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Master Gardener™ Program

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PRUNING CHAPTER 4

References: MG Sustainable Gardening Handbook, Chapter 4

1. When removing a branch with a thinning cut, the final cut should:
 - a. be flush with the trunk
 - b. be flush with the collar
 - c. leave a short stub
 - d. cut through the branch bark ridge

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2. When explaining to a “caller” about the pruning cut used to increase the number of new shoots, you would say that the best type of cut is a _____ cut:
 - a. heading
 - b. espalier
 - c. pollarding
 - d. thinning

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3. Information regarding the pruning of young apple trees would include:
 - a. prune after 3 to 4 years
 - b. prune after February 22nd
 - c. prune before February 1st
 - d. avoid excessive pruning

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4. Heading back or “stubbing” of a limb would cause it to:
- a. become more flexible
 - b. branch and stiffen
 - c. grow more upright
 - d. split and die

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5. Sweet cherry trees are subject to winter injury, often splitting where limbs join the main stem. It is essential to:
- a. remove 1-year-old shoots
 - b. prune every 2 or 3 years
 - c. thin water sprouts
 - d. develop wide crotch angles

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6. When pruning small branches, always cut back:
- a. to a vertical branch
 - b. to a lateral side branch
 - c. below a vigorous bud or intersecting branch
 - d. to a vigorous bud or intersecting branch

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7. Shrubs that bloom on last season’s growth include:
- a. lilac (*Syringa spp.*)
 - b. bush rose (*Rosa spp.*)
 - c. butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
 - d. snowberry (*Symphoricarpos*)

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8. Two branches with a layer of bark between them is called a:
- a. drop crotch
 - b. bark inclusion
 - c. branch bark ridge
 - d. compartmentalization

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9. When pruning diseased wood from trees or shrubs, the **best** choice for disinfecting tools between each pruning cut is:
- a. boil for 10 minutes
 - b. a type of home disinfectant spray
 - c. rubbing alcohol or a mild bleach solution
 - d. mild dish washing detergent

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10. Peach trees bear fruit only on:

- a. 1-year-old wood
- b. 2-year-old wood
- c. fruit spurs
- d. outside branches

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