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1. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Tracheal stenosis occurs because of damage to endotracheal tissue that causes cicatricial stenosis.
2. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Following tracheostomy tracheal stenosis is extremely rare.
3. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The cuff of the endotracheal tube (ETT) has been implicated as the main cause of tracheal injury.
4. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Cuff-related damage is proportional to the duration of mechanical ventilation or intubation.
5. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
When cuff pressure against the tracheal wall exceeds 30 cm H₂O, mucosal capillary perfusion ceases and ischaemic damage ensues.
6. Which one of the following is FALSE? Other factors contributing to post-tracheal intubation stenosis include:
 - a) cardiovascular status
 - b) age and gender
 - c) halitosis
 - d) airway infection.
7. Concerning leading causes of premature mortality in Cape Town, which one of the following is FALSE?
 - a) HIV/AIDS
 - b) Tuberculosis
 - c) Shark attacks
 - d) Homicides.
8. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Having recently graduated, medical interns have excellent skills in death certification.
9. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The WHO ICD-10 manuals are the international standard for mortality statistics.
10. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Studies in South Africa have shown under-reporting of HIV as the underlying cause of death.
11. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Reluctance to certify the presence of HIV on death notification forms (DNFs) may be due to concerns about confidentiality of the information.
12. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Regrettably additional specific training has no effect in the error rates of DNFs.
13. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The continued scale-up of antiretroviral treatment (ART) in South Africa creates a tension between service provision and collecting good data.
14. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Death notification statistics confirm that, despite the hype, AIDS has had a minimal effect on mortality in South Africa.
15. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Demographic and epidemiological models suggest that antiretroviral treatment (ARV) is the only intervention that can achieve a substantial reduction in AIDS mortality in South Africa in the short term.
16. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
By the middle of 2008 an estimated 568 000 adults and children were receiving ARVs in South Africa.
17. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The above number is considerably lower than that of 4 years previously because of the success of the ARV programmes.
18. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The high ARV coverage in the Western Cape and Northern Cape also reflects their relatively low HIV prevalence.
19. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Latex allergy is an occupational health problem among health care workers.
20. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Latex allergen content is higher in powdered gloves than in non-powdered gloves.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the journal. All the answers will be found there.
2. Go to www.cpdjournals.org.za to answer the questions.

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