

2018 National FFA Team Activity

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Mrs. Jones has a wooded tract and is interested in selling her timber. You are a forester who represents a logging company. You are working to evaluate the stand for your company and to answer some questions that Mrs. Jones has about her woodland. You should work together to get the answers to the questions. The letters A-O refer to stops in the forest where you will need to take measurements and make observations.

Notes:

Merchantable heights are estimated to the upper point on a tree where it becomes 10 inches in diameter, OR, where a major fork in a tree stem occurs, OR, where a limb or cluster of limbs have a combined diameter equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the diameter of the tree at that point. These upper limit rules are called "stoppers".

When figuring tree volumes, all trees are considered sound for the purpose of this exercise (no cull deductions). There is no pulpwood market in this area.

Measure the tree diameters in 1-inch diameter classes

Measure merchantable tree heights in 16-foot logs (to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ log)

Assume no declination (0°) when using compasses

Needed Equipment: Biltmore Stick, compass, calculator, and volume table

Use the tree volume table provided, **NOT** the scale on the Biltmore stick

Each question is worth 1 point unless otherwise noted.

A.

- 1) Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
- 2) What is the diameter of this tree? _____
- 3) What is the merchantable height? _____
- 4) What is the board foot volume? (3 points) _____

B. *Refer to the line marked by the two stakes*

- 5) Along what azimuth does the marked "boundary" line extend from 'stake 1' to 'stake 2'? (3 points) _____
- 6) How many feet is this leg of the boundary from 'stake 1' to 'stake 2'? (3 points) _____

C.

- 7) Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
- 8) What is the diameter of this tree? _____
- 9) What is the merchantable height? _____
- 10) What is the board foot volume? (3 points) _____

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- 11)** Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
12) What is the diameter of this tree? _____
13) What is the merchantable height? _____
14) What is the board foot volume? (3 points) _____

E. *Refer to the line marked by the two stakes*

- 15)** Along what azimuth does the marked "boundary" line extend from 'stake 1' to 'stake 2'? (3 points) _____
16) How many feet is this leg of the boundary from 'stake 1' to 'stake 2'? (3 points) _____

Refer to the line marked by the two stakes

- 17)** Along what azimuth does the marked "boundary" line extend from 'stake 3' to 'stake 4'? (3 points) _____
18) How many feet is this leg of the boundary from 'stake 3' to 'stake 4'? (3 points) _____

F.

- 19)** What is this tool? _____
20) Use the tool to take a reading at the point marked by the stake. Beware of dead trees. Do not count them. (2 points) _____

G.

- 21)** Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
22) This species dominate much of the understory. What characteristic allows this species to grow well in the understory? _____

H.

- 23)** What is this tool? (2 points) _____
24) Name a use of this tool _____
25) Name a second use of this tool _____
26) How steep is it from the 'stake 1' to 'stake 2' _____

I.

- 27)** Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
28) What disorder does this tree possess? (2 points) _____

J.

- 29)** Identify this tree. (2 points) _____
30) What is the diameter of this tree? _____
31) What is the merchantable height? _____
32) What is the board foot volume? (3 points) _____

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K.

33) Identify this tree. (2 points) _____

34) What disorder does this tree possess? (2 points) _____

35) Is this tree dead or alive? _____

L

36) Identify this tree. (2 points) _____

37) What is the diameter of this tree? _____

38) What is the merchantable height? _____

39) What is the board foot volume? (3 points) _____

M.

40) Identify this tree. (2 points) _____

41) What is the diameter of this tree? _____

N.

Use the provided USGS Topography Map to answer the following questions:

42) What is the Scale of this USGS Topography Map? _____

43) What is the Contour Interval of this USGS Topography Map? _____

44) Which direction is Robertson Creek flowing in section 35, Township 11N, Range 1E? _____

45) What is the highest elevation point in section 27, Township 10N, Range 1E? _____

46) What is the lowest elevation point in section 27, Township 10N, Range 1E? _____

O.

47) What is this tool? (3 points) _____

48) What is this tool? (3 points) _____

49) What is this tool? (3 points) _____

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Business Problem

You have evaluated the stand of timber for your logging company. Mrs. Jones has 40 acres of timber you would like to purchase. Your task is to figure out how much you can offer Mrs. Jones for her timber while covering costs and still making a reasonable profit. Use the information below, the attached timber summary sheet, and the attached delivered timber price list.

Species	Total Volume (bd ft)	Price Delivered to Mill (\$/1,000 bd ft)
Yellow Poplar	20,000	250
White Oak	13,000	550
Red Oak	19,000	500
Misc	16,000	250
Walnut	7,000	600

You know that in this area it costs about \$150 per thousand to operate your logging crew (stump to log deck), \$50 per thousand to haul to the mill, and \$25 per acre to retire your roads, trails and landings.

You would like to make a 20% profit over your expenses.

50. What is your logging cost? _____
51. What is your hauling cost? _____
52. What is your site retirement cost? _____
53. How much is your projected profit? _____
54. How much do you expect to get at the mill? _____
55. What is your offer to Mrs. Jones? (5 points) _____