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## **QUESTION 1**

During a linearity check of a flow sensor in a plethysmograph with a 3-liter calibration syringe, a pulmonary function technologist observes the following:

	Low	Medium	High
Volume (L)	2.99	3.01	3.06
Flow (L/sec)	1.60	4.50	8.10

Which of the following should the technologist do?

A. Perform an additional flow check at 10 L/sec.

- B. Look for an obstruction in the flow sensor.
- C. Record these results and begin testing.
- D. Recalibrate and repeat the linearity check.

## Correct Answer: B

## **QUESTION 2**

To assure linearity of an oxygen analyzer, calibrate with

A. Three test gases within the operating range of the instrument

B. Air

C. 100% 02

D. Two test gases within the operating range of the instrument

Correct Answer: A

## **QUESTION 3**

A 66-year-old female performs spirometry with the following results:



The patient most likely has

A. Normal pulmonary function.

B. Obstructive lung disease.

C. Restrictive lung disease.

D. Pulmonary hypertension.

Correct Answer: C

## **QUESTION 4**

The following results are obtained from an adult male: The corrected DLco value

Uncorrected DLCO	32 mL/min/mm Hg (STPD)
Hb	14.6 gm/dL
COHb	1.2%
Alveolar volume	3500 mL

- A. is unchanged.
- B. is higher.
- C. is lower.
- D. cannot be calculated.
- Correct Answer: A

## **QUESTION 5**

Which of the following thresholds for a clinically significant change in lung function from the beginning to the end of a methacholine challenge test is significant?

A. An increase of more than 20% in airway resistance

- B. A decline of more than 30% in FEF25-75%
- C. A decline of more than 20% in FEV1
- D. A decline of more than 20% in inspiratory capacity

Correct Answer: C

# **QUESTION 6**

To check the reliability of a pulse oximeter reading, a pulmonary function technologist should

A. Calculate the SaO2 from pH and PaO2

- B. Perform hemoximetry
- C. Measure the hematocrit
- D. Have the patient hyperventilate

Correct Answer: B

#### **QUESTION 7**

A pulmonary function technologist is performing quality control on a nebulizer used in the 5-breath dosimeter bronchial challenge. The target output of the device is 0.09 mL, plus or minus 10%. After 10 actuations, the nebulizer output was 75 ? with a 2.0 mL initial saline dose in the nebulizer. The technologist should

- A. Open the vent before starting the bronchial challenge.
- B. Add an exhalation filter and proceed with testing patients.
- C. Clean and reevaluate this nebulizer.
- D. Accept the results and begin using the device.

Correct Answer: D

## **QUESTION 8**

Which of the following is a valid reason for using biologic controls for DLCo?

- A. Establishing precision of the procedure
- B. Identifying the source of gas analyzer error
- C. Assessing accuracy of the volume measuring device
- D. Determining the lower limit of normal values

Correct Answer: C

## **QUESTION 9**

During exercise, a subject\\'s oxygen consumption increases out of proportion to his cardiac output. This is due to an increase in:

- A. Anaerobic metabolism
- B. Alveolar ventilation
- C. Coronary blood flow
- D. Oxygen extraction

Correct Answer: C

## **QUESTION 10**

Treadmill speed can be verified by

- A. Multiplying the belt length by the cycles/min.
- B. Dividing the height by the horizontal distance.
- C. Multiplying the cycles/min by the height.
- D. Dividing the cycles/min by the belt length.

Correct Answer: A

## **QUESTION 11**

Prior to an exercise study, a pulmonary function technologist finds that the patient\\'s RER is 1.13. Which of the following best explains this finding?

- A. Carbohydrate metabolism
- B. Protein metabolism
- C. Hypoventilation
- D. Hyperventilation
- Correct Answer: D

#### **QUESTION 12**

A biologic control subject has a FRCpleth of 4.0 ?.3 L at panting frequencies between 60 and 70/min.

During a QC run, the subject pants at 55/min and a FRCpleth of 3.90 L is recorded.

Which of the following is the most appropriate action to take?

- A. Recalibrate the mouth pressure transducer and repeat the test.
- B. Repeat the test, coaching the subject to pant more slowly.
- C. Continue using the system because it is within control limits.
- D. Take the plethysmograph out of service pending corrective maintenance.

Correct Answer: C