

# RI BLUE CARD PRETEST PRACTICE TEST

## Part 1: ● THE FOUNDATIONS OF SAFETY

- 01. What is the first and most important rule of gun safety? **Answer: Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
- 02. How should you treat every firearm you encounter? A) As if it were a toy B) As if it were unloaded C) As if it were loaded D) Only as dangerous if the safety is off **Answer: C) As if it were loaded.**
- 03. True or False: Your finger should remain inside the trigger guard while you are aiming but before you have decided to fire. **Answer: False. Outside the trigger guard, indexed along the frame.**
- 04. Before firing, what two things must you be absolutely sure of? **Answer: Your target and what is beyond it.**
- 05. True or False: It is safe to point a gun at a door or wall if you are sure no one is behind it. **Answer: False. Never point a muzzle at anything you do not intend to destroy.**

## Part 2: ● HANDGUN ANATOMY

- 06. The three major part groups of a handgun are the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Action, Frame, and Barrel.**
- 07. What is the function of the "Action"? A) It serves as the handle of the gun B) It consists of the parts that load, fire, and eject the cartridge C) It is the tube the bullet travels through D) It is the safety mechanism **Answer: B) It consists of the parts that load, fire, and eject the cartridge.**
- 08. The central housing that serves as the handle and holds the other groups together is called the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Frame.**
- 09. What is the "Barrel"? **Answer: The metal tube through which the projectile is fired.**
- 10. Spiral grooves cut into the bore to spin the bullet for accuracy are known as \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Rifling.**

### Part 3: ● OPERATION & MECHANICS

- 11. What is the difference between the "Bore" and the "Muzzle"? **Answer: The Bore is the inside of the tube; the Muzzle is the front end where the bullet exits.**
- 12. Single-Action means the trigger performs \_\_\_\_\_ action(s). **Answer: One (releasing the hammer).**
- 13. Which type of action cocks the hammer and releases it in one motion? **A) Single-Action B) Semi-Automatic C) Double-Action D) Bolt-Action Answer: C) Double-Action.**
- 14. True or False: A semi-automatic handgun fires multiple shots with a single pull of the trigger. **Answer: False. It fires one shot per trigger pull and automatically loads the next round.**
- 15. A handgun with a rotating cylinder containing multiple chambers is called a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Revolver.**

### Part 4: ● AMMUNITION & BALLISTICS

- 16. What are the four parts of a handgun cartridge? **Answer: Case, Primer, Powder, and Bullet.**
- 17. The container (usually brass) that holds all other components together is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Case.**
- 18. What is the "Primer"? A) The lead projectile B) The propellant that pushes the bullet C) The chemical cap at the base that ignites the powder D) The metal casing **Answer: C) The chemical cap at the base that ignites the powder.**
- 19. True or False: The "Bullet" is the entire piece of ammunition you load into the gun. **Answer: False. The bullet is only the projectile; the whole unit is a cartridge or round.**
- 20. To determine the correct ammunition, you must match the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ on the gun to the label on the ammo box. **Answer: Caliber stamp.**

### Part 5: ● ADVANCED AMMO & RANGE SAFETY

- 21. What is "Caliber"? **Answer: The bore or bullet diameter.**
- 22. True or False: In a rimfire cartridge, the primer is in the center of the base. **Answer: False. The primer is in the rim of the case base.**

● 23. A cartridge where the primer is a separate cap in the middle of the base is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Answer: Centerfire.**

● 24. What does "+P" mean on an ammo box? A) Practice ammunition B) Plinking ammo C) Higher pressure ammo D) Plus Primer **Answer: C) Higher pressure ammo.**

● 25. A lead bullet covered in harder metal, usually used for target practice, is called a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Full Metal Jacket (FMJ).**

### **Part 6: ● STORAGE & MAINTENANCE**

● 26. What is the first safety step before cleaning a gun? **Answer: Visually and physically ensure the firearm is completely unloaded.**

● 27. True or False: It is recommended to store guns and ammunition together in the same locked container to save space. **Answer: False. They should be stored in separate locked locations.**

● 28. RI law requires guns to be stored in a locked container or with a - lock when near minors. **Answer: Tamper-resistant.**

● 29. How should a handgun be handed to another person? A) Loaded, with the safety on B) Holstered C) Unloaded, with the action open D) Barrel first **Answer: C) Unloaded, with the action open.**

● 30. The tool used to remove lead residue and fouling from the inside of the barrel is a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Bore brush.**

### **Part 7: ● MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS**

● 31. Lining up the front sight in the center of the rear sight notch is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Answer: Sight Alignment.**

● 32. What is "Sight Picture"? **Answer: The image of aligned sights placed correctly on the target.**

● 33. True or False: You should "jerk" the trigger quickly to ensure the gun fires exactly when you want it to. **Answer: False. You should "squeeze" the trigger to avoid moving the gun off-target.**

● 34. Maintaining your aim and stance for a split second after the shot is fired is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Answer: Follow-through.**

● 35. At a firing range, eye and ear protection is: A) Recommended but optional B) Only for the person shooting C) Mandatory for everyone D) Only needed for large calibers **Answer: C) Mandatory for everyone.**

### **Part 8: ● RHODE ISLAND STATE LAWS**

- 36. The minimum age to buy a handgun in Rhode Island is \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: 21.**
- 37. How long is the mandatory waiting period to purchase a firearm in RI? **Answer: 7 days.**
- 38. What is the legal magazine capacity limit in Rhode Island? A) 5 rounds B) 10 rounds C) 15 rounds D) There is no limit **Answer: B) 10 rounds.**
- 39. True or False: A Rhode Island Blue Card allows the holder to carry a concealed weapon. **Answer: False. It is for purchase and possession only.**
- 40. To whom must gunshot wounds be reported under RI law? **Answer: Local or State Police.**

### **Part 9: ● MALFUNCTIONS**

- 41. When the primer fails to ignite the powder, it is called a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Misfire.**
- 42. What is a "Hangfire"? **Answer: A delay in the ignition (the gun fires a few seconds late).**
- 43. If you suspect a hangfire, you should keep the gun pointed downrange and wait \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ seconds. **Answer: 30 to 60.**
- 44. A bullet that gets stuck in the barrel due to low pressure is called a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Squib Load.**
- 45. Which of the following is a sign of a squib load? A) A very loud bang B) Increased recoil C) A lighter "pop" or reduced recoil D) The gun automatically reloading **Answer: C) A lighter "pop" or reduced recoil.**

### **Part 10: ■ GENERAL ETHICS & RANGE ETIQUETTE**

- 46. Informal target practice at objects like tin cans is often called \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Plinking.**
- 47. Why should you wash your hands after a shooting session? **Answer: To remove lead residue and chemicals.**
- 48. Who is ultimately responsible for every shot fired from a gun? **Answer: The individual user/shooter.**
- 49. True or False: If a gun has a mechanical safety, it is impossible for it to fire accidentally. **Answer: False. Mechanical safeties can fail; never trust them 100%.**

50. Practicing aim, stance, and trigger pull without using any ammunition is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Dry Practice.**

### **Part 11: MAINTENANCE & DEEP CLEANING**

51. When should a handgun be cleaned? **Answer: After every shooting session or periodically if in storage.**

52. True or False: You can begin cleaning a gun as long as the safety is on. **Answer: False. Ensure the firearm is completely unloaded first.**

53. Over-oiling a firearm can be bad because it collects \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Dirt and debris.**

54. To check for barrel obstructions safely, you should look through the barrel from the \_\_\_\_\_ end.  
**Answer: Breech (rear).**

55. A small piece of fabric used to apply solvent or wipe the bore is a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Cleaning patch.**

### **Part 12: MECHANICAL TERMINOLOGY**

56. What is a "Stovepipe"? A) A type of barrel B) An ejection failure where the spent case gets caught in the slide C) A cleaning tool D) A type of ammunition **Answer: B) An ejection failure where the spent case gets caught in the slide.**

57. When two cartridges try to enter the chamber at the same time, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Answer: Double feed.**

58. Thinning of the metal finish caused by repeated use of a carry case is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Answer: Holster wear.**

59. A lever that safely lowers the hammer without firing the gun is a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Decocker.**

60. The part that pushes the spent casing out of the gun after firing is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Ejector.**

### **Part 13: ADVANCED LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

61. True or False: A Rhode Island Blue Card expires after 5 years. **Answer: False. It is a lifetime certificate.**

62. Can a "Prohibited Person" legally handle a gun at a firing range? **Answer: No.**

63. Buying a gun for someone who is legally prohibited from owning one is called a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Straw Purchase.**

64. True or False: You must be a Rhode Island resident to take the Blue Card test. **Answer: False. Out-of-state residents can take it.**

65. What is the passing score for the RI Blue Card exam? A) 70% B) 80% C) 90% D) 100% **Answer: B) 80% (40 out of 50 correct).**

### **Part 14: SAFETY LOGISTICS & GEAR**

66. A holster should always be made specifically for your gun to ensure the \_\_\_\_\_ is fully covered. **Answer: Trigger.**

67. True or False: Lead vapor is only a concern at outdoor ranges. **Answer: False. It is a major concern at indoor ranges; ventilation is required.**

68. A feature that prevents the gun from firing if the magazine is removed is a \_\_\_\_\_ safety. **Answer: Magazine disconnect.**

69. Handguns should be stored in a \_\_\_\_\_ case or \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent moisture and rust. **Answer: Hard case or safe.**

70. What is the "Bore"? **Answer: The hollow inside the barrel.**

### **Part 15: RANGE CONDUCT**

71. When a "Cease Fire" is called, you must: A) Finish your magazine B) Put the safety on and keep aiming C) Stop shooting and do not touch the gun D) Quickly reload **Answer: C) Stop shooting and do not touch the gun.**

72. The pressure wave and flash created when a shot is fired is called \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Muzzle blast.**

73. True or False: It is acceptable to leave your spent brass on the ground for the range staff to clean up. **Answer: False. You should dispose of your cases properly.**

74. If you see someone acting unsafely at a range, you should notify the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Range Safety Officer.**

75. The phrase "equal height, equal light" refers to \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Sight Alignment.**

## **Part 16: FINAL REVIEW**

76. True or False: A small .22 caliber bullet cannot travel more than half a mile. **Answer: False. It can travel over a mile.**

77. Ammunition that leaves salts in the barrel which cause rapid rust is called \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Corrosive.**

78. The distance at which a shooter can consistently hit a target is their \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Effective range.**

79. If you drop a gun, you should: A) Try to catch it before it hits the ground B) Kick it away C) Let it fall D) Close your eyes **Answer: C) Let it fall (to avoid accidental trigger pull).**

80. The rear end of the barrel where the cartridge is loaded is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Breech.**

81. The part that strikes the primer to fire the cartridge is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Firing pin.**

82. The part that strikes the firing pin is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Hammer.**

83. A mechanical device intended to prevent accidental discharge is a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Safety.**

84. True or False: Having the safety "on" means you can point the gun in any direction. **Answer: False. Never trust a safety to replace safe handling.**

85. The backward "kick" of the gun after firing is called \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Recoil.**

86. The buildup of lead or carbon inside the barrel is called \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Fouling.**

87. A barrier designed to stop and contain bullets is a \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Backstop.**

88. True or False: It is safe to shoot at the surface of a lake because the water stops the bullet. **Answer: False. Bullets can ricochet off water.**

89. Who is responsible for safety? **Answer: You are.**

- ◆ 90. A "Squib Load" means a bullet is \_\_\_\_\_ in the barrel. **Answer: Stuck.**
- ◆ 91. The image of aligned sights on the target is the \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Sight Picture.**
- ◆ 92. Practicing aiming and firing without ammunition is \_\_\_\_\_. **Answer: Dry Practice.**
- ◆ 93. What is the legal magazine capacity in RI? **Answer: 10 rounds.**
- ◆ 94. How long is the RI waiting period? **Answer: 7 days.**
- ◆ 95. What is the minimum age to buy a handgun? **Answer: 21.**
- ◆ 96. A \_\_\_\_\_ trigger cocks and releases the hammer in one motion. **Answer: Double Action.**
- ◆ 97. What is "Rifling"? **Answer: Spiral grooves that spin the bullet.**
- ◆ 98. Where is the caliber stamp usually located? **Answer: On the barrel or slide.**
- ◆ 99. What are the parts of a cartridge? **Answer: Case, Primer, Powder, Bullet.**
- ◆ 100. What is the first rule of safety? **Answer: Muzzle direction.**