

Peak Nursing LPN Competency Test

LPN COMPETENCY TEST

1. Mrs. Smith suffers from severe arthritis. The nurse is aware that the term arthritis refers to:
 1. Chronic inflammatory disease of the diarthrodial joints.
 2. Acute joint problems
 3. Infectious condition of the joints
 4. Infection of synarthrodial joints

2. A patient with rheumatoid arthritis asks if she can substitute acetaminophen (Tylenol) for her aspirin because it is on sale. The nurse response will be based on the understanding that:
 1. Both can be used interchangeably
 2. Both are analgesic drugs
 3. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) increases gastric secretions
 4. Aspirin is an anti-inflammatory drug

3. Rehabilitation for a patient with rheumatoid arthritis is directed toward:
 1. Bed rest
 2. Feeding her meals
 3. Total care
 4. Adaptation to physical limitations

4. In planning for a patient's wound care, what important measures should the nurse consider first?
 1. Preparing supplies
 2. Checking drainage tubes
 3. Giving assistance to patient's needs
 4. Reducing the transfer of microorganisms

5. The nurse is to apply a roller bandage to a patient's arm. The arm should be wrapped starting at:
 1. The wrist, wrapping toward the hand.
 2. The wrist, wrapping toward the elbow.
 3. The elbow, wrapping toward the wrist.
 4. The fingers, wrapping toward the wrist.

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6. When turning a patient with a hip prosthesis, the nurse should know to:
1. Place the patient on the affected side
 2. Place the patient on the unaffected side
 3. Maintain the patient's head at a 90-degree angle
 4. Maintain the patient's head at a 45-degree angle
7. When planning care for a 90 year old patient who is ill, the nurse is aware that dehydration can occur when:
1. The body is unable to excrete sufficient amounts of sodium
 2. There is inadequate food or fluid, or fluid intake
 3. The kidneys are unable to excrete wastes normally
 4. The bladder is unable to hold urine.
8. Treatment protocol and overall prognosis for a patient with pneumonia depend on the causative organism, which is determined by which of the following diagnostic tests?
1. X-ray examination
 2. Gastric lavage
 3. Blood/sputum tests
 4. Bronchoscopy
9. A nursing colleague had a Mantoux test performed after being notified that here patient has an active case of tuberculosis. The nurse is aware that this test is read after:
1. 24 hours
 2. 36 hours
 3. 48 hours
 4. 96 hours
10. When administering a tuberculin skin test, the nurse would insert the needle at an angle of:
1. 15 degrees
 2. 25 degrees
 3. 45 degrees
 4. 90 degrees

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11. Which of the following clients is likely to experienced adverse effects from treatment with diuretics?
1. 21 year old client
 2. 40 year old client
 3. 60 year old client
 4. 75 year old client
12. A major side effect of insulin use that can be life threatening is:
1. Hyperglycemia
 2. Stomach Upset
 3. Hypoglycemia
 4. Tremors
13. Some signs of Hypoglycemia include:
1. Fruity breath, thirst, flushed skin
 2. Diarrhea, itching, hypertension
 3. Anxiety, weakness, pallor, sweating
 4. Muscle ache, fever, thirst
14. To make sure that the right client is receiving a prescribed medication, what action is essential for the nurse to do?
1. Check the name on the patient's wristband
 2. Call the patient by name
 3. Read the name of the patient on the bed
 4. Check the medication record for the patient's room number
15. When preparing to give medications to the elderly the nurse knows as a general rule medications for elderly patients should be give in:
1. Smaller doses, closer together
 2. Larger doses, closer together
 3. Smaller doses, farther apart
 4. Larger doses, farther apart

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16. Which of the following actions that the nurse performs is most likely to decrease discomfort from an Intramuscular gluteal injection?

1. Rub skin firmly with antiseptic swab
2. Pull the skin tissue taut
3. Aspirate for blood
4. Inject the medication rapidly but consistently

17. The nurse on duty notices that the medication in the refrigerator are very warm and the temp is 80 degrees F (26.6 C), and that the medications stored inside are all warm. The nurse should then:

1. Notify the pharmacy and adjust the thermometer
2. Close the door and report it later to the supervisor
3. Adjust the temperature and recheck in an hour to be sure the temperature has dropped.
4. Remove all of the medications and return them to the pharmacy.

18. Mr. Bloom has an order to begin receiving penicillin. Which of the following questions should be the nurse ask the patient before administering the medication?

1. Do you understand how often you will be taking this medication?
2. Do you have any medication allergies?
3. Have you eaten recently?
4. Do you know what this medication is for?

19. Which of the following symptoms should concern the nurse if she observed in a patient after receiving a bronchodilator?

1. Fremitus
2. Wheezing
3. Rales or crackles
4. Yellow thick sputum

20. Before administering digoxin to a patient with congestive heart failure, the nurse will hold giving the medications and report to the charge nurse if:

1. Complains of nausea and vomiting and has a pulse rate of 52
2. Complains of nausea and vomiting and has a pulse rate of 80
3. Has a regular and strong pulse
4. Complains of nausea and vomiting

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21. Which of the following are considered infection risks in a health care facility?
1. Febrile illnesses and acute symptoms of infection among visitors.
 2. Individuals exposed to a communicable disease that are presently in the incubation stage
(No signs or symptoms)
 3. Noncompliance with prevention of the spread of infection.
 4. All of the above
22. If an employee is exposed to an unfamiliar hazardous material in the workplace, which of the following would be an appropriate resource for information?
1. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
 2. Infection control manual
 3. Safety officer
 4. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
23. What must be done if the eyes are splashed with contaminated material?
1. Flush the eyes with water, remove contact lenses, and consult medical personnel.
 2. Wipe of the material and put on protective eye gear.
 3. Wash the face and put on a face shield.
 4. All of the above.
24. While handling an oxygen tank remember that:
1. The tank should not lay on its side to be secured
 2. The smoking area should be limited around the tank
 3. It is a combustible gas and can explode if dropped
 4. No special precautions are necessary.
25. Proper handling of a specimen for a microbial culture, blood, bodily fluid, or tissue testing should include which of the following?
1. Considering the specimen as potentially infection
 2. Using standard precautions
 3. Obtaining the specimen in a leak proof container and labeling it appropriately
 4. All of the above

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26. How should household bleach be used for cleaning purposes?
1. Dilute it with water to make a 1:10 solution
 2. Always use it full strength
 3. Mist it with detergent or another proper solvent
 4. Do not use bleach for cleaning purpose
27. When is it appropriate to change gloves?
1. When gloves are grossly contraindicated
 2. When gloves become torn or punctured
 3. After using the gloves on a patient
 4. All of the above.
28. If an employee has a seroconversion to a positive purified protein derivative (PPD) test, what does this indicate?
1. The employee has tuberculosis (TB)
 2. The employee has been exposed to TB
 3. The employee requires yearly PPD screenings to follow progress
 4. The employee is considered infectious.
29. When working or coming in contact with a patient who has a respiratory infection such as active tuberculosis, what is the most important isolation gear to wear to prevent infection from the aerosol or droplet inoculates?
1. Mask and goggles
 2. Protective shoe coverings
 3. Gown and gloves
 4. All of the above
30. Which of the following precautions should be taken with a patient diagnosed with varicella pneumonia?
1. All in contact with the patient should have chickenpox immunity
 2. Pregnant females should not care for the patient
 3. Contact isolation alone should be instituted
 4. Skin testing should be performed.

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