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Paddle Craft Safety Exam - A

1.3 Unit leaders conducting an activity must be skilled in the activity and able to respond appropriately in an emergency.

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2.3 Which of the following must a boy accomplish to advance to Eagle Scout rank?

- A. BSA swimmer classification
- B. Swimming merit badge
- C. Lifesaving merit badge
- D. All of the above

3.1 Which of the following is not an allowed activity for Cub Scouts?

- A. Learn-to-swim programs
- B. Snorkeling in confined area
- C. Riding in a motorboat
- D. Tubing on gently flowing water

4.3 Because many people swim at public pools, most drownings occur at supervised pools even with lifeguards on duty.

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9.1 A four and activity plan must be submitted for council review for all unit swimming activities.

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10.2 A ruling of negligence must establish the intent to harm.

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11.2 Adults require a medical evaluation within 12 months for all activities.

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12.2 Which of the following mandates exclusion from the water?

- A. Cystic fibrosis
- B. Use of medication to control seizures
- C. A parent's or physician's instruction on the health form
- D. All of the above

13.1 Special precautions for those with chronic or temporary medical conditions are based on

- A. Consultation with the parents
- B. A physician's written recommendations
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19.1. A person must first complete the beginner test before taking the swimmer test.

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20.2 Prior to water entry, how does the test administrator determine whether the participant has been in deep water before?

- A. Asks, and asks again if in doubt
- B. Takes clues from body language and/or hesitation
- C. Asks the person to first swim in shallow water
- D. Any or all of the above as appropriate

Review Questions for Section

III

1.0 List the nine points of Safety Afloat.

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2.1 All adult supervisory personnel for a boating activity must be over 21.

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3.1 Life jackets must be worn by everyone during all small boat activities.

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4.1 No youth may control any boat without first completing three hours of skill instruction.

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5.1 All participants on whitewater treks with rapids rated higher than Class II must have specialized training.

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6.1 Which type life jacket is recommended for most recreational boating activities

- A. Type I – offshore life jacket
- B. Type II – nearshore buoyant vest
- C. Type III – flotation aid
- D. Type V – special-use device

7.3 The best prevention for immersion hypothermia is

- A. Wear a wet suit
- B. Assume the H.E.L.P. position
- C. Get out of cold water immediately
- D. Avoid immersion in cold water

8.2 Which terms in order denote the front and back of a boat:

- A. Transom, bow
- B. Bow, stern
- C. Port, gunwale
- D. Starboard, aft

9.2 A boat that is *stiff* is always harder to tip over than a boat that is *tender*.

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10.1 The most general navigation rule for boats on a collision course is

- A. Red, right, returning
- B. Commercial boats yield to private boats
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11.2 Any boating accident during a BSA activity involving significant injury must be reported to both law enforcement and the local council.

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12.1 Canoeists should maintain three points of contact when moving in the boat.

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13.2 A draw and a pry in unison from opposite sides pivot the canoe.

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14.1 After a canoe capsizes, boaters should generally abandon the boat and swim quickly to shore to prevent hypothermia.

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15.3 While kayaking, power is applied through the paddle by rotating the torso.

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16.3 A wet exit is more difficult with a narrow cockpit and a spray skirt.

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17.1 Which of the following is not a safety concern on a river?

- A. A strong current
- B. A rip current
- C. A strainer
- D. A low-head dam

18.3 The best way to control a craft in a current is to match the speed of the current.

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19.3 If a capsized boater is unavoidably swept into a strainer, the swimmer should

- A. Dive underwater to pass beneath
- B. Fend off the object while floating feetfirst
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21.0 Participants in whitewater treks in rapids rated at class III or above must

- A. Have special training in whitewater if controlling the boat
- B. Ride as a passenger in a boat controlled by a trained guide
- C. Always wear a helmet
- D. All three apply

22.1 A whitewater canoe or kayak generally differs from a touring model by being

- A. Shorter, with a flatter bottom
- B. Shorter, with more rocker
- C. Longer, with a flatter bottom
- D. Longer, with more rocker

23.1 Major or unfamiliar rapids should be scouted from shore.

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24.3 If the trek leader determines that the likely consequences of a mishap are acceptable, then each individual still decides whether or not to run that rapid.

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25.1 Cub Scouts dens may not conduct overnight float trips.

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26.3 Boat livery companies are often good sources for equipment, shuttles, and general information.

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27.2 Large numbers of boats are best transported on a trailer rather than car-topped.

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28.3 Which is an important consideration when loading a boat?

- A. Easy access to important gear (water, cameras, first aid supplies)
- B. Manageable portage loads
- C. Boat trim
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29.2 Only the lead boat needs to carry a route map.

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Paddle Craft Safety Exam - B

1.2 Unit leaders need not be skilled in an activity that is being conducted by a professionally trained individual.

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2.1 Cub Scouts earn awards by

- A. Doing their best
- B. Meeting performance standards
- C. Winning competitions
- D. Attending required classes

3.3 Which of the following is not an allowed Venturing activity?

- A. Scuba diving in open water
- B. Triathlon events
- C. Commercial trips on whitewater
- D. Parasailing

4.2 Drowning follows car accidents as the second leading cause of accidental death for Scout aged youth.

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5.0 List three contributory factors to drowning.

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6.2 If adequate preventive steps are in place, an activity can safely proceed without emergency response plans.

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12.3 Which of the following may require additional safety measures while swimming?

- A. Cystic fibrosis
- B. Use of medication to control seizures
- C. Deafness
- D. All of the above

13.3 Which of the following is not a symptom of the early stages of hypothermia?

- A. Shivering
- B. Goose bumps
- C. Pink skin
- D. Bluish lips

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18.1 Anyone who declines to take or fails to complete the BSA beginner classification test is classified as a learner.

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19.1. A person must first complete the beginner test before taking the swimmer test.

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20.1 A person is not given nonswimmer privileges if

- A. The person is unwilling to attempt the beginner test.
- B. The person has no desire to enter deep water, even though he/she can swim well.
- C. The person has a physical condition that prohibits any water contact.
- D. All of the above

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2.3 The SA ratio of supervisors to participants is 1:10 for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

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3.2 Adults on BSA float trips may safely store life jackets close at hand on calm water.

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4.2 Participants on an extended float trip must demonstrate basic proficiency or complete three hours of skill instruction.

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5.2 Youth may not operate a sailboat without an adult or camp staff member on board.

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6.3 For proper life jacket fit

- A. Check the size label
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11.1 All states require all boats to be registered.

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12.3 Canoeists should both paddle on the same side and switch sides in unison to maintain a straight course.

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13.1. Draws and prys in unison from opposite sides move the canoe sideways.

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18.2 A low-head dam can be safely run if paddlers lean back in their craft to keep the bow up as it crosses the lip.

T F

19.1 If a boater loses contact with the boat during a capsize in warm, the swimmer should

- A. Try to stand up in the current
- B. Float feetfirst downstream while moving toward shore
- C. Swim headfirst downstream while moving toward shore
- D. Swim directly for the nearest strainer

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24.1 When scouting a rapid, the party must choose between everyone running the rapid and everyone portaging the rapid.

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26.2 River guide books should be reviewed, but first hand experience is better.

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27.1 Because of shuttle concerns, large groups are better transported in multiple private cars rather than a single bus.

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29.3 Avoid traveling across open-water with the wind at your back.

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Paddle Craft Safety Exam - C

1.1 Unit leaders accompanying Scouts on an outing are absolved of all responsibility when a professionally trained individual leads an activity.

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11.3 Adults require a medical evaluation within the previous 12 months for any event exceeding 72 hours.

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2.2 According to both Safety Afloat and youth protection guidelines there must be at least two adults for any activity afloat, with one over 21.

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3.3 Exceptions to life jacket use are allowed for vessels over 20 feet in length.

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4.3 Buddy tags must be used to account for everyone participating in a boating activity.

T F

5.2 Youth may not operate a sailboat without an adult or camp staff member on board.

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6.2 Inflatable life jackets are not Coast Guard approved except

- A. When worn
- B. For users over 16 years old
- C. In non-impact situations
- D. All of the above

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9.3 A load may safely exceed a boat's rated capacity if the boat is operated only at slow speeds.

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10.3 Boaters should stay clear of areas marked with

- A. A white buoy with a crossed diamond
- B. A white buoy with a diamond
- C. A red flag with a diagonal white stripe
- D. All of the above

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14.1 After a canoe capsizes, boaters should generally abandon the boat and swim quickly to shore to prevent hypothermia.

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15.1 Use a 'J' at the end of each kayak stroke to maintain a straight course.

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16.2 A capsize drill is a useful safety precaution prior to additional instruction in a decked kayak.

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17.3 Strainers are most likely to lie

- A. Near the cut bank on the outside of a bend
- B. In the shoals on the inside of a bend
- C. In the middle of the channel
- D. Just below the surface moving with the current

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- C. Always wear a helmet
- D. All three apply

22.3 Which of the following whitewater features is generally the least hazardous?

- A. A hole
- B. A drop
- C. Shoals
- D. An undercut

23.2 In general, plan a route by scouting from the top of the rapid to the end.

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27.2 Large numbers of boats are best transported on a trailer rather than car-topped.

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28.1 Which of the following is the least useful on a float trip?

- A. Stout, no-slip footwear that can get wet
- B. Hooded rain jacket rather than a poncho
- C. Cell phone
- D iPod

29.1 When traveling on the water, experienced crews lead and inexperienced crews follow at the end.

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9.2 A tour and activity plan is not needed for a swimming activity at a parent's backyard pool.

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11.1 All swimming and boating activities require a current health history for every participant.

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Review Questions for Section III

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- A. Check the size label
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7.1 Which statement is incorrect?

- A. Hypothermia is a dangerous drop in body core temperature.
- B. Hypothermia impairs mental and physical capabilities
- C. Hypothermia is only a concern in northern climates or in rivers fed by snow melt
- D. An unprotected boater falling in water near freezing is impaired almost immediately and may die within minutes

8.3 If the _____ reduces significantly when a boat is loaded, the load may be too heavy.

- A. Gunwale
- B. Freeboard
- C. Draft
- D. Sheer

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20.1 Riding tubes or other floats down a lazy river is allowed for all ages and all ability groups.

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23.2 In general, plan a route by scouting from the top of the rapid to the end.

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24.2 If the trek leader is not confident that the skill of the participants allows an adequate margin of error, then the entire party should portage the rapid.

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25.2 Swimming ability is not an important consideration during float trip preparation since all participants will wear PFDs.

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26.1 River guide books are often unreliable and should not be consulted when planning a float trip.

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27.3 An easy way to handle a shuttle is to have drivers who do not travel downriver.

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28.2 What is the preferred way to distribute gear?

- A. Each person packs to be totally self-sufficient
- B. Group gear and provisions (tents, stoves, & food) are packed with all like items together with each category carried in a different boat
- C. Critical gear and provisions are divided into two or three packs and carried in different boats
- D. Each item is packaged and loaded separately in waterproof containers that float

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