#### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FORESTRY

#### **Practice Test**

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This test is based on the 2004-2005 rules. The creator of this test is **not** responsible for anything that happens due to not understanding that **rules may change significantly for the 2011-2012** Science Olympiad season.

### **Please Read the Following:**

- Use the corresponding answer sheet (scioly.org).
- The test is timed. For ID questions, you will have 1 minute to identify the tree and 1 minute and 45 seconds to answer questions.
- For automatic timing, use the PowerPoint version of the test.
- For other questions, you will have 15 seconds to answer one question.
- The questions on this test are based on the 2004 National Forestry Specimen List.
- This test may be very time-consuming. Make sure you have at least 20-40 minutes to complete the test although it may not take the full time given to you.
- There will be 12 ID questions and then some basic questions about trees.



#### 1. Identify this specimen.

#### A. In which states would you most likely find this tree?

- (a) Minnesota and Wisconsin
- (b) Vermont and Maine
- (c) New Mexico and Arizona
- (d) California and Oregon

#### B. Which statement is true about this tree?

- (a) It is the tallest pine
- (b) It is the only broadleaf pine tree
- (c) It has no spreading branches
- (d) The tree's seed itself is larger than the wing of the seed.



## 2. Identify this specimen.

#### A. What is this tree commonly called?

- (a) Poison Sumac
- (b) Tree of Heaven
- (c) The Coffeetree
- (d) Cantaloupe Tree

#### B. Which statement is true about this tree?

- (a) It grows very slowly compared to other trees.
- (b) It can tolerate pollution better than most trees.
- (c) Its fruit looks similar to an apple.
- (d) Its crown gets wider near the top.



**3.** Identify this specimen.

# A. Which photo (I, II, III, or IV) is a picture of the bark of this plant?

- (a) Left
- (b) Left Center
- (c) Right Center
- (d) Right









## B. Which geographic region (s) is this plant native to?

- (a) Alaska and Northwestern Canada
- (b) Northeastern Canada
- (c) Around the Gulf of Mexico
- (d) The East Coast and the Midwest



**4.** Identify this specimen.

# A. What type of leaf arrangement does this plant have?

- (a) Opposite (b) Whorled
- (c) Alternate (d) Simple

# B. Which of the photos (I, II, III, IV) are of this plant? (a) Top Left

- (b) Top Right
  (c) Bottom Left
- (d) Bottom Right









# **5.** Identify this tree.

# A. Which photo is a photo of this plant's leaves?

- (a) Top
- (b) Upper Center
- (c) Lower Center
- (d) Bottom











# **B. What family is this tree from?** (a) Cypress Family

- (b) Sequoia Family
- (c) Redwood Family (d) Pine Family





**6.** Identify the left side tree.

### A. Where is this plant mainly found?

- (a) California
- (b) Virginia and Kentucky
- (c) Lesser Antilles
- (d) Florida

#### B. Which statement is true about this tree?

- (a) Its bark smoothens with age.
- (b) Its fruit was used to make medicine in the early ages.
- (c) Most of the tree's leaves fall off in the early summer.
- (d) The tree's is coniferous.

#### 7. Identify the right side tree.

#### A. What is this plant NOT used for?

- (a) Treating asthma and tinnitus
- (b) Making paper
- (c) Making tea
- (d) Preventing Alzheimer's Disease
- (e)

#### B. What is the conservation status of this species?

- (a) Extinct in the Wild
- (b) Endangered
- (c) Not concerned/Least concern
- (d) Conservation dependent/Near threatened





#### **8.** Identify the left side tree.

### A. Where is this plant found?

- (a) Hudson Bay
- (b) East Coast
- (c) Central USA
- (d) Northwest USA and Canada

## B. What problems/disadvantages are there about this tree?

- (a) They can be seriously damaged by wood-boring insects.
- (b) They do not provide good shade.
- (c) Its wood is difficult to cut, split, or bend due to its hardness.
- (d) It grows at a very slow rate.

#### **9.** Identify the right side tree.

#### A. What type of fruit does this plant have?

- (a) An apple-sized purple fruit that tastes bitter.
- (b) This plant has no fruit.
- (c) An oblong husk with a sweet meat inside.
- (d) A grape-sized yellow-brown fruit.
- (e)

#### B. Which description of this plant's leaf fits the best?

- (a) Needles 2-5 inches long.
- (b) Un-toothed circular leaf.
- (c) A long egg-shaped green/yellow leaf.
- (d) A toothed lance-shaped leaf.



10. Identify the left side specimen.

## A. Where is this plant most likely to be found?

- (a) British Columbia
- (b) New York
- (c) Georgia
- (d) Belize

# B. Why are the fruits of this plant eaten by animals?

- (a) They are rich in copper and iron.
- (b) They are low in cholesterol.
- (c) They provide nectar.
- (d) They are the only thing that the animals can find.

#### 11. Identify the right side tree.

#### A. What is this plant's primary habitat?

- (a) Near the coastline of an ocean or lake.
- (b) Dry or rocky areas, open woods, or fields.
- (c) Temperate rainforests in the northwest.
- (d) Swampy and marshy areas in northern USA and Canada.

#### B. What type of tree is this?

- (a) Pine
- (b) Juniper
- (c) Walnut
- (d) Magnolia







# 12. Identify this tree.

# **A. Where is this plant mainly found?** (a) Coniferous forests.

- (b) Stream banks and floodplains.
- (c) Sandy or rocky desert areas.
- (d) Cold and dry tundra/taiga areas.

# B. Name the bug that is attracted by this tree.

## 13. What feature in a plant cell is not normally found in an animal cell?

- (a) Nucleus
- (b) Deoxyribonucleic acid
- (c) Mitochondrion
- (d) Cell Wall

# 14. What does photosynthesis mainly help create?

- (a) Light energy
- (b) Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)
- (c) Kinetic energy
- (d) Nutrients in the soil

# 15. Which picture shows a plant with opposite leaves?

- (a) Left
- (b) Center
- (c) Right





