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#### QUESTION 1

The Medication Aide is preparing to administer morning medications to residents. What is one important safety rule?

- A. Never leave an unattended cart unlocked.
- B. Always make sure that all medications are out of sight of other residents.
- C. Provide liquids to swallow medications.
- D. Check to make sure that the medication carts have charts available to make corrections as needed.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 2

When is it not necessary to read a drug label?

- A. Before giving the medication
- B. After giving the medication
- C. Before pouring the medication
- D. After removing the medication from the medication drawer

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 3

What should a Medication Aide do if he or she is asked by the nurse to give insulin?

- A. Draw up the correct amount of insulin and administer it as directed.
- B. Decline the delegation given by the nurse.
- C. Check the medication administration and prepare the medication for the nurse to administer.
- D. Make sure that he or she is familiar with the procedure before administering the medication.

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 4

What medication administration route has the slowest onset of action?

- A. Intravenous
- B. Subcutaneous

C. Oral

D. Intramuscular

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 5

The clearance of metabolic wastes is one of the most important functions of the kidney and is the most accurate measure of the health of which part of the kidney?

A. Tubules

B. Urethra

C. Nephrons

D. Bladder

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 6

What is the single most important step for the Medication Aide to perform to prevent the spread of infection while administering medications?

A. Wash his or her hands frequently.

B. Wear protective eye wear.

C. Wear gloves.

D. Wash patient hands frequently.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 7

When a resident is taking an expectorant, it is important for them to also increase \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Fluid intake

B. Food intake

C. Fiber intake

D. Activity

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 8

Chemotherapeutic medications that replace the cancer-causing metabolites with different cells and prevent continued cell growth are known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Alkylating agents
- B. Hormone agents
- C. Antimetabolites
- D. Mitotic inhibitors

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 9

Which of the following is the action of an antiviral?

- A. Prevents the virus from making more virus
- B. Kills the virus
- C. Subdues the virus so that the body's own defenses can take care of it
- D. Increases killer T cells to destroy the virus

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 10

Which of the following statements shows that the Medication Aide needs more education about the medication Cardizem XL?

- A. Hypotension can occur when taking the drug.
- B. The medication can be crushed if needed.
- C. This medication may decrease episodes of angina attacks.
- D. There are no difficulties in taking this medication and antacids at the same time.

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 11

A resident is prescribed a new antihypertensive medication known as a beta-blocker. After three days on the medication, the resident's heart rate is 54 and he complains of wheezing. Which of the following is the best action for the MA to take regarding medication administration of the beta-blocker?

- A. Wait until bedtime to give the next dose.

- B. Hold the next dose and report to the nurse.
- C. Give the medication and report to the nurse.
- D. Call the physician and report the resident's response.

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 12

How should medications ordered via inhalation be administered?

- A. By mouth
- B. By breathing in
- C. By placing on the skin
- D. By injection

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 13

Diazepam is a medication used for anti-anxiety and seizure control. Diazepam is a controlled substance. To which class/schedule does diazepam belong?

- A. Class I
- B. Class II
- C. Class III
- D. Class IV

Correct Answer: D

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#### QUESTION 14

When patients are taking metronidazole (Flagyl), which of the following should they avoid?

- A. Fatty foods
- B. Sweetened beverages
- C. Alcoholic beverages
- D. Salty foods

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 15**

What is the next step after administering a medication to a resident?

- A. Record the administration on the MAR.
- B. Give the resident a bath.
- C. Communicate to the nurse that the resident's medication has been administered.
- D. Check the resident's identification.

Correct Answer: A

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