OSU CFAES Skid Loader Operator Training Test

Name:_____________________________________________

Date:_______________________________________________

Supervisor:________________________________________

1. Before starting a skid loader, you should:
   A) Make sure you understand the instrument panel and controls
   B) Secure the seat belt and seat-bar restraint
   C) Make sure everyone is clear of the machine
   D) All of the above

2. When working on steep slopes, the operator should:
   A) Travel perpendicular to the slope
   B) Back up the hill / ramp with an empty bucket
   C) Back up the hill / ramp with a full bucket
   D) Raise the load to change the center of gravity

3. Which of the following is a general safety practice for skid loaders on roadways?
   A) Travel at night
   B) Skid loaders always have the right-of-way
   C) Use proper lighting and marking
   D) All of the above

4. True or False? All skid loader attachments are universal to work on all makes of skid loaders.
   A) True
   B) False

5. A job site hazard that must be considered during skid loader operation is?
   A) Buried utilities
   B) Overhead lines
   C) Poor ground conditions
   D) All of the above

6. The best place to get accurate information on warning indicators and operator controls for a skid loader is from:
   A) Supervisor
   B) Another employee
   C) Operator’s manual
   D) Trial and error

7. The letters "ROPS" stand for:
   A) Rollover protective structure
   B) Retrofitting outdoor protection system
   C) Rollback protective structure
   D) Rollover onboard protection structure
8. The safety feature that prevents the operator from reaching out of the cab under the lift arms is:
   A) FOPS
   B) Interlock system
   C) Side screens
   D) Position sensor

9. True or False? The center of gravity of a skid loader will raise and move towards the front axle as a load is lifted.
   A) True
   B) False

10. “Standard” skid loader controls use:
    A) Hand controls for steering, foot controls for lifting
    B) Foot controls for steering, hand controls for lifting
    C) Hand controls for both steering and lifting
    D) Foot controls for both steering and lifting

11. True or False? A skid loader turns with fixed oriented front tires and pivoting it’s rear tires.
    A) True
    B) False

12. True or False? Advanced / Joystick controls can control both steering and lifting operations of a skid loader.
    A) True
    B) False

13. To prevent falls when mounting / dismounting the skid loader, maintain at least _____ points of contact with the skid loader at all times.
    A) 1
    B) 2
    C) 3
    D) 4

14. True or False? When mounting / dismounting the skid loader use the machine controls for handholds.
    A) True
    B) False

15. Avoid working with piles taller than the machine because:
    A) There is limited visibility
    B) Pile collapse could bury the operator compartment
    C) Pile is larger than the machine’s load capacity
    D) Lifted loads decrease stability of the machine
16. The loader bucket is typically mounted ______ the operator and can be rolled forward or tilted back within inches of the operator.
   A) Above
   B) Below
   C) In front of
   D) Behind

17. Machine hazards on skid loaders include pinch points, cut points, and _____ points.
   A) Free-wheeling
   B) Star
   C) Wrap
   D) Crush

18. By pushing the left hand control FORWARD and the right hand control BACKWARD, the skid loader would turn:
   A) Left
   B) Right
   C) Straight back
   D) Straight forward

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