

4-H Fly Tying Proficiency Exam - Beginning Level

A. Multiple Choice:

- The _____ is considered the primary, most important tool of the trade:
 - hackle pliers
 - scissors
 - fly tying vise
 - bodkin
- The hackle portion of a dry fly gives the fly _____.
 - a neat appearance
 - some weight to sink
 - the wings
 - its buoyancy to float
- The primary function of a bobbin is to _____.
 - make the fly float
 - hold the spool of thread
 - wrap the hackle feather
 - help select the right size hook
- Hackles can be wrapped onto the fly with _____.
 - the bodkin
 - hackle pliers
 - your fingers
 - both b and c
- Not all bodkins have a tube-type hole in the end but the one in your kit does. This makes our bodkin useful for _____.
 - putting thread on the bobbin
 - applying head cement
 - tying off with a half-hitch knot
 - none of the above
- The *Western Fly Pattern Dictionary* from Jack Dennis' Western Trout Fly Tying Manual is a good reference for _____.
 - the correct size hook to use for a fly
 - the materials needed for a certain fly pattern
 - a comparison of different fly patterns
 - all of the above
- Peacock herl is _____.
 - the "eye" of the peacock feather
 - used to form the body of a Grey Hackle Peacock pattern
 - the single strands that come off the side of a peacock feather shaft
 - b and c
 - the result of a sick peacock
- Hackle saddles and necks for hackle feathers are this color _____.
 - blue dun
 - coachman brown
 - grizzly
 - cream
 - badger
 - all of the above
- When fishing "catch and release" waters for trout one should always use _____.
 - the biggest hook possible
 - a dry fly pattern
 - a barbless hook
 - all of the above
- Fly patterns can imitate _____.
 - minnows
 - mayflies
 - nymphs
 - nothing at all
 - all of the above
- A fly pattern materials list always includes _____.
 - hackle feathers
 - thread
 - lead wire for weight
 - tail material
- Chenille is a _____.
 - natural material from turkeys
 - man-made material like yarn for forming bodies
 - material only found in yellow color
 - brand of hooks