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| 1. Which of the following terms is used to classify a planned procedure?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | elective | |  | b. | emergent | |  | c. | alternative | |  | d. | urgent |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Aristotle | |  | b. | Homer | |  | c. | Paré | |  | d. | Vesalius |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 3. Which of the following historical figures developed the first X-ray machine?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Celsius | |  | b. | Jenner | |  | c. | Lister | |  | d. | Roentgen |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 4. Surgical case management consists of \_\_\_\_\_ phases.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | two | |  | b. | three | |  | c. | four | |  | d. | five |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 5. Which of the following surgical team members maintains the operative record?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | anesthesia care provider | |  | b. | circulating nurse | |  | c. | surgeon | |  | d. | surgical technologist |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | CRNA | |  | b. | CRNFA | |  | c. | CSFA | |  | d. | CST |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ARC/STSA | |  | b. | AST | |  | c. | AORN | |  | d. | NBSTSA |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 8. A CST may move upward within an organization to positions with more responsibility through which of the following programs?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | level-up program | |  | b. | CST pathway | |  | c. | clinical ladder | |  | d. | professional step |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 9. Which of the following roles primarily consists of providing exposure, visualization, and closure of body planes?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | circulator | |  | b. | surgical first assistant | |  | c. | first scrub CST | |  | d. | second scrub CST |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 10. A private surgical technologist is usually employed by:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | a physician, physician group, or agency. | |  | b. | an ambulatory surgery center. | |  | c. | a medical services and equipment company. | |  | d. | an anesthesia group. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 11. The terms *entry-level*, *proficient*, and *expert* practitioners are applied to:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | accreditation status of surgical technology programs. | |  | b. | continuing education (CE) credit categories. | |  | c. | NBSTSA certification level. | |  | d. | AST recommended clinical ladder. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | contractual | |  | b. | professional | |  | c. | social | |  | d. | therapeutic |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | surgical conscience | |  | b. | teamwork | |  | c. | social theory | |  | d. | compromise |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 14. Of the four components of communication, who “decodes” the message?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | sender | |  | b. | message | |  | c. | receiver | |  | d. | feedback |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 15. Which of the following examples of nonverbal body language might be perceived as a NEGATIVE attitude?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | tightly folded arms | |  | b. | eye contact | |  | c. | leaning slightly toward patient | |  | d. | head nodding in agreement |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | compromising | |  | b. | collaborating | |  | c. | competing | |  | d. | avoiding |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 17. Maintaining confidentiality, practicing strict sterile technique, and demonstrating nondiscriminatory treatment of others describe the principles of:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | surgical conscience. | |  | b. | conflict resolution. | |  | c. | Tuckman’s Stages of Group Development. | |  | d. | job functions. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 18. Which of the following principles of surgical conscience discusses the avoidance of unnecessary waste?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | sterile technique | |  | b. | confidentiality | |  | c. | nondiscrimination | |  | d. | cost consciousness |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 19. Which of the following terms describes a hospital owned by an individual or corporation?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | community | |  | b. | nonprofit | |  | c. | proprietary | |  | d. | government-supported |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 20. Which of the following types of insurance providers includes contracted providers and services with predetermined fees?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | private insurance | |  | b. | Medicare | |  | c. | Medicaid | |  | d. | HMO and PPO |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 21. Which of the following departments is responsible for controlling the physical environment, repairing broken equipment, and performing safety checks?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | environmental services | |  | b. | medical records | |  | c. | risk management | |  | d. | biomedical engineering |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 22. Surgical technologists usually work under the direction of which of the following hospital administrators?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | chief executive officer | |  | b. | chief financial officer | |  | c. | medical director | |  | d. | director of nursing |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | risk management | |  | b. | medical records | |  | c. | infection control | |  | d. | biomed |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 24. Which of the following departments would provide pre-, intra-, and postoperative pathological studies?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | pathology | |  | b. | diagnostic imaging | |  | c. | environmental services | |  | d. | risk management |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 25. What does the acronym *DRG* stand for in the hospital setting?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | doctor of gynecology | |  | b. | department of radiography | |  | c. | drug reference guide | |  | d. | diagnosis-related groups |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 26. Which insurance provider, administered by the federal government, reimburses physicians and hospitals for qualified patients?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Medicare | |  | b. | HMO or PPO | |  | c. | private | |  | d. | Aetna |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 27. Which of the following organizations publishes the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ARC/STSA | |  | b. | AST | |  | c. | CAAHEP | |  | d. | NBSTSA |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | forming | |  | b. | storming | |  | c. | norming | |  | d. | performing |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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

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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.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Medicare | |  | b. | private insurance | |  | c. | HMO or PPO | |  | d. | DRG |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 31. Which of the following departments would be responsible for tracking higher-than-normal post-operative infection rates?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | infection control | |  | b. | environmental services | |  | c. | administration | |  | d. | pathology |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 32. Which of the following organizations would a circulating nurse likely join?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | AMA | |  | b. | AST | |  | c. | AORN | |  | d. | IAHCSMM |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ANSI | |  | b. | EPA | |  | c. | FDA | |  | d. | OSHA |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | 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 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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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?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | EPA | |  | b. | FDA | |  | c. | OSHA | |  | d. | WHO |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 36. Which of the following pioneers of medicine and surgery developed the technique of antiseptic surgery?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Billroth | |  | b. | Galen | |  | c. | Halsted | |  | d. | Lister |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 37. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognize \_\_\_\_\_ surgical specialties.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | eight | |  | b. | ten | |  | c. | twelve | |  | d. | fourteen |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 38. A letter that introduces details about an applicant and their accomplishments is a:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | thank-you letter. | |  | b. | resumé. | |  | c. | professional reference. | |  | d. | cover letter. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 39. A letter to thank an interviewer for the opportunity to interview but declines the position is a:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | thank-you letter. | |  | b. | cover letter. | |  | c. | letter of acceptance. | |  | d. | letter of refusal. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 40. Global thinking, time management, effective delegation, and multi-project management traits represent:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | college prerequisites. | |  | b. | legal doctrines. | |  | c. | professional diversification. | |  | d. | religious philosophies. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 41. Of the four components of communication, which of the following components could be distorted by outside noise?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | feedback | |  | b. | receiver | |  | c. | message | |  | d. | sender |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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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.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | True | |  | b. | False |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | True | |

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| 43. The ARC/STSA administers the national certification examination for surgical technologists and owns the CST® and CSFA® credentials.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | True | |  | b. | False |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | False | |

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| 44. Professionalism for the surgical technologist begins with competency in the workplace.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | True | |  | b. | False |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | True | |

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| 45. AST’s mission statement is “Enhancing the profession to ensure quality patient care.”   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | True | |  | b. | False |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | True | |

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| 46. Being committed to patient confidentiality means never discussing patient information in public.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | True | |  | b. | False |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | True | |