

Surf Life Saving Australia

Champion Lifesaver 2012

Theory Paper – Under 15

Mark the best answer to each question on the answer sheet. The best answer is the one that can be found in the 33rd edition of the Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue manual. As far as possible, the questions and answers have been written in the same words as in the manual.

If you wish to change an answer, cross out your first answer then clearly mark your final answer.

Time allowed: 30 minutes

1. Which of the following is a way in which alcohol affects the body?
 - a. Heart-rate is increased
 - b. The integumentary system can break down
 - c. The body has less stamina
 - d. The body becomes dehydrated more quickly
2. What will generally be the heart rate of a well perfused patient?
 - a. 70-100 beats per minute
 - b. 60-100 beats per minute
 - c. 60-80 beats per minute
 - d. 70-90 beats per minute
3. What is scanning?
 - a. Systematic visual surveillance of the patrol area and surrounds
 - b. The practice of monitoring swimmers and their activity
 - c. The practice of ensuring that all beach users are under constant watch
 - d. The systematic watching of the water, its users and their activities
4. A patient body check should be done in the following order:
 - a. Neck and head; Upper limbs; Shoulders and front of chest, abdomen and pelvis, ribs; Lower limbs; Back
 - b. Neck and head; Back; Shoulders and front of chest, abdomen and pelvis, ribs; Upper limbs; Lower limbs
 - c. Neck and head; Shoulders and front of chest, abdomen and pelvis, ribs; Back; Upper limbs; Lower limbs
 - d. Neck and head; Shoulders and front of chest, abdomen and pelvis, ribs; Upper limbs; Lower limbs; Back
5. What is one of the advantages of using a rescue board for a rescue?
 - a. They are easy to become proficient at paddling
 - b. The patient can see the rescuer approaching from a distance and is less likely to panic
 - c. They can provide floatation for up to five people
 - d. Patrol members can go surfing on them during patrol, so they are closer to the patient when an emergency arises

6. Which of the following is a method of controlling workplace hazards?
 - a. Education
 - b. Personal protective equipment
 - c. Report
 - d. Eradicate
7. In the "Response" phase of DRSABCD, how should response be assessed?
 - a. Shout at the patient and watch for a reaction
 - b. Call out to the patient and shake the patient gently by the shoulder
 - c. Call out to the patient and gently squeeze the patient's shoulders
 - d. Ask the patient questions
8. What is the appropriate treatment for a catostylus sting?
 - a. Cold packs or ice
 - b. Heat packs
 - c. Immersion in hot water, or apply cold packs
 - d. Vinegar
9. What is the hazard rating associated with a low tide terrace beach type?
 - a. Low danger
 - b. Low to moderate danger
 - c. Moderate danger
 - d. Moderate to high danger
10. What may appear to be a simple rescue may become complex due to reasons including:
 - a. A second patient not previously seen
 - b. The appearance of a flash rip
 - c. The rescuer themselves getting into trouble
 - d. Underestimating the surf conditions
11. What are the five common signs of a rip current?
 - a. Sand stirred up from the bottom, foam floating seaward, waves breaking further out on both sides of the rip, debris floating on the surface, a rippled appearance among breaking waves
 - b. Sand stirred up from the bottom, foam on the surface extending beyond the break, waves breaking further out on both sides of the rip, debris floating seaward, a rippled appearance where the surrounding water is generally calm
 - c. Sand stirred up from the bottom, foam floating seaward, waves breaking further out in the rip, debris floating seaward, a rippled appearance where the surrounding water is generally calm
 - d. Sand stirred up from the bottom, foam on the surface extending beyond the break, waves breaking further out in the rip, debris floating on the surface, a rippled appearance among breaking waves
12. Which of these is not a vital sign measure?
 - a. Blood pressure
 - b. Heart rate
 - c. Respiration
 - d. Skin
13. A red annulus and bar on white ground is the symbolic shape for what sign function?
 - a. Regulatory prohibition
 - b. Suggestion
 - c. Warning
 - d. Information or permissive

14. What is drowning?
- Death by suffocation due to liquid entering the lungs
 - Death by lack of oxygen to the brain due to immersion in liquid, whether or not the liquid has entered the lungs
 - Death by inhalation of liquid and subsequent flooding of the lungs
 - Death by suffocation from immersion in liquid, whether or not the liquid has entered the lungs
15. What is resuscitation?
- The preservation or restoration of life by establishing and maintaining a person's airway, breathing and circulation
 - The artificial supply of adequate oxygen to all body tissues of the drowned or asphyxiated patient
 - The maintenance of the body's vital systems by use of artificial methods and techniques
 - The establishment of a regime of substitution of the vital systems of the unconscious patient
16. Which wave type is commonly associated with rock ledges that face into deep water?
- Plunging wave
 - Spilling wave
 - Surging wave
 - Dissipative wave
17. What is the name of the outer layer of the integumentary system?
- Dermis
 - Epidermis
 - Adipose
 - Skin
18. "HARM" stands for:
- Heat, Alcohol, Running, Massage
 - Heat, Alcohol, Rubbing, Movement
 - Heat, Activity, Risk, Motion
 - Heat, Activity, Running, Massage
19. Why is added care needed when the nostrils are sealed with thumb and forefinger during mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing?
- There is a tendency to lose head tilt
 - There is increased risk of fluid contact and infection
 - Damage can be caused to the nasal passages
 - It becomes more difficult for the rescuer to hear the air being breathed out by the patient
20. For what sort of marine envenomation injury is heat usually effective in stopping pain?
- Jellyfish stings
 - Penetrating spines
 - Cyanea sting
 - Heat is not recommended in any treatment
21. To communicate effectively we have to match our language to the situation. We need to clearly work out:
- The purpose, audience and timing of the communication
 - The purpose, audience and best form of the communication
 - The location, timing and best form of the communication
 - The purpose, location and best form of the communication

22. Why is the cervical spine particularly vulnerable to injury?
- The bones are thinner than the rest of the spine
 - It supports most of the weight of the body
 - Lack of extra support from ribs, pelvis etc
 - It is often the first point of contact when a swimmer is dumped by a wave
23. As a surf lifesaver you have a responsibility to:
- Follow safe work practices and procedures
 - Learn new skills
 - Work closely with other lifesavers and the public
 - Identify, assess and control hazards
24. Which is a sign of distress in a swimmer?
- Facing toward shore with hair in the eyes and waves breaking over the head
 - Bobbing up and down in water over their head with an obvious attempt to get air
 - Flailing of the arms in an attempt to keep the head above water
 - Seeming to be in pain, holding their arm, leg, head or stomach
25. Joints are held in place by:
- Muscles
 - Cartilage
 - Tendons
 - Ligaments
26. The two mechanisms operating in most spinal injuries sustained in water are:
- Vertical compression and flexion with rotation
 - Vertical flexion and compression
 - Vertical compression and forward bending (flexion)
 - Forward bending (flexion) and vertical compression with rotation
27. Factors that may influence your course of action in a rescue may include:
- The distance from a lifesaving service
 - Weather conditions
 - Tides
 - Availability of backup
28. What causes angina?
- Blockage of one of the arteries supplying the heart
 - Oxygen deprivation resulting in the death of heart muscles
 - A decrease in the blood flow and oxygen delivery to the heart muscle
 - The onset of shock in combination with chest pain
29. What are the stages in the "chain of survival"?
- Early intervention, early CPR, early defibrillation, early advanced life support
 - Early intervention, early CPR, early defibrillation, early ambulance support
 - Early access, early CPR, early oxygen, early defibrillation
 - Early access, early CPR, early defibrillation, early advanced life support
30. When launching an IRB, which side will the driver stand?
- The port (left) side
 - The starboard (right) side
 - Either side depending on the preference of the driver
 - The driver will be already in the boat

31. What is the procedure for treating a bleeding patient?
- Rest and reassure the patient, apply direct pressure, clean around the wound site, put on a sterile dressing, send for medical help
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 - Rest and reassure the patient, send for medical help, apply direct pressure, clean around the wound site, put on a sterile dressing
 - Send for medical help, apply direct pressure, clean around the wound site, put on a sterile dressing, rest and reassure the patient
32. What is the difference between vomiting and regurgitation?
- If the patient is conscious it is called vomiting, if they are unconscious it is regurgitation
 - Vomiting is a noisy muscular action, regurgitation is a silent flow
 - Vomiting comes from the mouth, regurgitation through the nose
 - Vomiting is the ejection of foodstuffs from the stomach, regurgitation is the ejection of other bodily fluids
33. In the jaw thrust method of chin lift, which fingers are applied to the back part of the patient's jaw?
- Thumb and index finger
 - Index and middle fingers
 - Middle and ring fingers
 - Ring and pinky fingers
34. How many sections make up the respiratory system?
- Two – upper (airway) and lower (lungs)
 - Three – the airway, the throat and the lungs
 - Four – the mouth/nose, the larynx, the pharynx, and the lungs
 - Four – the mouth/nose, the pharynx, the trachea and the lungs
35. Poisonous gases are an example of what type of hazard?
- Potential
 - Hidden
 - Developing
 - Obvious
36. What is the key to escaping from a panicking patient?
- Offering them a piece of rescue equipment on which to support themselves
 - Blocking the patient from approaching too close
 - A person in fear of drowning will not want to go underwater
 - The panicking patient will calm down once you are supporting them in the water
37. How should the airway be managed when performing rescue breathing on an infant?
- Using backward head tilt but taking care not to over-extend the neck
 - The head should be kept in the neutral position
 - As far as possible the head should be maintained in the position it was found
 - An oropharyngeal airway should be fitted as soon as possible

38. What are the principles of management in first aid, in order of priority?
- (1) Rapidly assess the situation; (2) Ensure the continuing safety of yourself, and bystanders and the patient(s); (3) Stay with the patient and send for help; (4) Assess the response of each patient; (5) Treat the unconscious patient first
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39. Which of these factors does **not** influence the rate at which someone develops hypothermia in cold water?
- The level of activity during immersion
 - Marijuana in the patient's system
 - The age of the patient
 - The weight of the patient
40. What are the essential steps of aquatic rescues?
- Recognising the patient, calling for backup, deciding on a course of action, retrieving and securing the patient, returning the patient to the beach
 - Recognising the patient, alerting the patrol captain, deciding on a course of action, retrieving the patient
 - Recognising the patient, calling for backup, deciding on a course of action, retrieving the patient, alerting the patrol captain
 - Recognising the patient, calling for backup, assessing the patient's condition and responding accordingly, deciding on a course of action, retrieving and securing the patient, returning the patient to the beach

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