

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