

Outdoor Emergency Care 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

**Orientation Exercise: OEC 5th edition for Cycle A**

This Orientation Exercise is a suggested study guide to be used to prepare for the 2011 Cycle A refresher. The 32 questions which are presented cover new material found in the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition for the Cycle A refresher. These questions may be reviewed at your local refresher or used by you for your own personal study guide. The questions come from the Stop, Think and Understand sections of the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition and other chapter questions. The OEC Refresher Committee intends for these questions to be a useful study tool to help you familiarize yourself with new information contained in NSP new OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Chapter 7 Patient Assessment**

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1. Which of the following statements regarding the primary assessment is not true? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Its purpose is to quickly identify and correct any potential life threatening problems that may be present.
  - b. It is conducted only on trauma patients.
  - c. It should take 30–60 seconds to complete.
  - d. Patient assessment and patient management often occur simultaneously.
  
2. The ABCDs of primary assessment stand for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. airway, breathing, circulation, disability.
  - b. airway, bleeding, circulation, disability.
  - c. airway, breathing, circulation, deformity.
  - d. auscultation, blood pressure, correction, discovery.
  
3. “AAO \_ 4” means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. awake, alert and oriented, checked four times at 5-minute intervals.
  - b. awake, alert, and oriented to person, place, time and situation.
  - c. awake, alert, and oriented to person, place, and time.
  - d. awake, alert, and oral answers are correct.
  
4. The three components of the Glasgow Coma Scale are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. best eye, verbal, and motor responses.
  - b. assessment of pulse, respiration, and motor skills.
  - c. assessment of pulse, respiration, and mentation.
  - d. best response to grimace, circulation, and sensation.

## Chapter Questions

5. The assessment referred to as tandem gait checks for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a subtle injury or neurological deficit
  - b. whether or not the patient’s arms move equally
  - c. whether or not the patient’s pupils react equally.
  - d. whether grip strength is equal in both hands.

6. Orthostatic hypotension is defined as \_\_\_\_\_
- a. a condition in which a patient has an abnormally low blood pressure.
  - b. a condition in which a patient's blood pressure increases when the patient stands up.
  - c. a condition in which a patient's blood pressure decreases suddenly when the patient stands up.
  - d. a condition in which blood pressure is controlled by taking antihypertension medication.

Review the following **Skill Guides**:

**Patient Assessment** I have reviewed this Skill Guide \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Assessment—Trauma Patient** I have reviewed this Skill Guide \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Assessment—Medical Patient** I have reviewed this Skill Guide \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chapter 9 Airway Management**

STU

7. The mnemonic SLIC stands for \_\_\_\_\_
- a. size, length, intubate, compress.
  - b. suction, lubrication, insertion, compression.
  - c. suction, lubrication, insertion, control.
  - d. size, lubricate, insert, check.
8. Pulse oximetry provides rescuers with what data? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Hematocrit level
  - b. Patient's respiratory rate
  - c. Absolute data to determine whether or not oxygen administration is needed
  - d. Quantitative data regarding the effectiveness of a patient's ventilatory efforts

**Review OEC Skill 9-2 Inserting a Nasopharyngeal Airway** I have reviewed this skill \_\_\_\_\_

**Review OEC Skill 9-3 Inserting an Oropharyngeal Airway** I have reviewed this skill \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chapter 10 Shock Management**

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9. Stroke volume is defined as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. the amount of blood pumped by the heart with each contraction.
- b. the amount of residual blood remaining in the heart after a contraction.
- c. the amount of blood pumped in one minute.
- d. the amount of blood that completely fills the arteries at any given time.

### Matching

10. For each of the following descriptions, indicate the type of shock that applies.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Obstructive shock

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Distributive shock

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hypovolemic shock

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Cardiogenic shock

- a. Occurs when blood moving from the heart to the arterial circulation is blocked
- b. Results from a critical drop in circulating blood volume
- c. Occurs when blood vessels lose their ability to constrict properly
- d. Is often caused by a severe allergic reaction
- e. Is caused by a loss of body water through vomiting or diarrhea
- f. Is caused by heart failure
- g. Is also known as "hemorrhagic" shock
- h. Can be caused by latex, bee stings, or peanuts
- i. Is caused by blood pooling in the pericardium
- j. Has a slow onset and is associated with severe head or spinal trauma
- k. Includes septic, anaphylactic, and neurogenic shock
- l. Can be caused by tension pneumothorax

11. This type of prescription (RX) can exacerbate shock by limiting or preventing the clotting of blood.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- a. A narcotic

- b. A beta blocker
- c. An anticoagulant
- d. An analgesic

## **Section 4 – Medical Emergencies**

### **Chapter 11 Altered Mental Status**

STU

12. Match each of the following terms with its definition.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Alcohol

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Insulin

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Tumor

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Aura

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Polydypsia

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Acidosis

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Polyuria

- a. An abnormal growth of cells that may be benign or malignant
- b. A chemical that depresses CNS function
- c. A decline in body pH below normal
- d. A pancreatic hormone that regulates blood sugar levels
- e. A subjective sensation that precedes a seizure
- f. Excessive excretion of urine
- g. Excessive thirst and fluid intake

13. For each of the following signs or symptoms, indicate whether the

CNS malfunction is global (G) or focalized (F).

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Decreased level of responsiveness
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Delirium
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Motor weakness
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Hallucination
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Balance problems
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Vision loss
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. Speech abnormalities
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. Combativeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ i. Delusions

**14.** Indicate for each of the following characteristic of diabetes whether it refers to Type 1, to Type 2, or to both.

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Insulin dependent
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Non-insulin dependent,
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. 90-95 percent of all diabetes cases
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. 5–10 percent of all diabetes cases
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Cells exhibit resistance to insulin, which prevents glucose from entering cells
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Autoimmune disorder in which insulin producing cells are destroyed
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. Associated with obesity
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. Not related to obesity
- \_\_\_\_\_ i. Associated more commonly with younger patients
- \_\_\_\_\_ j. Associated more commonly with olderpatients

## **Chapter 15    Cardiovascular Emergencies**

Short Answer----STU

15. The five links of the American Heart Association's chain of survival are:

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## **Section 5 – Trauma**

### **Chapter 17 Principles of Trauma**

STU

16. Match each of the levels of trauma center with the following descriptions. (some descriptions may have more than one answer.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Level I trauma center

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Level II trauma center

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Level III trauma center

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Level IV trauma center

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Level V trauma center

a. is typically located in sparsely populated regions

b. is the highest designation of trauma center

c. has a designated trauma surgeon available at all times, but does not have every subspecialist available

d. has the same requirements as a Level I center but is not required to conduct research

e. is typically located in densely populated areas

#### Chapter Questions

17. Which one of the following phases is not one of the three phases of injury? \_\_\_\_\_

a. The post-traumatic phase

b. The post-injury phase

c. The pre-injury phase

d. The injury phase

### **Chapter 19 Burns**

STU

18. What does TBSA stand for? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Total body surface area
- b. Total burn surface area
- c. Total body surrounding area
- d. Total burn surrounding area

Short Answer

19. List four signs and symptoms associated with an inhalation injury. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 20 Musculoskeletal Injuries

STU

20. The zone of injury is \_\_\_\_\_

- a. the geographical location where an accident occurred and 10 feet circumference.
- b. the pinpointed location of a bone fracture.
- c. the area the patient identifies as being painful.
- d. the soft tissue, nerves, and blood vessels adjacent to a bone or joint injury.

21. A nightstick fracture is best described as a \_\_\_\_\_

- a. fracture of the humerus caused by falling onto the shoulder.
- b. fracture of the ulna caused by a direct blow from a hard object.
- c. radial-ulnar fracture caused by falling onto an outstretched hand.
- d. rare wrist fracture caused by falling onto the top of the hand.

22. To OEC Technicians, a “mouse trap” is \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* definition of “mouse trap” is not found in the OEC 5<sup>th</sup>

- a. an item used to catch rodents.
- b. a common snowboard injury.
- c. an uncommon digital injury.
- d. a rare type of finger injury.



23. CMS stands for \_\_\_\_\_

- a. circulation, mechanism, shock.
- b. crepitus, motion, splint.
- c. circulation, movement, sensation.
- d. correction, manipulation, straighten.

STU

24. To OEC Technicians, “rolling a joint” refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- a. an activity with an illegal substance.
- b. testing the range of motion of a joint.
- c. dislocating the knee or another hinge joint.
- d. inverting or everting an ankle.

26. Which of the following statements about transferring a patient from a Quick Splint to a cardboard splint is true? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. It is generally safe to do as long as the fracture is stable, there are not multiple injuries, the fracture is closed, and there is no evidence of hypovolemic shock.
- b. Switching from a Quick Splint to a cardboard splint is advisable because the cardboard splint need not be remove to X-ray the limb.
- c. Once a Quick Splint is in place, it is inadvisable to replace it with a cardboard splint because doing so can exacerbate the injury.
- d. Contrary to popular belief, cardboard splints generally do not provide adequate support and should not be used.

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26. Which of the following injuries should an OEC Technician attempt to reduce? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. An anterior shoulder dislocation on a patient whose shoulder “pops out” frequently.

- b. An anterior sternoclavicular dislocation with intact CMS.
- c. A posterior sternoclavicular dislocation with accompanying vascular or respiratory compromise.
- d. None of the above because it is not within the scope of practice for an OEC Technician to reduce dislocations.

**Review OEC Skill 20-2 Creating and Applying a Figure Eight Splint**

I have reviewed this skill \_\_\_\_

**Review OEC Skill 20-3 Reducing a Posterior Sternoclavicular S/C location**

I have reviewed this skill \_\_\_\_

**Review OEC Skill 20-12 Replacing a Quick Splint with a Cardboard Splint**

I have reviewed this skill \_\_\_\_

**Chapter 31 Geriatrics**

STU

27. Which of the following changes are typical for seniors? (choose all that apply)

- a. The brain and peripheral nervous system are less effective at processing and transmitting data and impulses
- b. The total number of brain cells decreases
- c. Brain weight decreases by as much as 10 percent
- d. CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the blood increase
- e. Blood oxygen levels permanently decrease
- f. Cerebral blood flow decreases
- g. Sensitivity to stimuli such as light, sound, and pain increase

**28.** A very slight change in mental acuity between the primary assessment and the secondary assessment of an elderly trauma patient is likely indicative of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. fatigue; older people tire more easily than younger people.
- b. a normal age-appropriate behavior; older patients normally have a somewhat diminished level of mental acuity.
- c. a possible neurologic deficit caused by the trauma.
- d. a sign of developing dementia.

STU

**29.** "Tenting" of the skin could be indicative of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. dehydration or hypovolemia.
- b. tissue breakdown due to an age-related decrease in skin elasticity.
- c. extreme or rapid weight loss.
- d. hypothermia or hyperthermia.

**30.** Which of the following statements about backboarding an elderly patient is correct? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Backboard elderly patients just as you would younger adult patients.
- b. It is necessary to tighten the straps more securely in an elderly patient.
- c. Because hip fractures occur easily in elderly patients, cross the straps loosely over the lower abdomen instead of the usual placement over the bony pelvis.
- d. Use towels, jackets, and other padding material to fill any voids, and pad all bony prominences.

Chapter Questions

**31.** Match each of the following conditions to its description.

- a. A decrease in bone density due to mineral loss
- b. "Humpback" curvature of the upper thoracic spine
- c. "Swayback" appearance due to inward curvature of the lumbar spine
- d. A lateral curvature of the spine

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. kyphosis

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. lordosis

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. osteoporosis

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Scoliosis

**32.** Match each of the following medication types to its action.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. beta-blockers

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. calcium-channel blockers

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. diuretics

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. blood thinners

- a. Make the heart contract more efficiently, manage cardiac arrhythmias, and lower blood pressure
- b. Help decrease the volume of circulating fluid within the cardiovascular system
- c. Reduce heart rate, blood pressure, and heart contractility
- d. Are typically prescribed to patients with a history of mechanical heart valve replacement, irregular heartbeat, deep vein thrombosis, or pulmonary embolism