SAFE OPERATION
OF CHAINSAWS

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ASSESSMENT – SAFE OPERATION OF CHAINSAWS

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1. When the chainsaw is used intermittently it should be checked before every use. When in constant use a chainsaw should be thoroughly checked _________ at the very least.

   a) every two weeks
   b) once a week
   c) only when clean
   d) daily

2. Mixing petrol and oil for the two stroke engine of the chainsaw should be carried out:

   a) underground
   b) using a safe container
   c) directly in the fuel tank
   d) close to engine sparks and exhaust

3. When starting a chainsaw:

   a) it is always preferable to start the chain saw on the ground
   b) the most important consideration is for the chain saw to be firmly supported
   c) check that the chain is clear of all obstructions
   d) all of the above
4. When upper tip of the nose of the guide bar contacts another log or branch and momentarily stalls the chain, the chainsaw will:

a) turn off
b) swing towards the closest branch
c) kick violently upwards and backwards towards the operator
d) jump forward and away from the operator

5. When attempting to stabilize timber:

a) use your feet only if you have steel capped boots
b) never use your feet or allow your feet to get in front of the guide bar
c) put your feet well in front of the guide bar and angle the chain saw down
d) kick the timber to the side

6. If you misjudge the effects of _____ and ______ when cutting the timber, you may pinch the guide bar trapping it in the timber.

a) curve and bounce
b) tension and relaxation
c) tension and compression
d) compression and bounce

7. Surveying the area around the tree to avoid injury to people and damage to property should be done by the chain saw operator:

a) before felling the tree
b) only in extreme emergencies
c) only when ordered by the property manager
d) after felling the tree

8. When completing a felling cut, as soon as the tree begins to move you should pull the saw from the tree and:

a) run in any direction shouting ‘timber’
b) turn the chainsaw off and retreat quickly along your escape route
c) put your chainsaw in front of you and aim it at any obstacles as you run away
d) lean casually and turn the chainsaw off to show you don’t need an escape route
9. When operating a chain saw you should NOT be using

a) safety equipment
b) high visibility vest
c) drugs and alcohol
d) steel cap boots

10. Remember the primary concern of any chain saw operator must always be the ______ way to do the job, not the quickest or easiest.

a) SAFEST
b) SLOWEST
c) TIGHTEST
d) BIGGEST