

# Shotgun Shooting

## 1. Do the following:

- (a) Explain why BB and pellet air guns must always be treated with the same respect as firearms.
- (b) Describe how you would react if a friend visiting your home asked to see your or your family's firearm(s).
- (c) Explain the need for and use and types of eye and hearing protection.
- (d) Explain the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.
- (e) Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.
- (f) Successfully complete a state hunter education course, or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state, then do the following.
  - (1) Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state and give any special laws on the use of guns and ammunition, and
  - (2) List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.
- (g) Explain to your counselor the proper hygienic guidelines used in shooting.
- (h) Identify and explain three shotgun sports. Identify places in your community where you could shoot these sports and explain how you can join or be a part of shooting sports activities.
- (i) Give your counselor a list of sources that you could contact for information on firearms and their use.

## 2. Do ONE of the following options:

- A. Shotgun Shooting (Modern Shotshell Type) Option A
  - (a) Identify the principal parts of a shotgun, action types, and how they function.
  - (b) Identify and demonstrate the rules for safely handling a shotgun.
  - (c) Identify the parts of a shotgun shell and their functions.
  - (d) Identify the various gauges of shotguns. Explain which one you would pick for use and why.

- (e) Identify and explain the fundamentals of safely shooting a shotgun. Explain what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.
- (f) Identify and explain each rule for safely shooting a shotgun.
- (g) Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot moving targets, using the fundamentals of shotgun shooting.
- (h) Identify the materials needed to clean a shotgun.
- (i) Demonstrate how to clean a shotgun safely.
- (j) Discuss what points you would consider in selecting a shotgun.
- (k) Shooting score required-Hit at least 12 (48 percent) out of 25 targets in two 25-target groups. The two groups need not be shot in consecutive order. A minimum of 50 shots must be fired.
- Shooting skill rules:
  - Targets may be thrown by a hand trap, manual mechanical, or on any trap or skeet field. Note: If using a hand trap or manual mechanical trap, the trap operator should be at least five feet to the right and three feet to the rear of the shooter. If throwing left-handed with a hand trap this should be reversed.
  - All targets should be thrown at a reasonable speed and in the same direction.
  - Targets should be generally thrown so as to climb in the air after leaving the trap.
  - Scores may be fired at any time, either in formal competition or in practice.
  - Any gauge shotgun not exceeding 12 gauge may be used.
  - Standard clay targets customarily used for trap and skeet are to be used.
  - Any ammunition, either factory or hand loaded, may be used.
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- B. Muzzle-Loading Shotgun Shooting Option B
  - (a) Discuss a brief history of the development of the muzzle-loading shotgun.
  - (b) Identify principal parts of percussion and flintlock shotguns and discuss how they function.
  - (c) Demonstrate and explain the rules of safely handling a muzzleloading shotgun.

- (d) Identify the various grades of black powder and their proper and safe use.
- (e) Discuss proper safety procedures pertaining to black powder use and storage.
- (f) Discuss proper components of a load.
- (g) Identify proper procedures and accessories used for safely loading a muzzleloading shotgun.
- (h) Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot a muzzleloading shotgun on a range, including range procedures. Explain what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.
- (i) Shoot a moving target with a muzzle-loading shotgun using the five fundamentals of firing the shot.
- (j) Identify the materials needed to clean a muzzle-loading shotgun properly and safely.
- (k) Demonstrate how to clean to clear a muzzleloading shotgun's failure to fire and explain or demonstrate proper preventative procedures.
- (l) Identify the causes of a muzzleloading shotgun's failing to fire and explain or demonstrate proper correction procedures.
- (m) Discuss what points you would consider if selecting a muzzle-loading shotgun.
- (n) Shooting score required-Hit at least five out of 15 targets in each of two 15-target groups. The two groups need not be shot in consecutive order. A minimum of 30 shots must be fired.
- Shooting skill rules:
  - Targets may be thrown by a hand trap, manual mechanical, or on any trap or skeet field. Note: If using a hand trap or manual mechanical trap, the trap operator should be at least five feet to the right and three feet to the rear of the shooter. If throwing left-handed with a hand trap this should be reversed.
  - All targets should be thrown at a reasonable speed and in the same direction.
  - Targets should be generally thrown so as to climb in the air after leaving the trap.
  - Scores may be fired at any time, either in formal competition or in practice.
  - Any gauge shotgun not exceeding 10 gauge may be used.
  - Standard clay targets customarily used for trap and skeet are to be used.
  - On a standard trap field, the shooter should be positioned 8 yards behind the trap house. The trap should be set to throw only straightaway targets.

- On a skeet field, use station 7 low house.

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#### 1. Do the following:

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