

# Answer Key

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## Welcome to the St. Augustine Alligator Farm!

Directions: While exploring the St. Augustine Alligator Farm, read the exhibit signs to answer the following questions. Questions are a combination of multiple choice and fill in the blank.

If you have any questions, you can ask a zookeeper for help.

Have fun and happy learning!

### Alligator Lagoon

1. What is the length of the largest American Alligator ever recorded?	<u>15</u> feet <u>9</u> inches long
2. Name two types of habitats American Alligators are found in:	1. <u>Swamps, marshes, Stream</u> 2. <u>Rivers, lakes</u>
3. What is the current conservation status of the American Alligator?	a. Critically endangered b. Vulnerable <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Least Concern

### Land of Crocodiles: South America

4. Hoffman's two-toed sloths sleep up to _____ hours per day.	a. The same as a human b. 12 hours <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. 20 hours
5. Orinoco crocodiles can reach up to _____ feet, though over _____ is rare	<u>20</u> feet, though over <u>15</u> is rare.
6. What is one way you can tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile?	<u>snout shape or 4<sup>th</sup> tooth</u>
7. The word <i>Latirostris</i> describes this species rather broad head:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Broad snouted caiman b. Slender snouted crocodile c. Dwarf caiman
8. Are caiman more closely related to alligators or crocodiles?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Alligators b. Crocodiles c. None of the above

9. This crocodile species has the smallest geographic distribution of any other:	a. Orinoco crocodile <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Cuban crocodile c. Saltwater crocodile
10. The largest caiman species is the _____ caiman. Males can reach up to 18 feet!	a. Dwarf <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Black c. Yacare

### Land of Crocodiles: Africa

11. The slender snouted crocodile is found in streams and rivers of which continent?	a. North America b. South America <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Africa
12. How can you tell the difference between dwarf crocodiles and caiman species?	<u>4<sup>th</sup> tooth on crocodile</u>
13. What makes mugger crocodiles look different from other crocodiles?	<u>broad head + massive body</u>
14. What color does the crested coua display behind its eye?	a. Green b. Orange <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Turquoise

### Land of Crocodiles: Asia

15. Once thought to be extinct in the wild, where can you find Siamese crocodiles today?	<u>LAOS</u> and <u>Cambodia</u>
16. Less than ____ adult Chinese alligators are left in their native range.	a. 10,000 b. 1,000 <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. 125
17. What part of the tree does a knobbed hornbill nest in?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Cavity b. Tree branches c. Roots
18. What is the largest species of freshwater turtle in southeast Asia? It can weigh almost 100 pounds! ( <i>Hint: they live with the Indian Gharials</i> )	<u>Malaysian giant pond turtle</u>

## Duckpond

19. Name one species of duck and one species of turtle that live in the duckpond:	Duck: <u>Redhead, Ruddy, American wigeon, Pintail</u> Turtle: <u>Chicken, yellow-bellied red-bellied, Florida cooter</u>
20. How many species of parrots are there in the world?	<u>390</u> species

## Birds of Africa

21. What are the Marabou storks' gular sac used for?	<u>courtship</u> and <u>territory</u> .
22. Local folklore says that if you eat the eyes of a Cape Griffon Vulture you will become _____ and be better at gambling.	a. Hunting <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Clairvoyant c. Rich

## Galapagos Tortoises and Lemurs of Madagascar

23. Galapagos tortoises eat _____ and can weigh up to _____ pounds! (Hint: small sign)	<u>vegetation</u> and <u>600</u> pounds.
24. Lemurs have a complex system of communication that uses at least _____ different vocalizations.	a. 100 b. 38 <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. 12

## Oasis on the Nile

25. What animal kills more people in an average year? The common hippo or the Nile crocodile?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Common hippo b. Nile Crocodile
26. Crocodiles were mummified as an offering to which god?	<u>Sobek</u> , the crocodile god.

## The Swamp and Native Bird Rookery

27. Roseate spoonbills were hunted to near extinction in the late 1800s. Their feathers were made into what popular fashion item? (Hint: sign near the feeding platform)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hats</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fans</li> <li>c. Pens</li> </ul>
28. Snowy egrets often use _____ or _____ to scare up small fish, shrimp, and fiddler crabs.	foot stirring or foot raking
29. _____ protects Great egrets from commercial sale of native bird feathers.	Migratory Bird Act of 1918

## Gomek

30. Who captured Gomek in 1968 in Papua New Guinea?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> a. George Craig</li> <li>b. Steve Irwin</li> <li>c. Charles Darwin</li> </ul>
31. How much did Gomek weigh?	nearly 2,000 pounds
32. How long was Gomek?	17 feet 9.5 inches
33. The green tree python has a _____ tail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Forked</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Prehensile</li> <li>c. Double</li> </ul>

## Cassowary Birds and Maximo

34. How fast can a cassowary run?	30 mph
35. How high can a cassowary jump?	5 feet
36. What species of crocodile is Maximo?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Saltwater</li> <li>b. Nile</li> <li>c. Cuban</li> </ul>

37. When did Maximo hatch?

- a. 1985  
 b. 1971  
 c. 1968

### Komodo

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest lizard in the world.

- a. Komodo  
 b. Monitor  
 c. Shingleback

39. This snake builds a nest for it's eggs and guards them until they hatch:

- a. Pit viper  
 b. King Cobra  
 c. Reticulated python

40. How long can a king cobra be?

\_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ feet

41. The largest reticulated python ever found was \_\_\_\_\_ feet long and weighed \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.

25 feet long and 350 pounds.

42. What threats do New Caledonian giant geckos face?

Introduced mammals and Habitat degradation

### Exiting the Park

43. Albino alligators have a decreased production of which pigment?

\_\_\_\_\_ Melanin \_\_\_\_\_

44. Where are dwarf caimans native to?

- a. North America  
 b. Asia  
 c. South America

45. What three things do toucans use their beaks for?

1. plucking fruit
2. sparring
3. preening