam consists of 6 multiple choice questions. For scores to be counted, your answers must be marked on the answer sheet, NOT on this page.

16. Navigating with a compass is often more challenging near the Iron Range than in other parts of Minnesota. Why?
- Deep mine pits and tall tailings piles can make it hard to see a long distance.
  - Heavy forest cover impedes visibility.
  - Northern lights are more common on the Range, and they can change the orientation of your compass needle.
  - Instead of consistently pointing toward magnetic north, your compass needle is often attracted by underground iron deposits.
17. It takes you 32 steps (footfalls) to walk 100 feet. What is your pacing factor?
- 16
  - 32
  - 3.13 feet
  - 6.25 feet
18. Your compass and pacing course starts at point 1. To get to point 2, you pace 200 feet at 180 degrees. Then, to get to point 3, you pace 100 feet at 135 degrees. Is point 3 closer to point 1 or point 2?
- Point 3 is closer to Point 2
  - Point 3 is closer to Point 1
  - No way to know
  - Same distance from both point 1 and point 2
19. When navigating toward a waypoint, which of the following is **NOT** a screen view available on the Garmin GPSmap 76 receiver?
- A view showing your current position relative to that of nearby waypoints
  - A view similar to the face of a compass with an arrow pointing toward the correct bearing
  - An interactive Google Maps screen showing your current location
  - A view displaying your trip computer with distance to the destination, moving average speed, and other information.
20. Which of the following best describes how a GPS receiver works?
- Satellites orbiting the earth send a signal to your receiver every second. Your receiver uses these signals to compute your location.
  - The receiver sends your location every second to satellites orbiting the earth, thereby tracking where you are at all times.



- c. Cell towers send a signal to your receiver every second. Your receiver uses these signals to compute your location.
- d. If available, wifi internet, satellites, and cell towers all send signals to your receiver every second. Your receiver chooses which signals are most accurate and uses those to compute your location.

21. True or False: Most inexpensive GPS receivers can accurately display your bearing if you are standing still.

- a. True
- b. False

**FFA Forestry Contest  
2017 Forest Business Management Problem**

Bass Wood, a logging business owner, is trying to decide whether he can make a profit on a timber sale that was recently advertised by a private landowner. Use the background information provided below to answer the 5 multiple-choice questions. Excluding stumpage, assume that the total of all other costs (equipment, hauling, labor, move equipment profit) is \$39,482. Record your answer on the scantron bubble sheet.

<b>Equipment</b>		
Type of equipment	Number of pieces of equipment	Owning and operating cost per scheduled hour per machine
Feller-processor	1	\$68.00
Forwarder	1	\$50.00
<b>Total for all machines</b>		<b>\$118.00</b>
<b>Operating Data</b>		
Number of employees (including owner)	2	
Employee wages (including owner)	\$15.00 per hour	
Fringe benefit rate (% of wages)	30%	
Contract hauling to market	\$15.50 per cord	
<b>Harvest Site Data</b>		
Move cost to get equipment to site	\$575/piece of equipment	
Stumpage cost	\$36.00 per cord	
Sale area	40 acres	
Yield per acre	24 cords	
Harvesting rate	60 cords per day	
Scheduled hours worked per day/machine		
Feller-processor	8 hours	
Forwarder	9 hours	
<b>Owner's Profit Requirement</b>		
Minimum profit required (percent of revenue received at the mill)	2.75%	
<b>Marketing Information</b>		
Delivered price received at mill	\$85.00 per cord	

## FFA Forestry Contest

Contestant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2017 Forest Business Management Problem

**Note: All dollar (\$) values are rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount**

This portion of the contest consists of 5 multiple choice questions. Mark your answers on the scantron bubble sheet. DO NOT mark on this exam.

1. What is the total number of cords to be harvested at this sale?  
a) 840      b) 960      c) 1020      d) 1110
2. How many work days are required to harvest the sale?  
a) 8      b) 12      c) 16      d) 20
3. What is the total revenue that would be received from the mill for this sale?  
a) \$72,100    b) \$75,700    c) \$79,300    d) \$81,600
4. What is the total cost of stumpage for this sale?  
a) \$32,640    b) \$34,560    c) \$36,040    d) \$38,135
5. What is the net profit (Total Revenue – Total Expenses) for this sale?  
a) \$2,107      b) \$4,528      c) \$6,476      d) \$7,558

## 2017-18 Fall FFA Forestry Contest: Tree ID (90 points)

### List of species codes to enter on Scantron bubble sheet

This portion of the contest consists of 15 plant identification specimens, each worth 6 points. Mark your answers on the Scantron bubble sheet using the three-digit codes noted below.

#### Hardwoods

- |                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 201. American elm   | 215. Honey locust                 |
| 202. Balsam poplar  | 216. Ironwood ( <i>Ostrya</i> sp) |
| 203. Basswood       | 217. Northern pin oak             |
| 204. Bigtooth aspen | 218. Northern red oak             |
| 205. Black ash      | 219. Paper birch                  |
| 206. Black cherry   | 220. Quaking aspen                |
| 207. Black walnut   | 221. Red maple                    |
| 208. Boxelder       | 222. Russian olive                |
| 209. Bur oak        | 223. Silver maple                 |
| 210. Butternut      | 224. Slippery elm                 |
| 211. Cottonwood     | 225. Sugar maple                  |
| 212. Green ash      | 226. White ash                    |
| 213. Hackberry      | 227. White oak                    |
| 214. Hickory        | 228. Willow                       |

#### Softwoods

- |                               |
|-------------------------------|
| 229. Balsam fir               |
| 230. Black spruce             |
| 231. Colorado (blue) spruce   |
| 232. Eastern hemlock          |
| 233. Eastern red cedar        |
| 234. Eastern white pine       |
| 235. Jack pine                |
| 236. Northern white cedar     |
| 237. Norway spruce            |
| 238. Red (Norway) pine        |
| 239. Scotch pine              |
| 240. Tamarack (Eastern larch) |
| 241. White spruce             |

# **2017-18 Fall FFA Forestry Contest: Forestry Tools & Equipment**

## **List of codes to enter on Scantron bubble sheet**

Identify 5 forestry tools or pieces of equipment from the following list at five points each. Enter your answers on the provided Scantron bubble sheet.

- |                                   |                          |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 501. Aerial photo                 | 520. Fire swatter (flap) | 540. Pruning saw                |
| 502. Angle gauge (Cruz-all style) | 521. Forwarder           | 541. Plastic flagging           |
| 503. Backpack fire pump           | 522. Fire weather kit    | 542. Pruning shears             |
| 504. Bow saw                      | 523. GIS map             | 543. Pulaski-Forester Axe       |
| 505. Bulldozer                    | 524. GPS receiver        | 544. Relaskop                   |
| 506. Canthook                     | 525. Hand compass        | 545. Safety glasses             |
| 507. Chainsaw                     | 526. Hand lens           | 546. Safety hardhat             |
| 508. Chainsaw chaps               | 527. Harvester/processor | 547. Shearing knife             |
| 509. Chipper/Grinder              | 528. Hip chain           | 548. Skidder                    |
| 510. Clinometer                   | 529. Hookeroon           | 549. Slasher                    |
| 511. Containerized seedling block | 530. Increment borer     | 550. Soils map                  |
| 512. Cruising vest                | 531. Laser rangefinder   | 551. Steel tape                 |
| 513. Data recorder                | 532. Log truck           | 552. Stereoscope                |
| 514. Diameter tape                | 533. Logger's tape       | 553. Tally book                 |
| 515. Dot grid                     | 534. Lopping shears      | 554. Topographic map            |
| 516. Drip torch                   | 535. Mattock             | 555. Tree caliper               |
| 517. Ear protectors               | 536. Peavy               | 556. Tree injector/hypo hatchet |
| 518. Feller-buncher               | 537. Planimeter          | 557. Tree marking gun           |
| 519. Fire rake                    | 538. Plant press         | 558. Tree stick                 |
|                                   | 539. Planting hoe or bar | 559. Wedge prism                |

## 2017 Fall Invite Forestry Officials

### Exam

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. B
12. C
13. C
14. A
15. C
16. B
17. A
18. A
19. B
20. A

### Wood ID

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

### Indoor Timber Cruising

6. B
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. D

### Map Interpretation

11. A
12. A
13. C

14. D
15. B

### Indoor GPS and Compass

16. D
17. D
18. A
19. C
20. A
21. B

### Forest Business Management

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. D

### Tree ID

1. 241 – White Spruce
2. 230 – Black Spruce
3. 229 – Balsam Fir
4. 234 – Eastern White Pine
5. 238 – Red (Norway) Pine
6. 235 – Jack Pine
7. 236 – Northern White Cedar
8. 209 – Bur Oak
9. 227 – White Oak
10. 207 – Black Walnut
11. 213 – Hackberry
12. 201 – American Elm
13. 221 – Red Maple
14. 223 – Silver Maple
15. 225 – Sugar Maple

### Forest Tool ID

1. 530 – Increment borer
2. 548 – Skidder
3. 540 – Pruning saw
4. 541 – Plastic flagging
5. 508 – Chainsaw chaps