

2008 Skillathon Test

Juniors answer first 10 questions

Intermediates answer first 15 questions

Seniors answer all 20 questions

1. How many compartments (parts) does a sheep's stomach have?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4

2. What is a castrated male sheep called?
 - a. Ram
 - b. Buck
 - c. Wether
 - d. Stag

3. How long are ewes pregnant?
 - a. Three months
 - b. 142-152 days
 - c. Six months
 - d. 200 days

4. Which wholesale cut makes up the highest percentage of the lamb carcass?
 - a. Leg
 - b. Loin
 - c. Rack
 - d. Shoulder

5. What causes a lamb to prolapse its rectum?
 - a. A very short tail dock
 - b. Too much grain and not enough hay in its diet
 - c. Genetics
 - d. All of the above

6. How many baby teeth does a lamb have on its upper front jaw?
- a. 0
 - b. 2
 - c. 4
 - d. 8
7. What is the short, stubby end of the sheep's tail called?
- a. Dock
 - b. Rump
 - c. Prolapse
 - d. Pin
8. Where should you give an injection that is labeled for Sub-Q or SQ use?
- a. In the muscle
 - b. Under the skin
 - c. In the vein
 - d. In the hoof
9. Where is the coarsest (thickest fiber diameter) part of the sheep's fleece?
- a. Belly
 - b. Side
 - c. Back
 - d. Neck
10. What is the proper age to castrate a ram lamb using a rubber ring?
- a. First 24 hours
 - b. 1 to 7 days
 - c. 3 weeks
 - d. 3 months
11. Which greenhouse gas do sheep (and other ruminants) produce when they belch (burp)?
- a. Carbon monoxide
 - b. Methane
 - c. Nitrous oxide
 - d. Laughing gas

12. For how long after lambing does a ewe produce colostrum?
- a. 2 hours
 - b. 18 to 24 hours
 - c. 3 days
 - d. 1 week
13. Which body system does scrapie affect in sheep and goats?
- a. Respiratory
 - b. Circulatory
 - c. Nervous
 - d. Digestive
14. Which kind of sheep is most common in the world?
- a. Fat-tailed sheep
 - b. Long wool sheep
 - c. Hair sheep
 - d. Fine wool sheep
15. What is a breech birth?
- a. When the back legs instead of the front legs are presented for birth
 - b. When two lambs are trying to be born at the same time
 - c. When only the rear portion (tail) of the lamb is presented for delivery
 - d. Another name for a normal birth
16. When a coyote attacks a sheep or lamb, where does it usually bite?
- a. Throat
 - b. Back leg
 - c. Udder
 - d. No specific place – anywhere
17. Which hormone is responsible for milk letdown?
- a. Estrogen
 - b. Progesterone
 - c. Oxytocin
 - d. Relaxin

18. How long does sperm production take in a ram?
- a. 1 week
 - b. 3 weeks
 - c. 7 weeks
 - d. 6 months
19. Soremouth is caused by which type of organism?
- a. Fungus
 - b. Bacteria
 - c. Prion
 - d. Virus
20. During which Islamic holiday is a person of the Muslim faith most likely to slaughter a lamb to share with his family, friends, and the poor?
- a. Ramadan (Holy month of fasting)
 - b. Eid al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice)
 - c. Eid al Fitr (Festival of Fast Breaking)
 - d. Muharramm (Islamic New Year)