

# Certified Arborist Practice Test Questions and Answers

**1. What is the recommended distance from a tree trunk when making a proper pruning cut?**

- A) Cut flush with the trunk
- B) Leave a 2-inch stub
- C) Cut just outside the branch collar
- D) Cut at the midpoint of the branch

**2. Which tree part is responsible for transporting water and nutrients from roots to leaves?**

- A) Phloem
- B) Xylem
- C) Cambium
- D) Bark

**3. What percentage of a tree's root system is typically found in the top 18 inches of soil?**

- A) 25%
- B) 50%
- C) 75%
- D) 90%

**4. Which practice is considered harmful to tree health?**

- A) Mulching around the base
- B) Topping or heading cuts
- C) Proper pruning timing
- D) Deep watering

Answers: 1-C 2-B 3-D 4-B

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