

NRA Basic Pistol Course Instructor Examination

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Directions: Questions in this examination are based on the NRA Basic Pistol Course Outline & Lesson Plans and the "NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting" handbook.

- Be sure to read and study each question carefully.
- Please select or write the **BEST** answer(s) for each of the following questions:

Multiple Choice- Circle the correct answer.

1. The recommended length of the Blended NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course is ____ hours?
 - A. two
 - B. five
 - C. seven
 - D. course is objective based
2. Being an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor authorizes me to teach which of the following NRA Courses?
 - A. NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting on-line self-study
 - B. NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Blended Instructor Led Training
 - C. NRA Pistol Marksmanship Simulator Course
 - D. Both A & B
 - E. Both B & C
3. The Blended Instructor Led Training portion of the NRA Basics of Pistol shooting course has ___ exercises?
 - A. two
 - B. three
 - C. four
 - D. five
4. When introducing students to the various shooting positions, the instructor starts with the _____ position.
 - A. one-handed standing
 - B. two-handed standing
 - C. bench rest
 - D. prone
5. The instructor and student each _____ as exercises are completed and objectives achieved.
 - A. make note on an index card
 - B. verbally agree
 - C. sign off on the Performance Requirements Checklist in the appendix
 - D. None of the above

6. Students can improve and maintain their shooting skills by:
 - A. entering competitive shooting matches.
 - B. participating in the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.
 - C. taking other NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses.
 - D. All of the above

7. After demonstrating loading, cocking, uncocking, and unloading each action type of a pistol (single action revolver, double action revolver, semi-automatic pistol), the next demonstration which must be performed by the students is:
 - A. Demonstrate how to properly police up brass
 - B. Demonstrate how to safely clean a pistol
 - C. Demonstrate the five fundamentals of pistol shooting
 - D. Demonstrate how to clear a misfire
 - E. None of the above

8. Before students practice dry firing and live firing on the range, the instructor should:
 - A. discuss the range layout.
 - B. introduce the range personnel.
 - C. review range operating procedures and commands.
 - D. review range and gun safety rules.
 - E. All of the above

9. It is recommended that when firing the first shots from the benchrest position:
 - A. the recommended target distance is 5 feet
 - B. the recommended target distance is 10 feet.
 - C. the recommended target distance is 15 feet.
 - D. the recommended target distance is 20 feet

10. Which may be ignored when using training aids as firearms during a class?
 - A. The NRA gun safety rule #1
 - B. The NRA gun safety rule #2
 - C. The NRA gun safety rule # 3
 - D. None of them maybe ignored.

11. When selecting a pistol, students should:
 - A. know the laws in their area concerning purchase, ownership, use, possession, and carrying of a pistol.
 - B. determine for what purpose the pistol will be used.
 - C. make sure the pistol fits the hand properly.
 - D. All of the above

12. When students fire their initial qualification, the required distance is:
 - A. 5 feet.
 - B. 5 yards.
 - C. 10 feet.
 - D. 10 yards.

13. When unloading a semi-automatic pistol, you should keep the pistol pointed in a safe direction, keep the finger off the trigger, and:
- A. remove the magazine, pull the slide back, and inspect the chamber to make sure it is empty.
 - B. put the safety on, and pull the slide back.
 - C. pull the hammer back
 - D. pull the slide back, and remove the magazine.

True/False- Circle the correct answer.

14. T F The one-handed standing position is an optional exercise in the Basic Pistol Shooting Course.
15. T F Rifling is found inside the bore and is made up of spiral lands and grooves.
16. T F Filling out and signing off on the Performance Requirements Checklist as objectives are completed is optional.
17. T F Dry firing is an acceptable training technique in pistol shooting.
18. T F Students should use their non-dominant eye for aiming.
19. T F When a cartridge fails to fire after the primer has been struck by the firing pin, the shooter should keep the gun pointed in a safe direction in case of a hang fire.
20. T F It is not important that the pistol shooter focus on the front sight.
21. T F Aiming and breath control are the two most important fundamentals in firing a shot.
22. T F If unable to print the qualification targets to the proper size, you can create your own to meet the standard.
23. T F Only the best shooters can hold the pistol perfectly still.
24. T F The action is the backbone to which all other parts of a pistol are attached.
25. T F There are 5 steps in teaching a new shooting position.
26. T F When the gun's safety is activated, the pistol will not fire under any circumstances.
27. T F Ammunition is very durable and will function properly after being exposed to water and solvents.
28. T F Instructors may allow students to skip the on-line self-study portion of the course when conducting the Blended Basics of Pistol Shooting Course.
29. T F Hearing and eye protection should be worn by everybody on the range.
30. T F Follow-through is the continuation of all shooting fundamentals before, during and immediately after the shot is fired.
31. T F Only after the shooter has learned the fundamentals involved in firing a shot in the bench rest position, is it appropriate to introduce the standing two-handed (Isosceles) position.

32. T F A pistol must first be checked to make sure that it is unloaded and that the action is open before starting to clean it.
33. T F Proper trigger control, for double-action mode, places the index finger on the trigger about halfway between the fingertip and the first joint.

Short Answer - write the correct answers in the space provided.

34. – 38. The five fundamentals of pistol shooting are:

39. - 41. Write the National Rifle Association's three rules for safe gun handling:

42. - 45. Place these in the correct order.

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| Align to target | Step #1 _____ |
| Practice the position with a unloaded pistol | Step #2 _____ |
| Study position | Step #3 _____ |
| Practice the position without a pistol | Step #4 _____ |

46. – 49. What are the titles of the four exercises taught in the blended Basics of Pistol Shooting Course?

50. Who should your first contact be if you have an issue or question regarding NRA Training?

- A. The Internet
- B. Your Training Counselor
- C. A knowledgeable instructor
- D. All of the above.