Showmanship Questions

1. Give breed and purpose of bird
2. Give sex, weight, etc. of bird
3. Distinguish between male and female
    a. Gender terms
4. Define "defect" and give example(s)
5. Identify external parts
6. Explain management practices
7. Parts of the bird
8. Where is the preen (oil) gland (purpose?), axel feather, covert feathers (in between large feathers), keel bone, drake feather, snood, beard
9. American Standard of Perfection – 44th Edition
10. Breeds – APA classes:
    a. Standard - American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, All Other
    b. Bantam – Single Comb Clean Leg, Rose Comb Clean Leg, All other comb clean leg
    c. Ducks – Heavy, Medium, Light, Bantam
    d. Geese – Heavy, Medium, Light
    e. Turkeys – All one class.
11. OPA: Columbus, OH
    a. Ranking – 2nd in nation for egg production
    b. Ranking – 15th for Broiler production
    c. Ranking – 8th in Turkey production
12. Egg Sizes – peewee, small, medium, large, extra large, jumbo
13. Most common diseases –
    a. Coccidiosis – Parasite – Poor production, ruffled feathers, closed eyes
    b. Marek's Disease – Virus – Paralysis, loss of weight, vision impairment
    c. Newcastle – Viral – Sudden death, coughing, paralysis, twisted neck
    d. Avian Influenza – Virus – loss of appetite, ruffled feathers, decreased egg prod.
    e. Pullorum – Bacterial – Gasping, ruffled feathers, chirping, closed eyes
        i. How spread – through the egg
    f. Rickets – Nutritional
    g. Bumblefoot (Staphylococcus) – Bacterial -
14. What is National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) (health)
15. Most important meat part?
16. How is egg color determined?
17. Egg production per week: 4-5, yearly production : 275-300
18. Incubation period
    a. Chicken – 21 days b. Duck – 28 days (Musc. 35) c. Turkey – 28 days d. Goose – 30
19. Protein levels – Difference between starter feed & grower feed – High to low – 20-24% to 16-18%
20. Feed Conversion rate – 1.8-2 lb. to 1 lb. of gain
21. Dressing % - Broilers: 70%, Ducks: 65%, Turkeys: 80%
22. Most important nutrient? What are the 6 nutrients?
23. Space requirements – 1.5-2 ft. sq. for standards, 0.75-1.5 ft. sq. for bantams
24. Temperature of heat lamp 95° and -5° after
25. Predators of poultry - wildlife

- Eye contact
- In/out of cage
- Display wing/tail/legs
- Examine/Judge bird
- Hand-off bird
- Pen cleanliness