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| 1. Which of the following terms is used to classify a planned procedure?

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|   | a.  | elective |
|   | b.  | emergent |
|   | c.  | alternative |
|   | d.  | urgent |

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| 2. Which of the following historical figures is considered to be the father of modern anatomy and to have changed the traditional approach to anatomical studies?

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|   | a.  | Aristotle |
|   | b.  | Homer |
|   | c.  | Paré |
|   | d.  | Vesalius |

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| 3. Which of the following historical figures developed the first X-ray machine?

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|   | a.  | Celsius |
|   | b.  | Jenner |
|   | c.  | Lister |
|   | d.  | Roentgen |

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| 4. Surgical case management consists of \_\_\_\_\_ phases.

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|   | b.  | three |
|   | c.  | four |
|   | d.  | five |

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| 5. Which of the following surgical team members maintains the operative record?

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|   | a.  | anesthesia care provider |
|   | b.  | circulating nurse |
|   | c.  | surgeon |
|   | d.  | surgical technologist |

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| 6. During the postoperative phase, which of the following surgical team members is responsible for separating instruments and disassembling the sterile field?

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|   | a.  | CRNA |
|   | b.  | CRNFA |
|   | c.  | CSFA |
|   | d.  | CST |

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| 7. Graduates of a CAAHEP accredited program are eligible to take the national certification examination through which of the following organizations?

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|   | a.  | ARC/STSA |
|   | b.  | AST |
|   | c.  | AORN |
|   | d.  | NBSTSA |

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| 8. A CST may move upward within an organization to positions with more responsibility through which of the following programs?

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|   | a.  | level-up program |
|   | b.  | CST pathway |
|   | c.  | clinical ladder |
|   | d.  | professional step |

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| 9. Which of the following roles primarily consists of providing exposure, visualization, and closure of body planes?

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|   | a.  | circulator |
|   | b.  | surgical first assistant |
|   | c.  | first scrub CST |
|   | d.  | second scrub CST |

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| 10. A private surgical technologist is usually employed by:

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|   | a.  | a physician, physician group, or agency. |
|   | b.  | an ambulatory surgery center. |
|   | c.  | a medical services and equipment company. |
|   | d.  | an anesthesia group. |

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| 11. The terms *entry-level*, *proficient*, and *expert* practitioners are applied to:

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|   | a.  | accreditation status of surgical technology programs. |
|   | b.  | continuing education (CE) credit categories. |
|   | c.  | NBSTSA certification level. |
|   | d.  | AST recommended clinical ladder. |

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| 12. Which of the following terms describes the relationship between the certified surgical technologist (CST) and the other members of the surgical team in the OR?

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|   | a.  | contractual |
|   | b.  | professional |
|   | c.  | social |
|   | d.  | therapeutic |

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| 13. Which of the following fundamental aspects of surgery includes promotion of positive team interactions and encourages discussion of potential conflicts?

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|   | a.  | surgical conscience |
|   | b.  | teamwork |
|   | c.  | social theory |
|   | d.  | compromise |

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| 14. Of the four components of communication, who “decodes” the message?

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|   | a.  | sender |
|   | b.  | message |
|   | c.  | receiver |
|   | d.  | feedback |

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| 15. Which of the following examples of nonverbal body language might be perceived as a NEGATIVE attitude?

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|   | a.  | tightly folded arms |
|   | b.  | eye contact |
|   | c.  | leaning slightly toward patient |
|   | d.  | head nodding in agreement |

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| 16. A CST who attempts to work and cooperate with others to reach a solution is exhibiting which of the following conflict resolution behaviors?

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|   | a.  | compromising |
|   | b.  | collaborating |
|   | c.  | competing |
|   | d.  | avoiding |

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| 17. Maintaining confidentiality, practicing strict sterile technique, and demonstrating nondiscriminatory treatment of others describe the principles of:

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|   | a.  | surgical conscience. |
|   | b.  | conflict resolution. |
|   | c.  | Tuckman’s Stages of Group Development. |
|   | d.  | job functions. |

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| 18. Which of the following principles of surgical conscience discusses the avoidance of unnecessary waste?

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|   | a.  | sterile technique |
|   | b.  | confidentiality |
|   | c.  | nondiscrimination |
|   | d.  | cost consciousness |

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| 19. Which of the following terms describes a hospital owned by an individual or corporation?

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|   | a.  | community |
|   | b.  | nonprofit |
|   | c.  | proprietary |
|   | d.  | government-supported |

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| 20. Which of the following types of insurance providers includes contracted providers and services with predetermined fees?

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|   | a.  | private insurance |
|   | b.  | Medicare |
|   | c.  | Medicaid |
|   | d.  | HMO and PPO |

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| 21. Which of the following departments is responsible for controlling the physical environment, repairing broken equipment, and performing safety checks?

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|   | a.  | environmental services |
|   | b.  | medical records |
|   | c.  | risk management |
|   | d.  | biomedical engineering |

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| 22. Surgical technologists usually work under the direction of which of the following hospital administrators?

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|   | a.  | chief executive officer |
|   | b.  | chief financial officer |
|   | c.  | medical director |
|   | d.  | director of nursing |

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| 23. The primary role of which department is to establish policies for patient and employee safety, identify hazards, and develop solutions?

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|   | a.  | risk management |
|   | b.  | medical records |
|   | c.  | infection control |
|   | d.  | biomed |

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| 24. Which of the following departments would provide pre-, intra-, and postoperative pathological studies?

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|   | a.  | pathology |
|   | b.  | diagnostic imaging |
|   | c.  | environmental services |
|   | d.  | risk management |

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| 25. What does the acronym *DRG* stand for in the hospital setting?

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|   | a.  | doctor of gynecology |
|   | b.  | department of radiography |
|   | c.  | drug reference guide |
|   | d.  | diagnosis-related groups |

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| 26. Which insurance provider, administered by the federal government, reimburses physicians and hospitals for qualified patients?

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|   | a.  | Medicare |
|   | b.  | HMO or PPO |
|   | c.  | private |
|   | d.  | Aetna |

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| 27. Which of the following organizations publishes the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology?

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|   | a.  | ARC/STSA |
|   | b.  | AST |
|   | c.  | CAAHEP |
|   | d.  | NBSTSA |

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| 28. In which of the following stages of Tuckman’s Group Development would you expect team members to develop a plan and work together towards a goal?

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|   | a.  | forming |
|   | b.  | storming |
|   | c.  | norming |
|   | d.  | performing |

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| 29. A group that is in Tuckman’s stage of storming would display characteristics of:

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|   | a.  | developing initial trust and challenging opinions. |
|   | b.  | forming the group. |
|   | c.  | functioning as a unit to accomplish tasks. |
|   | d.  | being finished with task and dissolving. |

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| 30. Which of the following choices can be described as provider reimbursement based on average charges? For example, an appendectomy costs $4,000 on average. Regardless of actual cost, a provider will be reimbursed the same amount each time for an appendectomy.

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|   | a.  | Medicare |
|   | b.  | private insurance |
|   | c.  | HMO or PPO |
|   | d.  | DRG |

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| 31. Which of the following departments would be responsible for tracking higher-than-normal post-operative infection rates?

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|   | a.  | infection control |
|   | b.  | environmental services |
|   | c.  | administration |
|   | d.  | pathology |

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| 32. Which of the following organizations would a circulating nurse likely join?

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|   | a.  | AMA |
|   | b.  | AST |
|   | c.  | AORN |
|   | d.  | IAHCSMM |

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| 33. Which of the following federal regulatory agencies is dedicated to enforcing standards of workplace safety and preventing work-related injuries?

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|   | a.  | ANSI |
|   | b.  | EPA |
|   | c.  | FDA |
|   | d.  | OSHA |

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| 34. Which of the following organizations is an independent, national organization that develops standards for and accredits healthcare organizations in the United States?

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|   | a.  | The Joint Commission |
|   | b.  | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
|   | c.  | American National Standards Institute |
|   | d.  | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |

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| 35. A medical device that malfunctions, with or without patient injury, would be removed from service and reported to which of the following agencies?

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|   | a.  | EPA |
|   | b.  | FDA |
|   | c.  | OSHA |
|   | d.  | WHO |

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| 36. Which of the following pioneers of medicine and surgery developed the technique of antiseptic surgery?

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|   | a.  | Billroth |
|   | b.  | Galen |
|   | c.  | Halsted |
|   | d.  | Lister |

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| 37. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognize \_\_\_\_\_ surgical specialties.

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|   | a.  | eight |
|   | b.  | ten |
|   | c.  | twelve |
|   | d.  | fourteen |

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| 38. A letter that introduces details about an applicant and their accomplishments is a:

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|   | a.  | thank-you letter. |
|   | b.  | resumé. |
|   | c.  | professional reference. |
|   | d.  | cover letter. |

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| 39. A letter to thank an interviewer for the opportunity to interview but declines the position is a:

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|   | a.  | thank-you letter. |
|   | b.  | cover letter. |
|   | c.  | letter of acceptance. |
|   | d.  | letter of refusal. |

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| 40. Global thinking, time management, effective delegation, and multi-project management traits represent:

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|   | a.  | college prerequisites. |
|   | b.  | legal doctrines. |
|   | c.  | professional diversification. |
|   | d.  | religious philosophies. |

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| 41. Of the four components of communication, which of the following components could be distorted by outside noise?

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|   | a.  | feedback |
|   | b.  | receiver |
|   | c.  | message |
|   | d.  | sender |

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| 42. A physician who is a contracted provider in a PPO or HMO will receive reimbursement for fees based on a capitated rate of payment.

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|   | a.  | True |
|   | b.  | False |

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| 43. The ARC/STSA administers the national certification examination for surgical technologists and owns the CST® and CSFA® credentials.

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|   | a.  | True |
|   | b.  | False |

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| 44. Professionalism for the surgical technologist begins with competency in the workplace.

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|   | a.  | True |
|   | b.  | False |

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| 45. AST’s mission statement is “Enhancing the profession to ensure quality patient care.”

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| 46. Being committed to patient confidentiality means never discussing patient information in public.

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