

Answer Key for the Trend Following Quiz

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	5	Trend followers equalize risk among markets using what?

	Point values
	Contract sizes
	Average True Range
	Market sectors
	Correct: Average True Range
	Explanation: The Average True range measures market risk. The
	Average True Range quantifies risk regardless of market selection.
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	Which of the following is not a basic tenant of the Turtle philosophy?
	Don't risk more than 2% on any one trade
	Position size is determined by total capital on hand
	Base contracts to trade on equity on hand
	Enter the market using stop orders only
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	Correct: Enter the market using stop orders only
	Explanation: Entry and exit technique is not a core component of
	the Turtle philosophy. Money management is more important than
	entry technique.
	Turtles will use price objectives.
_	True
	False
7	
	Correct: False
	Explanation: Trend following by nature will let the trend develop.
	Using a profit target will cut the potential of a trending market.
	TR stands for what?
8	Total Range
	Typical Regression
	True Range
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	Correct: True Range
	The True Range measures what?
	Trade Expectation
	Market sentiment
9	Market volatility
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	Correct: Market volatility
	Explanation: The True Range measures the amount of total market
	movement over the last trading day – or total market volatility.
	The Average True Range is used to determine how many contracts to
10	be purchased.
10	
	False

	True
	<u>Correct:</u> True <u>Explanation:</u> The Average True Range determines most aspects of money management for the Turtle philosophy.
	The Average True Range is used to set a stop loss for each entry.
11	False True
	Correct: True
	The Average True Range is used to determine when to add additional contracts.
12	False True
	Correct: True
	An account with a 50% drawdown will require a gain to breakeven.
	200% 100%
13	75% 66.7%
	Correct: 100% Explanation: A trader starts with a \$100,000 and then loses \$50,000. He is down 50%. He needs to double his account, or a 100% return in order to move back to breakeven.
14	A \$100,000 with a \$2,000 stop has what percent of his account at risk?
	4% 6% 2%
	Correct: 2% Explanation: \$2,000/\$100,000 = 0.02 or 2%
15	Corn has an ATR of 5.00 points (each point is worth \$50) and you have a \$100,000 account. How many contracts should you trade if you risk 2% and have a 2 ATR stop?
	2 contracts 10 contracts 4 contracts

	Correct: 4 contracts Explanation: First, calculate the dollar amount of risk for each unit. $$100,000 \text{ times } 2\% = $2,000. $ You are using a 2 ATR stop, each ATR is 5 points so a 2 ATR stop is 10.00 points. 10 points equals \$500 (10 points times \$50 a point = \$500). Dollar risk per unit divided by ATR stop in dollars = 4 (\$2,000 / \$500 = 4)
16	A \$50,000 risking 2% will have \$1,000 at risk on each unit. Tomorrow the account is worth \$51,000. What should you do? Keep \$1,000 at risk Risk 3% instead of 2% Continue to use 2%, but based on the new account value Correct: Continue to use 2%, but based on the new account value.
	Explanation: Turtles will use unrealized profits when making trading decisions.
	Core equity represents what?
17	Beginning account value Ending account value Unused account balance
	Correct: Unused account balance
18	Wheat is trading at 404 and you go long. 1 ATR is worth 7.5 points. Where is your stop setting? 396.50 419.00 Can't determine from the information given
	289.00 Correct: 389.00 Explanation: Using a 2 ATR stop your stop would be 15 points behind the market (7.5 times 2 = 15 points). 404 – 15 equals 389.00
19	A trader with a long position will profit as market prices fall. True False Correct: False
	Explanation: A long position profits as the market increases, a short position profits as the market declines.
20	A trader that wants to profit as the market falls will do what?
20	Wait until prices fall and then buy at a lower price Sell short Go Long

	<u>Correct:</u> Sell short <u>Explanation:</u> A contract sold short will profit as the market falls.
	You go short the Live Cattle market at 75.00 with 2 contracts. Prices rise to 77.00. Which statement represents your scenario? (Live Cattle is worth \$400 for each full point move)
21	Time to average up your short trade? Your account is up \$1,600 Your account is down \$1,600
	<u>Correct:</u> Your account is down \$1,600 <u>Explanation:</u> You sold short the market at 75.00 and the market is trading at 77.00. The position is 2.00 points against you. Each point is worth \$400. Each contract is down \$800, and you are short 2 contracts or a total of \$1,600.
	In order to calculate the number of contracts to trade you must know what market to trade and what price the market is at?
22	True False
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> You do not need to know the market or its current price in order to calculate the number of contracts to trade.
	A black box system reveals all the inputs. True
23	False
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> A black box system reveals none of its inputs.
24	Trend followers can make money in up or down markets. True
	Correct: True Explanation: Trend followers will profit in a trending market, regardless of market direction.
25	Even a good system requires optimization.
	True False
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> A good system should require little or no optimization.

26	Gold is trading at 410.00 and you are short. The ATR is 3.50. You risk 2% on each unit, use a 2 ATR and add positions ever 1/2 ATR. Where should the next unit be added? 408.00 411.25 408.25 (round to 408.20) Correct: 408.25 (round to 408.20) Explanation: ½of an ATR is 1.75 points. Your last trade price was 410.00 so you sell short the next unit at 410 – 1.75 or 408.25. Gold trades every 0.10 points. Round down to 408.20.
27	Once all positions are added a trend follower will trail his stop closely behind the market. True False Correct: False Explanation: A trend follower is willing to risk all open profits as the trend unfolds. The stop is brought to breakeven gradually as positions are added.
28	Once all position are added a trend follower will leave his stop at breakeven. True False Correct: True
29	Trend followers trading a 20 day breakout will buy the highest high of the last 20 days. False True Correct: True
30	A trend follower who is long will buy additional positions as the market moves lower. True False Correct: False Explanation: A trader who is long a market will want the market to increase. A Turtle trader will never average down a market. Losers average losers.

When you get stopped out of a position When you exit a position in one market sector and add a position in another sector When you exit an expiring contract month and switch to another contract month Correct: When you exit an expiring contract month and switch to another contract month When rolling over you should stay in the same contract, just switch contract months. False True Correct: True When rolling over, always trade the contract with the highest open interest. True False Correct: True Long positions in two precious metals are more risky than a long in one metal and a short in another metal. False True Correct: True Correct: True Explanation: Precious metals are highly correlated. A long position in two precious metals doubles risk. One should avoid multiple positions in the same market sector. True False Correct: True Trend followers can take many small losses in a row. True	\ \ \ \	What is a rollover?
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	37 T	Trend followers will daytrade from time to time.

	False True Correct: False Explanation: Trend followers do not day trade.
38	While trading the Turtle system, it is ok to use some personal discretion from time to time. False True Correct: False Explanation: When trading the Turtle system you don't allow personal discretion to influence trading decisions.
39	Trend followers should be concerned about getting the best possibly entry and exit price. False True Correct: False Explanation: Entries and exits are a small portion of trend following.
40	The initial breakout is the most important part of trend following. True False Correct: False Explanation: Entries and exits are a small portion of trend following.
41	Which is the most important part of trend following? Money Management Entry Price Exit Price Contract Size Correct: Money Management Explanation: Money Management is the key to successful trading.
42	Portfolio diversification is often the difference between what? Trading correlated markets Trading similar market groups Winning and Losing Correct: Winning and losing Explanation: To maximize your chances of winning in the markets,

	one should fully diversify.
43	What is the risk of ruin? Mathematical probability of losing your trading capital The mathematical calculation used to determine position size Knowing where to place your stop loss Correct: Mathematical probability of losing your trading capital
44	If you trade 100 shares of a stock you are trading 1 contract of stock. True False Correct: False Explanation: The term contract is reserved for futures contracts and options (both stocks and futures).
45	To add a number to a moving average you add the most recent number and delete the oldest number. False True Correct: True
46	Entry and exit length is not as important as consistency. True False Correct: True Explanation: One you chose your entry and exit length, you should remain constant throughout trading. Consistency is the key.
47	A curve fitted system means that it was
48	The Turtle system can work in any market volatility. False True

Correct: True Explanation: The Average True range quantifies risk so that the method can be used against any market condition. A drawdown measures which of the following? Equity loss measured in percentage terms The exact level of your stop loss The percentage hard stop used All trading decisions should be on capital on hand, not future expectations. True False Correct: True Once all contracts have been added stops should be a breakeven. True False Correct: True Explanation: Turtle traders will bring their stops to breakeven and risk all open trade profits as the trend develops. Turtle traders are willing to risk all of their open trade profits on each trade. True False Correct: True Correct: True		
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What is not a taught method of money management in the Turtle Trader course? Risk a small portion of your account on a trade Risk all open trade profits on a single trade Average your entry price up or down to get a better cost basis on a trade Add to winning trades as they produce more profit Correct: Average your entry price up or down to get a better cost basis on a trade Explanation: Losers average losers		Risk a small portion of your account on a trade Risk all open trade profits on a single trade Average your entry price up or down to get a better cost basis on a trade Add to winning trades as they produce more profit Correct: Average your entry price up or down to get a better cost basis on a trade Explanation: Losers average losers
	54	Turtle Traders will use profit targets to achieve higher returns.

	False True Correct: False Explanation: Turtle Traders will allow the market, not a predetermined target, to tell them when to exit.
55	A stop loss can be used for all the following except what? To protect profits To enter a market To exit a market To rollover a contract Correct: To rollover a contract Explanation: A stop loss protects profits, can be used to enter or exit a market, but not to rollover a contract.
56	What are the most crucial elements of trend following? Money management and portfolio management Entry and Exit Using futures and stocks together Correct: Money Management and portfolio management Explanation: Money management and portfolio management are the most crucial aspects of trend following.
57	Margin to equity measures what? Margin divided by equity Total amount of margin used in dollars Total margin cost of one contract in your portfolio Correct: Margin divided by equity
58	An account is in a drawdown if it is making money. False True Correct: False Explanation: If an account is in a drawdown then it is losing money.
59	A new equity high means what? You adding more money to your account after suffering some losses Your account has made new profits and put the value of the account at the highest level since it was established The market you are in is at the highest level since you began trading it

	<u>Correct:</u> Your account has made new profits and put the value of the account at the highest level since it was established
60	A robust system will work across a wide range of variables. True False Correct: True Explanation: The more robust a system the less dependant it is on programmed variables.
61	All of the following are examples of poor money management except what? Using a fixed percent of an account to risk on all trades ~Using a profit target Using a \$500 stop loss order across all markets Taking identical trades in correlated markets Correct: Using a fixed percent of an account to risk on all trades. Explanation: Using a profit target, using a \$500 stop and making identical trades in correlated markets are all examples of poor money management.
62	Volatility is measured through what device? Moving Average True Range Contract Rollover Correct: True Range Explanation: The True Range measures market volatility.
63	A system that results in 40% winners and 60% losers can be profitable if winners far exceed losers. True False Correct: True
64	A positive expectancy means that you can win if you practice prudent money management. True False Correct: True
65	A negative expectancy means that you will lose regardless of money management.

	False True
	True
	<u>Correct:</u> False
	It is ok to overtrade as long as you have a positive expectation.
	False
66	True
	Correct: False
	Explanation: You should never over trade your account, even with a positive expectation.
	Trend followers will routinely lose more times than they win.
	True
67	False
	Correct: True
	The Average True Range is used for all of the following except what?
	Discovering when to rollover To determine how many contracts will be purchases
	To establish a stop loss point for each entry To determine when to add additional contracts
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	<u>Correct:</u> Discovering when to rollover <u>Explanation:</u> The average true range is used to determine how
	many contracts will be purchased, established a stop loss and to determine when to add additional contracts.
	When related to futures, the tick size is the same amongst all futures contracts.
69	False
	True
	Correct: False
	Explanation: Different futures contracts will have different tick sizes.
70	While trading as a trend follower you can use stocks and futures for
	diversification.
	True False
	<u>Correct:</u> True <u>Explanation:</u> You can use stocks, futures and even the FOREX
	together for portfolio diversification.

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75 True False Corr Expl risk a	ect: True anation: Trend followers will bring their stops to breakeven and all open profits as a trend develops.
76 The 1	futures and currency markets are the most liquid markets in the

	world and are accessed daily by hedgers, traders and investors.
	True False
	Correct: True
77	Futures and currency contracts are attractive because they allow participants to adjust risk.
	True False
	Correct: True
	Trend followers seek to profit from sideways market activity.
78	True False
	Correct: False
	The basic trading strategy of trend followers is to "cut profits" and "let losses run."
	True
79	False
	Correct: False Explanation: The nature of trend following is to let a trend work – or let profits run and cut losses short.
	Over the long term trend following will prosper because trends occur in all markets some of the time.
80	True False
	Correct: True
81	A long option profile is said to have limited losses and unlimited upside potential.
	True False
	Correct: True Explanation: A long option has limited risk (option premium) and unlimited upside potential. Trend followers will risk a fixed percent on each trade and an unlimited reward potential.
82	It is impossible to enter at the exact low of a market and exit at the

	exact high of a market over time.
	True False
	<u>Correct:</u> True <u>Explanation:</u> Markets are random in nature. It is impossible to predict the exact bottom and highs of market activity.
	Trend followers desire to capture the middle of a trend, not the exact low nor the exact high. True
83	False
	<u>Correct:</u> True <u>Explanation:</u> Trend followers will profit from the 'meaty' 80% - or the middle of the trend.
	Trading in the futures markets is a zero sum game.
84	True False
	<u>Correct:</u> True <u>Explanation:</u> In the futures markets when one trader profits, another loses the same amount.
	A Zero sum game means that all participants can profit from the market activity.
85	False True
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> A Zero Sum game means that half of the participants profit from the half that are losing. It is impossible for all market players to win at the same time.
86	Selling a call against a long position leaves you with unlimited upside potential.
	False True
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> Selling a call against a long position, a covered call, leaves you with a limited profit profile.
87	Trend followers will pay close attention to market fundamentals.
	True

	False
	<u>Correct:</u> False Explanation: Trend followers ignore market fundamentals.
	The Average True Range is a way to measure market fundamentals.
88	False True
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> The Average True range measures market volatility.
89	Trend following can be described as a macro approach – it looks at the entire picture of the market.
	True False
	Correct: True Which is more likely to be a trend following trade?
90	A traded entered an exited on the same day A trade that was established 6 months ago and exited today
	 Correct: A trade that was established 6 months ago and exited today Explanation: A trade that is established and exited on the same day is most likely a day trade. A trend following trade can last a number of days, weeks or months.
91	Trend followers typically have a lower average profit per trade than other methods.
	False True
	<u>Correct:</u> False <u>Explanation:</u> Trend following by nature will typically have a higher profit per trade than other methods.
92	Trend following rules are
	systematic discretionary
	Correct: systematic
93	Is the following statement true or false? "Trading is a zero sum game, for every winner there is a loser."

	True False
	Correct: True
94	Trend following is about market timing.
	True False
	Correct: False
95	Is the following statement true or false? "Loses are a part of the game. Expect and learn from them. If you don't experience loses then you aren't trading."
	True False
	Correct: True
	Money management is simply placing a stop loss order in the market.
96	False True
	Correct: False Explanation: Money management should tell you not only where to
	place your stop, but how many contracts to use on each trade.
97	Money management should optimize your trading capital.
	True False
	Correct: True