
Question: 1

Patient safety and hospital efficiency and effectiveness are related to ____.

- A. The type of computer system in use
- B. The size of the hospital
- C. Consistent communication
- D. Clearer printing on all paper work

Answer: C

Question: 2

Preoperative diagnostic studies are performed by the ____.

- A. Medical laboratory
- B. Diagnostic imaging department
- C. Pathology department
- D. Emergency department

Answer: B

Question: 3

Treatment that might provide assistance for stereotactic surgery is the ____.

- A. Medical laboratory
- B. Diagnostic imaging department
- C. ICU
- D. Central supply department

Answer: B

Question: 4

When was the first national certifying exam for the surgical technologist offered?

- A. Dec. 1970
- B. Jan. 1954

- C. Sept. 1992
- D. Mar. 1981

Answer: A

Question: 5

The needs or activities related to one's identification or interaction with another individual or group forms which component of the human being?

- A. Social
- B. Psychological
- C. Physical
- D. Physiological

Answer: A

Question: 6

A uterine fibroid is an example of what type of factor causing surgical intervention?

- A. Trauma
- B. Genetic malformation
- C. Nonmalignant neoplasm
- D. Metabolic disease

Answer: C

Question: 7

One of the advantages to the life stage approach is that it ____.

- A. Focuses on sexual development
- B. Explains cognitive development
- C. Does not require advanced levels of education to apply
- D. Explains affective learning

Answer: C

Question: 8

Which of the following considerations may be more relevant to the elderly patient than to an adolescent?

- A. Patient's skin condition
- B. Informed consent
- C. Environmental safety
- D. Anesthetic agent

Answer: A

Question: 9

When positioning the elderly patient, the team must be especially aware of ____.

- A. The patient's need to do things independently
- B. An overly modest attitude
- C. The need for speed
- D. Loss of mobility in joints

Answer: D

Question: 10

Which of the following cannot be performed by the child of less than 6 months of age?

- A. Shiver
- B. Cry loudly
- C. Urinate
- D. Vomit

Answer: A

Question: 11

What is the number of air exchanges required to keep the amount of airborne contamination in the OR to a minimum?

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- A. 20
 - B. 30
 - C. 60
 - D. 120

Answer: A

Question: 12

The area where patients wait within the department before entering the OR is called ____.

- A. Anesthesia holding
- B. Same day surgery
- C. Postoperative holding
- D. Preoperative holding

Answer: D

Question: 13

The Absence of microbes or infection is called ____.

- A. Sterile
- B. Surgically clean
- C. Decontamination
- D. Disinfection

Answer: A

Question: 14

The contamination of a person or object by another person or object is called ____.

- A. Cross contamination
- B. Infection
- C. Sepsis
- D. Pathogenesis

Answer: A

Question: 15

Methods used to prevent contamination of the sterile field are referred to as ____.

- A. sporicidal
- B. Sterile technique
- C. Antisepsis
- D. surgical conscience

Answer: B

Question: 16

Escherichia coli normally resides in the lumen of the ____.

- A. Esophagus
- B. Trachea
- C. Intestine
- D. Urethra

Answer: C

Question: 17

The primary source of airborne bacteria transmission in the operating room is the ____.

- A. Patient
- B. Anesthesia equipment
- C. Surgical team
- D. Electrocautery

Answer: C

Question: 18

Nonsterile items and individuals may ____.

- A. Only contact nonsterile items

- B. NOT contact any other item
- C. Contact sterile items
- D. Contact disinfected items

Answer: A

Question: 19

The basis for the practice of strict adherence to sterile technique is called ____.

- A. Microbiology
- B. A positive care approach
- C. Surgical conscience
- D. Liability

Answer: C

Question: 20

The process that assures that all microorganisms including spores are killed is called ____.

- A. High-level disinfection
- B. Antisepsis
- C. Virucidal
- D. Sterilization

Answer: D

Question: 21

Filtered air from the decontamination room is exhausted to the ____.

- A. Operating room
- B. Patient's room
- C. Outside of the health care facility
- D. Air filter system

Answer: C

Question: 22

A catalyst used to aid in the breakdown of organic material such as blood and tissue is a/an ____.

- A. Iodine solution
- B. Quaternary solution
- C. Enzyme
- D. Antiseptic

Answer: C

Question: 23

The ultrasonic washer is an example of a/an

- A. Sterilizer
- B. Mechanical decontamination unit
- C. physical decontamination method
- D. Bioburden

Answer: B

Question: 24

The ____ is used to remove small organic particles and soil from areas of instruments that are difficult to clean manually.

- A. Ultrasonic washer
- B. CUSA
- C. Wire brush
- D. Gas sterilizer

Answer: A

Question: 25

An intermediate level of disinfection may be appropriate for ____.

- A. Semicritical items

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- B. Critical items
 - C. Microsurgical instruments
 - D. GI instruments

Answer: A