

MODULE 3-08

POWER PRUNER TEST

I. Multiple Choice

1. You need to check the pole-telescoping knob to make sure it is:
 - a) Adjusted right.
 - b) Loose enough.
 - c) Tight enough.
 - d) See through.

2. Ensure chain is not running when:
 - a) When you are reaching for high limbs.
 - b) When the chainsaw motor is idling.
 - c) Place hand or foot on pole section.
 - d) Have someone else hold the pole.

3. What Personal Protective Equipment do you need when using the power pruner?
 - a) Hard hat.
 - c) Face shield.
 - d) Leather gloves.
 - e) Hearing protection.
 - e) All of the above.

4. When performing a site assessment, you need to:
 - a) Make sure you protect people and property.
 - b) Identify overhead obstructions.
 - c) Identify escape route.
 - d) All of the above.

II. True/False

5. _____ Because of its ergonomic design, body strain is minimal while using a power pruner, therefore a shoulder harness just gets in the way and is not recommended.
6. _____ Tool Pack should contain wedges.
7. _____ Insure that the pole-telescoping knob is tight before cutting.
8. _____ Start to limb from the top of the tree, moving downwards to the lower limbs.
9. _____ Determining an escape route is an important aspect of site assessment.
10. _____ One benefit to using a power pruner is that because the saw is at the end of a long stick you don't need to worry about eye protection.
11. _____ Always check for power lines before cutting any limbs.
12. _____ When cutting large limbs, try to get them down with just one cut to avoid unnecessary fatigue.
13. _____ Start saw, adjust pole length, cut limbs.

III. Discussion Questions

1. What process should you take to cut large limbs?

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2. What ergonomic hazards are of concern when using a power pruner? What can you do to reduce ergonomic strain?

Employee Name: _____ Pass _____ No Pass _____ Date: _____

Take this test to your supervisor or trainer for sign off.