

QUESTIONS NOVEMBER 2009

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1. Which of the following is FALSE? Snakebite complications include:
 - a) rapid progressive swelling
 - b) compartment syndrome
 - c) tetanic muscle spasms
 - d) haematological disorder
 - e) neurotoxicity.
2. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The venom and mouth of the snake are infested with pathogenic bacteria.
3. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The dose of antivenom is determined by the weight of the patient.
4. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The use of hydrocortisone, antihistamine and adrenaline as prophylaxis against anaphylactic reaction to antivenom is evidence-based.
5. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The incidence of snakebite is highest in KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga.
6. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
First-line DOTS treatment for newly diagnosed tuberculosis may only be initiated after drug sensitivity test results are known.
7. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Routine sensitivity testing for ethambutol and pyrazinamide is unreliable.
8. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Many new cases of tuberculosis (TB) are infected with multiple-drug resistant organisms.
9. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
It is not advisable to count ethambutol and/or pyrazinamide among the required four effective drugs to treat multidrug-resistant (MDR)-TB.
10. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
TB drug sensitivity test results can take at least 6 - 7 months after the start of initial treatment.
11. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Histidine-rich protein II is found only in *Plasmodium falciparum*.
12. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
A malaria rapid diagnostic test is deemed 'accurate' if it has a sensitivity of at least 80% and a specificity of at least 85%.
13. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
According to surveys, proficiency in malaria microscopy in South African public laboratories is excellent.
14. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The ICT Pf malaria rapid diagnostic test is appropriate for use in South Africa.
15. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Exercise training improves walking tolerance in patients with peripheral arterial disease.
16. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
In patients with peripheral arterial disease, upper limb exercise training produces lesser improvements in maximal walking distance and pain-free walking distance than lower limb cycling training.
17. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
The advice to patients with peripheral arterial disease to 'walk as much as possible at home' is just as effective as a structured conventional exercise rehabilitation programme.
18. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Leaded paint is widely used on playground equipment in metropolitan Gauteng.
19. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Lead-based paint on playground equipment is not the predominant or even a significant contributor to the currently unacceptable levels of lead poisoning in South African children.
20. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:
Doctors have sufficient bargaining clout in the public service bargaining chamber which they can use to their benefit.

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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