HAZWOPER: MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM
TEST QUESTIONS

Name: __________________
Date: __________________

1. A hazardous waste site medical program is essential for:
   a. Assessing worker health prior to assignment
   b. Monitoring worker health and fitness during the course of work
   c. Keeping accurate medical records for future reference
   d. All of the above

2. Which of the following is not a component of a site medical program?
   a. Surveillance
   b. Treatment
   c. Termination examination
   d. Recreation

3. Medical program management should encourage employees to:
   a. Exercise and diet properly
   b. Avoid tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse
   c. Provide a complete and detailed medical history
   d. All of the above

4. Workers enrolled in medical surveillance programs must have medical examinations at the following times:
   a. Before and after assignment
   b. After any possible over-exposure to a hazardous substance in an emergency situation
   c. Annually or at more frequent times if necessary according to the physician
   d. All of the above

5. Which of the following statements relating to medical examinations is correct?
   a. The company pays for medical examinations
   b. Workers have no immediate access to the results of the examination
   c. The physician determines the content of the medical examination
   d. None of the above
6. Which of the following is the most serious of the health problems caused by heat?

   a. Fainting
   b. Heat exhaustion
   c. Heat stroke
   d. None of the above

7. Select the best answer relating to heat strokes.

   a. The victim’s body temperature is 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
   b. The victim usually turns red or spotted
   c. Professional medical treatment must be administered as soon as possible
   d. All of the above

8. According to OSHA, employees required to wear respirators should be submitted to a medical evaluation.

   a. True
   b. False

9. There should be a specific medical program for each hazardous waste site.

   a. True
   b. False

10. A site medical program can be under the direction and responsibility of a registered nurse.

    a. True
    b. False

11. Medical programs are designed to be effective even without active workers involvement.

    a. True
    b. False

12. As part of a medical program, management should require workers to report any unusual physical or psychological condition, with the exception of minor complaints such as skin irritations or headaches.

    a. True
    b. False
13. The employer can require that workers take a pre-placement medical examination as a condition of employment.
   a. True
   b. False

14. A physician who performs medical examinations must be experience or board certified in occupational health.
   a. True
   b. False

15. A practical first aid treatment for heat exhaustion is:
   a. Take the victim to a cool place and give him/her cool water
   b. Don’t let the victim move and call an ambulance
   c. Take the victim to a cooler area and lay him/her down to allow blood to return to the head quickly
   d. None of the above

16. In hot environments, thirst will tell you when it’s time to drink water.
   a. True
   b. False

17. Which of the following statements about handling hazardous waste is inaccurate?
   a. Workers may be exposed to chemicals and biological hazards
   b. Workers may face hazards such as explosions and radiation
   c. Protective equipment protects workers from every possible hazard
   d. Heat stress is likely to occur due to protective equipment

18. Workers exposed to a hazardous substance above the PEL must have a medical evaluation.
   a. True
   b. False

19. Which of the following individuals are not mentioned as having to be enrolled in a medical surveillance program according to OSHA?
   a. Workers exposed at or above the permissible exposure level for 30 or more days per year
   b. Members of the hazardous materials handling team
   c. Members of the transportation team
   d. Workers injured from over-exposure to a hazardous substance
20. Alcohol helps to retain body water for longer periods of time.
   
   a. True
   b. False
Answer Key

1. D
2. D
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. B
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. A
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. C
20. B