

Evaluator's Name: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

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A. PRE-CLIMB (STAGING AREA)

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
REQUIRED EQUIPMENT Climber brings required equipment and must meet standard.	Hardhat, safety glasses, work boots, climbing rope, saddle, handsaw/scabbard, locking snaps/carabiners (must be double auto locking carabiners), safety lanyard(s). No points involved. Must have all approved equipment to proceed.		102/ Fail Exam
PRE-CLIMB INSPECTION EQUIPMENT Climber demonstrates pre-climb inspection of equipment. Evaluator's comment: "Please demonstrate inspection of equipment."	Equipment must be arborist grade and must satisfy all applicable OSHA, ANSI, or CSA standards.		102/ Fail Exam
PROPER TIE-IN Climber demonstrated proper tie-in.	When using a carabiner without a captive eye, the knot or eye splice shall cinch or be retained in place to prevent side loading or accidental opening of the gate.		102/ Fail Exam
	A recognized friction hitch tied for ascent. If unsatisfactory, climber may not continue. Recognized friction hitches: tautline hitch, Blake's hitch, Distel, Schwabisch, or French Prusik (VT)		102/ Fail Exam
TYING A FIGURE-8 Climber demonstrates tying a figure-8 in running end.	Figure-8 stopper knot tied.		15
ON ROPE TEST Climber demonstrates on rope test for body thrust or secured footlock.	Tied in, feet on tree, hands off rope. Must be successful before continuing.		102/ Fail Exam
KNOTS & HITCHES		Each knot must be tied correctly on first attempt for a satisfactory	
Cow hitch with a better half or timber hitch			35
Buntline hitch, anchor hitch, or double fisherman's bend (double fisherman's knot)			35
End-of-line: clove hitch or bowline			35
Sheet bend or quick hitch			35
Secured footlock ascending knot: Kleimheist or English Prusik			35
Midline knot: clove hitch or butterfly knot			35
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B. ROPE THROW

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
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TREE & SITE INSPECTION Climber inspects tree and site. Evaluator's comment: "Please demonstrate inspection of the tree and site."	Check for location of utilities and wires.		10
	In ground targets.		10
	Above ground targets.		10
	Tree structure/stability.		10
START TIMING CLIMBING LINE INSTALLATION Climber installs climbing rope at a pre-determined position. [20-25 feet (6-8 meters) above the ground]	Time starts on first throw. Climbing rope must be installed in position to allow the climber to safely enter the tree. Five (5) attempts maximum. Throwline permitted.	Start Time:	
Points Deducted Section B:			102/ Fail Exam

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
SECURED ENTRY INTO TREE Climber demonstrated secured entry into tree. Evaluator's comment: "Please demonstrate entry using body-thrust OR secured footlock."	A recognized friction hitch tied for ascent. If unsatisfactory, climber may not continue. Recognized friction hitches: tautline hitch, Blake's hitch, Distel, Schwabisch, or French Prusik (VT)		102/ Fail Exam
Points Deducted Section C:			

D. ROPE ADVANCEMENT

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
TREE INSPECTION Climber demonstrates inspection of tree. Evaluator's comment: "Please demonstrate inspection of tree."	Verbally identify potential hazards (if any).		20
ASCEND TO FINAL, PRE-DETERMINED TIE-IN POINT Climber demonstrates ascent to final, pre-determined tie-in point.	Must be secured at all times. Use accepted and safe climbing techniques.		102/ Fail Exam
	The climber may throw rope as many times as necessary, may use pole to set rope, may climb using safety lanyard(s).		35
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E. TIE-IN

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
FINAL TIE-IN Climber demonstrates final tie-in. Evaluator's comment: "Please demonstrate final tie-in."	Climber chooses technique. Remain tied in at all times with lanyard, other end of climbing rope, or second climbing line. Tie in with recognized friction hitch and stopper knot. Recognized friction hitches: tautline hitch, Blake's hitch, Distel, Schwabisch, or French Prusik (VT)		35
	Climber must be secured at all times. Failure to do so will result in termination of the exam.		102/ Fail Exam
TIME LIMIT ON TYING IN Climber demonstrates tying the knot within maximum time allowed.	Maximum of 20 minutes to tie-in point. If greater than 20 minutes - Fail exam. (Deduct 102)		102/ Fail Exam
Points Deducted Section E:			

F. HAND CONTACT STATION

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
FIRST DESIGNATED WORK STATION Climber demonstrates controlled use of climbing rope.	Climber should never be in a position to fall (unchecked) greater than 3 feet (0.91 meters). If climber is in a position to fall, he/she should be informed immediately. A second offense will constitute failure.		20
	Climber should maintain balanced, controlled, and confident posture.		10
HAND CONTACT OF BELL OR FLAG Climber approaches bell OR flag.	Climber must touch bell OR flag with hand.		15
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G. POLE SAW/PRUNER WORK STATION

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SECOND DESIGNATED WORK STATION Climber demonstrates controlled use of climbing rope.	Climber should never be in a position to fall (unchecked) greater than 3 feet (0.91 meters). An uncontrolled swing or slip may lead to an unsatisfactory mark and may not constitute failure.		20
	USE OF POLE SAW/PRUNER Climber must request pole be set up from ground. Climber demonstrates the use of a pole saw or pruner to reach flagged limb.	Climber should maintain balance and confident posture.	
	Climber should be secured.		15
	Climber should use both hands on pole saw/pruner.		10
	Pole saw/pruner safely replaced in tree.		10
	Pole saw/pruner safely lowered to ground. Pole saw/pruner cannot be dropped.		10
Points Deducted Section G:			

H. DESCENT

TASK	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	S	U
		Please Check	Please Circle
DESCEND TO GROUND Climber demonstrates sufficient length of rope to reach the ground.	Pull up running end of climbing rope or show figure-8 stopper knot.		30
	Climber should descend and land in a controlled manner at a safe speed without damaging rope.		102/ Fail Exam
TOTAL TIME LIMIT	Must be complete in 30 minutes.		102/ Fail Exam
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V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING & SUBMITTING APPLICATION

1. Print your first name, your middle initial, and your last name.
Note: For security reasons please list your name as it appears on your photo ID you will be bringing to the exam site.
2. Print your address. **The address you indicate will be used for all future correspondence by ISA. Please note if you move, to contact ISA with your updated address information.**
3. Print your phone number, cell/alternate number, fax number, and e-mail address.
4. Write the date of the desired scheduled knowledge exam. **Do not submit application without choosing an exam date. This will be left blank if you are testing via computer based.**
5. Write the location of the scheduled knowledge exam. (Chapter sponsored exams only)
6. Check the box for computer based testing if you wish to test at Pearson Vue testing centers.
7. Write the date of the scheduled skills exam.
8. Write the location of the scheduled skills exam.
9. Check the box for the language in which you wish to take the test, English or Spanish.
10. Please check if you are including a CTW waiver form.
11. Check the box if you do **NOT** want your listing to appear in Certified Arborists lists.
- 12A. Check yes if you are a member of ISA. It is important to write in your ISA member ID number.
- 12B. Check yes if you are a member of an ISA chapter. Be sure to write in the appropriate chapter.
Note: You may check yes if you enclose an ISA membership application and all of the necessary fees for membership to ISA and the chapter.
13. **If you are requesting special accommodations, be sure to contact the Certification Department prior to submitting your application and before the exam deadline date.**
14. Complete all of the practical experience section, including employment dates. If this section is not completed correctly, your application will not be accepted.
15. Please complete the form and attach all necessary proof of training in CPR, first aid, and aerial rescue.
16. Include the appropriate fees with your application. **If you are applying for ISA and chapter membership, you may pay the member rate, but a membership application must accompany the certification application.** You may pay both fees with one check or credit card. The ISA certification fee is separate and distinct from ISA and ISA chapter dues.

Note: MasterCard/VISA/AmEx may be used to pay for membership and/or certification fees.

REQUIRED: Please sign and date the Certification Agreement.

If you have further questions while you are filling out the application, please contact the ISA Certification Department at 217.355.9411.

If you desire further information on ISA or ISA certification, you may access the ISA website at www.isa-arbor.com

PLEASE ATTACH ALL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR SUBMITTAL!

Thank You