

Judges Theory Examination
For
Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs (Novice and Open)
A 75% pass must be achieved

Applicants Name: _____ Date _____

(Please circle responses where appropriate)

1. State in your own words the purpose of a Retrieving Ability Test (RATG)
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(5 points)

2. A Retrieving Trial Champion is ineligible to compete in a RATG (2 points)

True False

3. A dog that has achieved 3 passes at Novice level may continue to compete at that level if all the passes have been under the one judge.

True False (2 points)

4. Dogs on the Limited Register may be entered in a RATG (2 points)

True False

5. Dogs on the Associate Register are ineligible to enter a RATG (2 points)

True False

6. To gain a Pass Score a dog must receive: (4 points)

at least _____% in each exercise

and an overall score of not less than _____%

7. In a RATG which of the following may be used : (2 points)
- a. A combination of pigeons and dummies
 - b. Either dummies only or pigeons only
8. The handler may choose to use pigeons or dummies in a RATG (2 points)
- True False
9. Leads must be removed from dogs during the heeling exercises, but may be used to gently hold a dog during the retrieve exercise provided the dog does not pull excessively. (2 points)
- True False
10. Dummies, if used, should be: (2 points)
- a. solid, heavy, and have a cord attached
 - b. subdued colour, and light enough to be hand thrown
 - c. made of a soft material and be of subdued colour
11. Describe the dimensions and weight requirements for Dummies, if used? (3 points)
- a. Length.....
 - b. Circumference.....
- Weight.....
12. Who approves a handler's dummies prior to judging? (2 points)
- a. The Judge
 - b. Management Committee
 - c. Game Steward

13. Describe a Double Rise? (5 points)

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14. In an Open Test who decides which item of Game is retrieved first in a Double Retrieve?

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15. Blind Retrieves should not be used in a RATG (2 points)

True False

16. What is the distance for the heeling exercises in Novice? (2 points)

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17. How many turns are necessary in the Open heeling exercise? (2 Points)

- a. None
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four

18. What is the approximate distance for the two Single Mark Retrieves in Novice?

Exercise 3..... (4 points)
Exercise 4.....

19. If space is limited then the Single Mark Retrieves in Novice may be conducted in the same area.

True

False

(2 points)

20. You are conducting a Mark Retrieve but the dog does not appear to have seen the Game as it shows no reaction. What do you do? (5 points)

- a. Tell the Steward to pick up the Game and cast it again
- b. Tell the handler to send the dog and score it accordingly
- c. Tell the handler to retire and give them another run later in the field.
- d. Give the handler a bit more allowance for 'handling'

21. You are conducting a Mark Retrieve and the Game does not come out of the thrower properly and only falls a short distance from the thrower. What do you do? (5 points)

- a. Tell the Steward to pick up the Game and cast it again
- b. Tell the handler to send the dog and score it accordingly
- c. Tell the handler to retire and give them another run later in the field.
- d. Give the handler a bit more allowance for 'handling'

22. You are judging a novice competitor at their first RATG. During the retrieves the competitor moves away from the Control Point. What would you do?

(3 points)

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23. In a retrieving exercise a handler takes several steps away from the Control Point in an effort to show the dog where the Game is. What is the penalty? (3 points)

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24. Name the five essential elements that are assessed in a Single Mark Retrieve (5 points)

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25. A handler may control their dog by voice and/or whistle. (2 points)

True False

26. Retrieves in Novice Tests should not be cast in water (2 points)

True False

27. Pottering – Any dog that finds or is seen to acknowledge the presence of Game but deliberately passes by the game is a “Potterer” (2 points)

True False

28. How is a tied score decided? (2 points)

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29. In Novice exercise 2 the dog is put in a “sit” position, and the dog stands as the handler walks away. How would you penalize this? (3 points)

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30. In Open exercise 2 the handler has to give 2 commands to stop their dog on the recall. (3 points)
How would you penalize this?

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31. Describe a good handover (3 points)

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32. Name the six of the eight essential elements that are assessed in a Double Mark Retrieve (6 points)

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33. If a dummy is used as ‘Game’ it is not possible to tell if a dog has ‘Hard Mouth’

True False (2 points)

34. What is the penalty for Extreme Hard Mouth? (2 points)

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35. How would you penalize a dog that stops and puts Game down, then picks it up and comes to the handler? (5 points)

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36. How would you penalize a dog that has a poor grip on the Game, accidentally drops it when running in but picks it up straight away and continues running in to the handler. (5 points)

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37. In a Double Rise Retrieve, the steward forgets to put out the second item of Game before the dog has been re-sent . What do you do? (5 points)

- a. Tell the steward to throw the Game out before the dog gets to the area.
- b. Tell the steward to throw the Game into the right area when the dog isn't looking.
- c. Retire the dog and complete the whole exercise again including the first mark but only re-score the second leg of the exercise.
- d. Retire the dog and complete the whole exercise again including the first mark and re-score both retrieves.

38. On a Double Mark retrieve a dog drops the Game twice on the first leg and once on the second leg. The score card only allows “Up to 5 points” penalty for dropping Game. How would you handle this on your score card?

(5 points)

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TOTAL POINTS 117

PASS SCORE 88