

## "Think Like A Pro" Test

1. Tide\_\_\_\_\_ is more important on the Upper Coast of Texas, while tide\_\_\_\_\_ is more important on the Lower Coast.
  - a. color, movement
  - b. movement, level
  - c. range, surge
  - d. movement, color
2. The best lure(s) for replacing a sinking Corky Fat Boy in murky water would be
  - a. Catch 5
  - b. Original Corky with tail bent down
  - c. She Dog
  - d. a and b, but not c
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ structural element or shoreline is usually more productive than a \_\_\_\_\_ one.
  - a. leeward, windward
  - b. shallow, deep
  - c. windward, leeward
  - d. clear, turbid
4. What environmental variable most significantly affects the decision to use a floating Corky?
  - a. water depth
  - b. water temperature
  - c. wind speed
  - d. water color
5. Which of the following is an absolute, meaning it is ALWAYS true.
  - a. the color of the lure doesn't matter
  - b. big trout are easier to catch in cold weather
  - c. fishing guides are "know it alls"
  - d. you can't catch a fish that isn't there
6. Which of the following is (are) most true regarding the use of topwaters?
  - a. summer is the best season for topwaters
  - b. in winter, rising water temperatures and tides make topwaters work better
  - c. the color of a topwater is less important than its size and type of rattle
  - d. all of the above

7. When throwing a topwater, an angler is getting a lot of blowups, but few hookups. The FIRST strategy to change the outcome should be:
- change the type of lure to a sinking lure
  - change the type of lure to another size or kind of topwater
  - change the presentation
  - Call Captain Kev and ask for help
8. Which of the following best describes the effect(s) of high barometric pressure on the fish?
- fish rise to the top and go into search mode when the barometer is high
  - fish sit on the bottom with their heads down when the barometer is high
  - fish don't react to high barometer in a measurable way
  - fish will only strike soft plastics when the barometer is high
9. Which of the following skill sets is the MOST IMPORTANT one facilitating consistency in locating fish?
- knowledge of the bay system's features
  - knowledge of how to use a GPS
  - presentation skills
  - lure choice skills
10. What is most true about hot, windy weather as it relates to lure choice and presentation?
- live bait works better than all lures in hot, windy weather
  - fast, erratic presentations work best in hot, windy weather
  - watching tennis is more fun than fishing in hot, windy weather
  - large, loud topwaters are always best to use in hot, windy weather
11. Though it works well at other times \_\_\_\_\_ is most useful as a way to save the day and scratch out bites during the toughest conditions.
- a She Dog
  - a sinking Corky
  - a MirrOprop
  - the cork and the jig

12. Which variable would be most significant in elevating the importance of fishing for big trout at night or in low-light conditions?
- light winds
  - clear water
  - hot water
  - cold water
13. Of the choices below, which would be the best time to fish the first bar and gut in the surf?
- on a winter afternoon with an incoming tide
  - on a summer morning with an incoming tide
  - on a winter morning with an outgoing tide
  - on a summer afternoon with an outgoing tide
14. What rule related to the wind is best to follow when fishing The Bolivar Flats, on the north side of the North Galveston Jetty?
- No west
  - No south
  - No east
  - No winds over 10
15. When looking for fish "off Green's Cut" in West Galveston Bay in January, the search should start with:
- looking for muddy streaks
  - looking for slicks
  - looking for clear water
  - looking for rafted bait
16. Calm weather often facilitates the effectiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ presentations.
- slow, steady
  - fast, erratic
  - noisy, flashy
  - all of the above

17. Windy weather often facilitates the effectiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ presentations:

- a. slow, steady
- b. fast, erratic
- c. silent, static
- d. all of the above

18. The Power Pole is a great tool because:

- a. it saves time and effort
- b. it is reliable
- c. it eliminates the need for a conventional anchor
- d. a and b, but not c

19. Which is most true about catching trophy trout while fishing from a boat?

- a. Trophy trout can't be caught from a boat.
- b. Fishing for trophy trout from a boat is generally better than wading.
- c. Trophy trout are never found in water too deep to wade.
- d. Catching trophy trout from a boat is easiest when conditions are benign.

20. A \_\_\_\_\_ soft plastic works better in clear water, while a \_\_\_\_\_ soft plastic works better in dirty water.

- a. white, black
- b. rat-tailed, paddle-tailed
- c. paddle-tailed, rat-tailed
- d. big, small

21. The three most important fundamentals in presentation are:

- a. grip, alignment and rhythm
- b. rod, reel, line
- c. angler, lure, location
- d. location, location, location

22. A \_\_\_\_\_ rod best facilitates presentations with soft plastics.

- a. short, stiff
- b. short, limber
- c. long, stiff
- d. long, limber

23. A \_\_\_\_\_ rod with less flex is generally best suited to topwaters.
- longer
  - shorter
  - fiberglass
  - long-handled
24. Which is most true about presentations with all kinds of lures?
- purely rhythmic presentations always work best
  - fast presentations are always better
  - slow presentations are always better
  - rhythmic movements are part of all good presentations
25. Which of the following is true about trophy trout?
- they always travel alone
  - they generally eat more fish than smaller trout
  - they are big because they are smart
  - they will abandon an area if a boat comes in
26. Which of the following makes braided line superior to monofilament?
- increased sensitivity
  - better control of the lure
  - more resistant to abrasion
  - all of the above
27. For which of the following applications would a reel with a higher gear ratio work better?
- fishing out of the boat in a strong wind
  - fishing Corkies
  - fishing topwaters
  - fishing dead bait on the bottom
28. \_\_\_\_\_ topwaters work better in winter, while \_\_\_\_\_ topwaters work better in summer.
- small, large
  - large, small
  - bright, dark
  - chrome, pink

29. In what season is the location of bait most critical?
- winter
  - spring
  - summer
  - fall
30. Which species of bird most reliably leads anglers directly to feeding trout?
- royal tern
  - white pelican
  - laughing gull
  - cormorant
31. Which variable would make it most difficult to catch a trout in a place?
- other people fishing there
  - turbid water
  - water temperatures below 53°
  - salinity below 10 ppt
32. Which of the following is most true about fishing in Sabine Lake?
- more freshwater flowing into the lake means better fishing on the La Shoreline
  - more freshwater flowing into the lake means better fishing in the north end
  - windy conditions are better for the fishing overall
  - no tide movement is necessary to generate a productive bite
33. Which of the following best describes conditions favorable for fishing lakes and coves along the south shoreline of San Antonio Bay?
- low tides, low water temperatures
  - low tides, high water temperatures
  - high tides, moderate water temperatures
  - high tides, low water temperatures
34. Which of the following is a good reason to release all trout over 25 inches:
- they don't taste as good as smaller trout
  - they make more eggs than smaller trout when they spawn
  - they might be caught again when they are even larger
  - all are good reasons

35. Which of the following is NOT an absolute, meaning it is not always true:
- a. you can't catch a fish that isn't there
  - b. more time on the water leads to a better angler
  - c. you won't know if you don't go
  - d. a dead fish can't be caught again