

Wood Element — Prana Pilates Module Questions

Section 1: Theoretical Understanding

- 1. Which two organ systems and meridians are associated with the Wood Element, and what are their main functions?
- 2. How does the Wood Element embody both *structure* and *flexibility* in movement and mindset?
- 3. What emotions arise when Wood energy is balanced versus when it is stagnant or excessive?
- 4. Why is the Wood Element associated with vision and direction, and how does that relate to setting intention in practice?
- 5. Describe how the season of **spring** mirrors the qualities of the Wood Element within the body and spirit.

Section 2: Anatomical & Energetic Integration

- 1. Which areas of the body are most influenced by the Liver and Gallbladder meridians, and how do they support mobility?
- 2. How do side bends and spinal twists nourish and balance Wood energy in a Prana Pilates class?
- 3. In what ways does healthy hip mobility support both physical and emotional flow?
- 4. Describe how breath and spinal wave motion (like Somatic Cat-Cow or Sufi Grinds) awaken Wood's expansive quality.
- 5. What are three Prana Pilates movements that directly stimulate or harmonize Wood Element energy?

Section 3: Emotional & Psychological Application

- 1. How can movement help transform frustration or anger into creative and focused energy?
- 2. What does it mean to "move with direction and purpose" when working with the Wood Element?
- 3. How might emotional stagnation in the body show up physically, and how can Wood practices help release it?
- 4. Describe a personal or teaching experience where you embodied the resilience and flexibility of a tree.
- 5. How can breathwork and mindful awareness support emotional regulation and flow during a Wood Element practice?

Section 4: Practical Teaching Application

- 1. What is your primary teaching intention when leading a Wood Element–inspired Prana Pilates class?
- 2. Which anatomical focuses or movement patterns best awaken the Liver and Gallbladder pathways?
- 3. How would you verbally cue a student to embody the Wood Element through breath, movement, and intention?
- 4. What teaching adjustments would you make for students who show signs of excessive Wood energy (tension, frustration, over-effort)?
- 5. How can journaling or reflection after class deepen a student's integration of the Wood Element experience?