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Pruning and Caring for Your Fruit Trees and Bushes

Multiple Choice Questions

1. When is the best time to prune fruit trees and bushes?
 - a) Mid-summer
 - b) Late spring
 - c) Dormant season (late winter or early spring)
 - d) Fall

2. What is the primary purpose of pruning fruit trees and bushes?
 - a) Increasing root growth
 - b) Enhancing fruit flavor
 - c) Improving plant structure and health
 - d) Preventing birds from eating the fruit

3. Why is it important to maintain an open center or vase shape in some fruit trees?
 - a) To keep the fruit closer to the ground
 - b) To prevent pests from entering the canopy
 - c) To promote even fruit ripening and sunlight penetration
 - d) To create a decorative shape

4. Which tool is suitable for removing larger branches when pruning fruit trees?
 - a) Pruning shears
 - b) Garden fork
 - c) Loppers
 - d) Hand trowel

5. What should you do to prevent the spread of disease when pruning fruit trees and bushes?
 - a) Use dull tools
 - b) Prune during the growing season
 - c) Disinfect tools before and after use
 - d) Prune in the rain

