

HESI A2 - Quiz Questions with Answers

Vocabulary

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1.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations. The nurse noted that the patient had "halitosis" and asked the physician to check the patient's teeth.

Bad breath

Yellowed teeth

Chapped lips

Drooling

Correct answer: Bad breath

The word halitosis means bad breath. If you did not know the meaning of the word, you could use the sentence to help identify the correct answer. The nurse was going to have the physician check the patient's teeth; therefore, you can eliminate chapped lips and drooling, as they would not cause bad breath.

2.

Which of the following options **best defines** the word *quandary*?

Dilemma

Excellence

Magnitude

Competence

Correct answer: Dilemma

The option that best defines the word quandary is dilemma. Quandary is defined as a state of perplexity or uncertainty, or a dilemma.

3.

Which of the following options means "to destroy completely"?

Eradicate

Fatigue

Flushed

Contour

Correct answer: Eradicate

Eradicate means to destroy completely.

Fatigue means to be extremely tired. Flushed means to have a reddened appearance. Contour means the outline of a shape.

4.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Doctor Norton and his team of experts were seeking a genetic basis for the high *incidence* of infertility among patients.

Trend

Infrequent

Randomness

Reasoning

Correct answer: Trend

Incidence means occurrence, trend, or tendency. Doctor Norton and his team of experts were seeking a genetic basis for the high trend of infertility among patients.

Infrequent means rare or not occurring regularly. Randomness means not having a pattern. Reasoning means the basis or motive for an action.

5.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Hydration is very important after surgery because the body needs fluids in order to recover.

Maintenance of body fluid balance

Deep sleep

Relaxation

Maintenance of daily caloric intake

Correct answer: Maintenance of body fluid balance

Hydration is the maintenance of body fluid levels. It stems from the root "hydra" which means water. Hydration is important for the body's recovery after an injury or surgery.

6.

Which of the following is the **best definition** of the word *succinct*?

Concise

Lengthy

Angry

Old

Correct answer: Concise

Succinct means expressed in few words; concise; or terse.

Lengthy means long. Angry means upset. Old means aged.

7.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Patients with *renal* failure require their urinary output to be monitored.

Relating to the kidneys

Relating to the heart

Relating to blood vessels

Relating to the nervous system and blood vessels

Correct answer: Relating to the kidneys

The term "renal" means relating to the kidneys. Patients with kidney failure require their urinary output to be monitored.

The term "cardiac" means relating to the heart. The term "vascular" means relating to blood vessels. The term "neurovascular" means relating to the nervous system and blood vessels.

8.

Which of the following options means "to voluntarily refrain from doing something"?

Abstain

Compensatory

Bilateral

Adhere

Correct answer: Abstain

Abstain means to voluntarily refrain from doing something.

Compensatory means offsetting a wrong. Bilateral means having presence on two sides. Adhere means to stick together.

9.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

If the colon does not contract properly, the splenic flexure can become *distended*.

Swollen

Shrunken

Irritated

Sensitive

Correct answer: Swollen

Distend means to bulge or swell. If the colon does not contract properly, the splenic flexure can become swollen or begin to bulge.

Shrunken means to reduce in size. Irritated means to chase or inflame. Sensitive means responsive to external conditions.

10.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The congestion in the patient's lungs was *audible* by the physician.

Able to be heard

Able to be seen

Able to be removed

Able to be soothed

Correct answer: Able to be heard

The word audible means the ability to be heard.

If you do not know the meaning of the word, you can use the sentence to help you eliminate some of the options. The physician would most likely not be able to see, soothe, or remove the congestion from one's lungs; therefore, you can eliminate those options.

11.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Maintaining good *hygiene* is very important for both overall aesthetics and health.

Cleanliness

Clothing

Processes

Hydration

Correct answer: Cleanliness

Hygiene is defined as the measures contributing to cleanliness and overall health. Maintaining good cleanliness habits is very important for both overall aesthetics and health.

12.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

After his stroke, the patient could not feed himself because his arms had become *flaccid* and unresponsive.

Limp

Rigid

Painful

None of these

Correct answer: Limp

Flaccid means limp or lacking tone. After his stroke, the patient could not feed himself because his arms had become limp.

Rigid means not flexible. Painful means aching.

13.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The physician's instructions for the nurse were *concise*.

Brief

Distinct

Able to be heard

Responsible

Correct answer: Brief

The term "concise" means brief. The physician's instructions for the nurse were brief.

The term "discrete" means distinct. The term "audible" means able to be heard. The term "accountable" means responsible.

14.

Select the meaning of the italicized word:

The swine flu patient was *restricted* to quarantine until her condition improved.

Confined

Released

Enlarged

Discouraged

Correct answer: Confined

To restrict means to confine, or limit a situation or ability to participate. The swine flu patient was confined to quarantine until her condition improved.

15.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The doctor prescribed the medicine to be taken *orally* since the child was now old enough to take pills.

By mouth

By arm

By breathing

By I.V.

Correct answer: By mouth

Oral means given through or affecting the mouth. If a medicine is taken orally, it means that it is taken through the mouth (such as a pill).

16.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Many doctors believe that explaining the *rationale* behind a treatment plan can aid in the plan's effectiveness.

Underlying reason

Obscurity

Impact

Ambiguity

Correct answer: Underlying reason

A rationale is an underlying reason. By explaining the underlying reasons for the treatment, many doctors believe the treatment is more effective.

Obscurity means to conceal or to cover. Impact means an effect or an impression that one has on another. Ambiguity means doubtful or uncertain.

17.

The pinched nerve _____ the patient's blood flow.

Choose the option that **best completes** the above sentence.

inhibits

hedges

regales

constitutes

Correct answer: inhibits

The pinched nerve inhibits the patient's blood flow. Inhibits means to hold back, constrain, reduce, or slow.

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as hedges means to evade, circumvent, or dodge; regales means to entertain, amuse, or delight; and constitutes means to establish, create, or organize.

18.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The dietitian noticed the *concave* shape of the starving patient's abdomen.

Rounded inward

Bloated outward

Obtuse

Misguided

Correct answer: Rounded inward

A concave object, such as a lens, is rounded inward. The starving patient's abdomen was rounded inward due to the lack of nourishment and proper eating habits.

Obtuse means blunt. Misguided means to lead in the wrong direction.

19.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The nurse will *depress* the patient's skin to determine if soreness is present.

Press downward

Make worse

Lift up

Downward measurement

Correct answer: Press downward

The term "depress" means to press downward. The nurse will press downward on the patient's skin to determine if soreness is present.

The term "exacerbate" means to make worse. The term "elevate" means to lift up. The term "depth" means downward measurement.

20.

Which of the following options means "appearing everywhere at once"?

Ubiquitous

Allude

Notorious

Sensible

Correct answer: Ubiquitous

Ubiquitous means appearing everywhere at once.

Allude means to indirectly call attention to. Notorious means highly talked about in an unfavorable fashion. Sensible refers to the ability to receive sensory impressions.

21.

John received a(n) _____ of seven months to live.

Choose the option that **best completes** the above sentence.

prognosis

accolade

legacy

antidote

Correct answer: prognosis

John received a prognosis of seven months to live. The word prognosis is used to describe a forecast of a probable course or an outcome of a disease.

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as accolade means tribute or honor; legacy means bequest or relic; and antidote means cure or remedy.

22.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The *volume* of urine that the patient expelled was recorded in his medical record.

Amount

Negative

Transfer

Exact

Correct answer: Amount

The term "volume" refers to the amount of urine expelled by the patient, or space occupied by fluid.

The term "untoward" means negative. The term "transmission" means transfer. The term "strict" means exact.

23.

To be heedless is to be _____.

thoughtless

careful

intelligent

energetic

*Correct answer: thoughtless**To be heedless is to be thoughtless. The word heedless is defined as one who is careless, thoughtless, or unmindful.*

24.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Since the patient's blood pressure was *labile*, the physician prescribed the patient a blood pressure medicine to help regulate it.

Rapidly changing

Possibly harmful

Worsening

Difficult to arouse

Correct answer: Rapidly changing

The term "labile" means rapidly changing. Since the patient's blood pressure was rapidly changing, the physician prescribed the patient a blood pressure medicine to help regulate it.

The term "adverse" means possibly harmful. The term "deteriorating" means worsening. The term "lethargic" means difficult to arouse.

25.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The man showed no *symptoms* but was definitely still sick.

Indications

Illness

Abilities

Reasons

Correct answer: Indications

A symptom is an indication of a problem. In this case, the man did not show any symptoms or indications that he was sick.

Illness means sickness. Ability means the talent to do something. Reason means the basis or motive for an action.

26.

Which of the following options **best defines** the word rationale?

Logic

Quota

Lavish

Population

Correct answer: Logic

The option that best defines the word rationale is logic. Rationale is defined as a statement of reasons, logic, basis, or grounds.

27.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

After reconstructive surgery, the patient's cheekbones were once again *symmetric*.

Equal

More susceptible

In place

Limp

Correct answer: Equal

The term "symmetric" means equal. After reconstructive surgery, the patient's cheekbones were once again equal.

The term "predispose" means more susceptible. The term "intact" means in place. The term "flaccid" means limp.

28.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Histamine is produced by the human body to *dilate* blood vessels.

Expand

Tighten

Deflate

Depress

Correct answer: Expand

Dilate means to stretch, widen, or expand. Histamine is produced naturally by the human body to expand blood vessels.

29.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations.

The patient had "diplopia," and he saw two fingers when the nurse was only holding up one finger.

Double vision

Hearing loss

Severe pain

Headache

Correct answer: Double vision

The word diplopia means double vision. If you do not know the meaning of the word, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. The sentence states that the nurse is only holding up one finger but that the patient sees two fingers; therefore, you can guess that the patient is seeing double.

30.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

A low blood count can be an *ominous* sign of an unfavorable disease.

Threatening

Distinct

Dependent

Undesired

Correct answer: Threatening

The term "ominous" means threatening. A low blood count can be a threatening sign of an unfavorable disease.

The term "discrete" means distinct. The term "contingent" means dependent. The term "adverse" means undesired.

31.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

As her blood pressure decreased, her heart rate began to increase, which the nurse recognized as a *compensatory* action.

Balancing

Spontaneous

Adverse

Unfamiliar

Correct answer: Balancing

Compensatory means offsetting or making up for something. As her blood pressure decreased, the heart began to work harder in an attempt to balance or offset the problem.

Spontaneous means impulsive. Adverse means opposing or unfavorable. Unfamiliar means unknown.

32.

Which of the following options means "relating to the stomach"?

Gastrointestinal

Cardiac

Hematologic

Musculoskeletal

Correct answer: Gastrointestinal

Gastrointestinal means relating to the stomach.

*Cardiac means relating to the heart. Hematologic means relating to blood.
Musculoskeletal means relating to the skeletal system and muscles.*

33.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The paramedic observed the patient's irregular breathing, which was an *ominous* indication that the woman's condition was degrading.

Foreboding

Promising

Lucky

Stressful

Correct answer: Foreboding

Ominous means menacing or foreboding. The paramedic observed the patient's irregular breathing, which was a foreboding indication that the woman's condition was degrading.

34.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

When blood vessels are *distended*, it is easier to draw a blood sample.

Enlarged

In place

Closed

Open

Correct answer: Enlarged

The term "distended" means enlarged. When blood vessels are enlarged, it is easier to draw a blood sample.

The term "intact" means in place. The term "occluded" means closed. The term "patent" means open.

35.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The patient was injured with a knife, so the physician had to stitch his *laceration*.

Cut

Skin

Blood

Injury

Correct answer: Cut

The word laceration means cut or tear. If you are unsure of the word's meaning, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. A knife generally cuts the skin; therefore, since the doctor was stitching the patient's injury, the patient must have been cut with the knife.

36.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Because the man's right arm was turning blue, the nurse reported that the patient's circulation to that part of the body was *occluded*.

Blocked

Separated

Devised

Involved

Correct answer: Blocked

Occluded means blocked, closed, or obstructed. In this case, the man's right arm was turning blue because circulation to that part of his body was blocked, or occluded.

Separated means to keep or set apart. Devised means to establish a plan. Involved means to engage or draw in.

37.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations.

The physician asked the patient to lie in a "lithotomy" position.

A position in which the patient is on her back with her feet in stirrups

A position in which the patient is lying on her right side

A position in which the patient is lying on her left side

A position in which the patient is lying on her stomach

Correct answer: A position in which the patient is on her back with her feet in stirrups

The word lithotomy means an examination position in which a patient lies on her back and places her feet in stirrups. This word is one you will need to know as the sentence does not provide you with any additional help.

38.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The patient's viral infection was in a *latent* stage.

Present but inactive

Easily observed

Convulsive

Likely to occur

Correct answer: Present but inactive

The term "latent" means present but inactive. The patient's viral infection was in a present but inactive stage.

The term "overt" means easily observed. The term "paroxysmal" means convulsive. The term "potential" means likely to occur.

39.

John is “predisposed” to colon cancer because every male in his family has had it.

Which of the following options **best defines** the word in quotations?

Susceptible

Immune

Impervious

Wedded

Correct answer: Susceptible

Susceptible best defines the use of the word predisposed. The word predisposed means to give inclination or tendency beforehand or to render subject, susceptible, or liable.

40.

The pharmacist _____ the use of an antibiotic for the patient's cold symptoms.

Choose the option that **best completes** the above sentence.

contraindicated

alleviated

exacerbated

guffawed

Correct answer: contraindicated

The pharmacist contraindicated the use of an antibiotic for the patient's cold symptoms. Contraindicated is to indicate the inadvisability of (in this example, the inadvisability of taking an antibiotic).

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as alleviated means eased, relieved, or lessened; exacerbated means worsened, aggravated, or intensified; and guffawed means laughed, chuckled, or howled.

41.

The policeman was performing a(n) _____ patrol around the neighborhood, as he was in uniform.

Choose the option that **best completes** the above sentence.

overt

covert

raucous

callous

Correct answer: overt

The policeman was performing an overt patrol around the neighborhood, as he was in uniform. Overt is another word for obvious, unconcealed, or blatant.

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as covert means unknown, hidden, or concealed; raucous means wild, loud, or disorderly; and callous means heartless, cruel, or pitiless.

42.

The plastic surgery improved the _____ of her face.

Choose the option that **best** completes the above sentence.

contour

bearing

serenity

cataract

Correct answer: contour

The plastic surgery improved the contour of her face. Contour is another word for outline, silhouette, shape, or form.

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as bearing means manner, direction, or influence; serenity means tranquility or composure; and cataract means waterfall or cascade.

43.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The boy's arm was *flaccid* after he broke it.

Lacked tone

Rounded inward

Reduced in size

Enlarged

Correct answer: Lacking tone

The term "flaccid" means lacked tone. The boy's arm lacked tone after he broke it.

The term "concave" means rounded inward. The term "contract" means reduced in size. The term "dilate" means enlarged.

44.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Per procedure, paramedics began to *triage* the patients at the scene of the accident.

Prioritize

Supervise

Assist

Delegate

Correct answer: Prioritize

Triage is the process used to determine the priority of treatment for patients according to the severity of a patient's condition and likelihood of benefit from treatment.

Supervise means oversee. Assist means help. Delegate means assign.

45.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations.

A patient who had been thrown from a horse suffered from a neck "trauma."

Injury

Accident

Cure

Support

Correct answer: Injury

The word trauma means injury or wound. If you are unsure of the word's meaning, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. The sentence informs you that the patient was thrown from a horse; therefore, the fall most likely caused the patient to become injured.

46.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The park looks *picturesque* in the fall, when the leaves turn shades of red, yellow, and brown.

Beautiful

Unwelcoming

Cold

Mysterious

Correct answer: Beautiful

Picturesque means visually attractive, especially in a quaint or pretty style. From the choices given, the only answer is beautiful.

Unwelcoming means not inviting. Cold means lacking emotion or low temperature. Mysterious means an unexplained event.

47.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Medical tape is used to *adhere* the gauze to the patient's skin.

To stick together

To keep

To subdue

To tear

Correct answer: To stick together

The term "adhere" means to stick together. The medical tape is used to make the gauze and the patient's skin stick together.

The term "retain" means to keep. The term "suppress" means to subdue. The term "laceration" means to tear.

48.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The sterilization procedure was *initiated* in order to prevent the spread of germs.

To put into practice

To increase in size

To make worse

To draw together

Correct answer: To put into practice

The term "initiated" means to put into practice. The sterilization procedure was put into practice in order to prevent the spread of germs.

The term "expand" means to increase in size. The term "exacerbate" means to make worse. The term "contract" means to draw together.

49.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations. The freshly mowed grass has caused the gentleman's allergies to "exacerbate."

Worsen

Improve

Loosen

Weaken

Correct answer: Worsen

The word exacerbate means to make worse or to become more severe. If you are not sure of the word's meaning, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. The gentleman has allergies. Grass that has just been mowed will generally make one's allergies act up; therefore, his allergies were made worse.

50.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

To ensure the cold did not *recur*, the woman took plenty of Vitamin C and zinc.

Happen again

Improve

Disappear

Inflame

Correct answer: Happen again

To recur means to occur or happen again. If the cold were to recur, it would come back. This is a root word for recurrence.

51.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The man was instructed to *void* into a container so the medical technician could observe the appearance of the urine.

Excrete

Capture

Dismiss

Obey

Correct answer: Excrete

In the medical sense, void means to excrete or expel urine. The man was instructed to expel urine into a container so the medical technician could observe the appearance of the urine.

52.

Which of the following options means "easily handled"?

Docile

Ingest

Insidious

Depth

Correct answer: Docile

Docile means easily handled.

Ingest means to swallow in order to digest. Insidious means deceitful. Depth means a downward measurement from the surface.

53.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The doctor advised the patient to *abstain* from smoking to reduce his risk of heart disease.

Voluntarily refrain from

Permanently reduce

Hide behind

Take notice

Correct answer: Voluntarily refrain from

To abstain means to voluntarily refrain from something. The doctor advised the patient to voluntarily refrain from smoking in order to improve his health.

54.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

When a patient's circulation is *occluded*, he could experience numbness.

Obstructed

Unharmmed

Swollen

Impaired

Correct answer: Obstructed

The term occluded means obstructed. When a patient's circulation is obstructed, he could experience numbness.

The term "intact" means unharmmed. The term "inflamed" means swollen. The term "dysfunction" means impaired.

55.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Strokes and aneurysms are *neurovascular* disorders.

Nervous system and blood vessels

Nervous system and heart

Heart and blood vessels

Heart and lungs

Correct answer: Nervous system and blood vessels

Neurovascular functions pertain to the nervous system and blood vessels. Strokes and aneurysms are types of neurovascular disorders.

56.

Which of the following options means "to reduce in size"?

Contract

Device

Discrete

Impaired

Correct answer: Contract

Contract means to reduce in size.

A device is a tool. Discrete means separate. Impaired means diminished quality.

57.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

To make sure that the patient wears compression socks, the physician explained his *rationale* for prescribing them.

Underlying reason

Why something is not advisable

Identification of a disease

Significantly important

Correct answer: Underlying reason

The term "rationale" means underlying reason. To make sure that the patient wears compression socks, the physician explained his underlying reason for prescribing them.

The term "contraindication" means why something is not advisable. The term "diagnosis" means identification of a disease. The term "ominous" means significantly important.

58.

Which of the following options means "to keep from leaving"?

Confine

Anterior

Abrupt

Virulence

Correct answer: Confine

Confine means to keep from leaving.

Anterior means facing forward. Abrupt means sudden. Virulence means extreme hostility.

59.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

When an individual loses one of his senses, another sense is heightened, which is a *compensatory* action.

Offsetting

Stringent

Equal

Negative

Correct answer: Offsetting

The term "compensatory" means offsetting. When an individual loses one of his senses, another sense is heightened, which is an offsetting action.

The term "strict" means stringent. The term "symmetric" means equal. The term "untoward" means negative.

60.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Headache and fever are the *overt* symptoms of the disease.

Obvious

Distinct

Dependent

Brief

Correct answer: Obvious

The term "overt" means obvious. Headache and fever are the obvious symptoms of the disease.

The term "discrete" means distinct. The term "contingent" means dependent. The term "concise" means brief.

61.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

An *adverse* effect of the medication is dizziness.

Undesired

Sudden

Dependent

Worsening

Correct answer: Undesired

The term "adverse" means undesired. An undesired effect of the medication is dizziness.

The term "abrupt" means sudden. The term "contingent" means dependent. The term "deteriorating" means worsening.

62.

The victim's clothing was _____ with blood.

Choose the option that **best completes** the above sentence.

deluged

indignant

contagion

piqued

Correct answer: deluged

The victim's clothing was deluged with blood. Deluged is another word for soaked or drenched.

The other answer options do not complete the sentence appropriately, as indignant means irate; contagion means infection; and piqued means resentful.

63.

Which of the following options means "loss of mental capacity"?

Dementia

Expectorate

Renal

Regimen

Correct answer: Dementia

Dementia means loss of mental capacity.

Expectorate means mucous discharged from lungs. Renal means relating to the kidneys. Regimen means a systematic plan for therapy.

64.

Which of the following options means "to expel feces"?

Defecate

Pathology

Pathogenic

Renal

Correct answer: Defecate

Defecate means to expel feces.

Pathology refers to the cause of disease or an abnormality. Pathogenic means having the ability to cause disease. Renal means having relation to the kidneys.

65.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Spirone has been used as a spray inhalation in *paroxysmal* asthma.

Sudden attack

Dangerous

Continuous

Uncontrolled

Correct answer: Sudden attack

The term "paroxysmal" means sudden attack. Spirone has been used as a spray inhalation in sudden attacks of asthma.

The term "ominous" means dangerous. The term "ongoing" means continuous. The term "precipitous" means uncontrolled.

66.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Increased exercise could *exacerbate* the child's asthma symptoms.

To make worse

To rapidly change

To produce a strong effect

To limit

Correct answer: To make worse

The term "exacerbate" means to make worse. Increased exercise could make the child's asthma symptoms worse.

The term "labile" means to rapidly change. The term "potent" means to produce a strong effect. The term "restrict" means to limit.

67.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

As the cancer spread, the patient's health began *deteriorating*.

Worsening

Enlarging

Lifting

Beginning suddenly

Correct answer: Worsening

The term "deteriorating" means worsening. As the cancer spread, the patient's health began worsening.

The term "dilate" means enlarging. The term "elevating" means lifting. The term "paroxysmal" means beginning suddenly.

68.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The patient's abdomen appeared *concave* due to her anorexic state.

Rounded inward

Obstructed

Unharmmed

Reddened

Correct answer: Rounded inward

The term "concave" means rounded inward. The patient's abdomen was rounded inward due to her anorexic state.

The term "occluded" means obstructed. The term "intact" means unharmmed. The term "inflamed" means reddened.

69.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations.

In order for the doctor to see the patient's pupils better, he placed drops in the patient's eyes to "dilate" the pupils.

Enlarge

Shrink

Color

Heal

Correct answer: Enlarge

The word dilate means to enlarge or expand. If you are not sure of the word's meaning, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. The doctor wanted to be able to see the patient's pupils better; therefore, he would want to make them bigger or enlarge them.

70.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Depression is an *untoward* effect of the new antipsychotic drug.

Adverse

Uncontrolled

More susceptible

Already present

Correct answer: Adverse

The term "untoward" means adverse. Depression is an adverse effect of the new antipsychotic drug.

The term "precipitous" means uncontrolled. The term "predispose" means more susceptible. The term "preexisting" means already present.

71.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Fentanyl is a pain medication that is available as a *transdermal* patch.

Crossing through the skin

Under the tongue

To swallow for digestion

Located within the body

Correct answer: Crossing through the skin

The term "transdermal" means crossing through the skin. Fentanyl is a pain medication that is available as a patch that administers medication through the skin.

The term "sublingual" means under the tongue. The term "ingest" means to swallow for digestion. The term "internal" means located within the body.

72.

To be convoluted is to be _____.

complex

candid

asinine

clever

Correct answer: complex

To be convoluted is to be complex. The word convoluted is defined as being intricate or complex.

Candid means to be frank. Asinine means to be silly. Clever means to be bright or skillful.

73.

Which of the following options means "not allowing passage"?

Impervious

Vertigo

Assent

Fontanel

Correct answer: Impervious

Impervious means not allowing passage.

Vertigo means the loss of balance when looking down from high places. Assent means the agreement to something after consideration. Fontanel means the space between the skull bones of an infant or fetus.

74.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

A patient may experience *bilateral* weakness in the legs when walking for long periods of time.

Present on two sides

Piece of equipment

Expanded from pressure

Lacking tone

Correct answer: Present on two sides

The term "bilateral" means present on two sides. A patient may experience weakness that is present on two sides of the legs when walking for long periods of time.

The term "device" means a piece of equipment. The term "distended" means expanded from pressure. The term "flaccid" means lacking tone.

75.

Which of the following options means "the environmental condition"?

Milieu

Suppress

Superior

Recur

Correct answer: Milieu

Milieu means the environmental condition.

Suppress means to subdue. Superior means above. Recur means to happen again.

76.

To be ethereal is to be _____.

refined

substantial

earthly

imaginary

Correct answer: refined

To be ethereal is to be refined. The word ethereal is defined as being extremely delicate or refined or ghostly or eerie.

Substantial means having substance, or sustaining. Earthly means worldly, or possible. Imaginary means pretend.

77.

Using the given options, select the meaning of the word in quotations.

Once the surgeon was done operating on the patient, he verified that the patient's cheekbones were once again "symmetrical."

Equal

Healed

Lopsided

High

Correct answer: Equal

The word symmetrical means equal or being the same. If you are unsure of the word's meaning, you can use the sentence to help you define the word. One's cheekbones should be the same; therefore, the physician was making sure that the patient's cheekbones were equal.

78.

Which of the following options means "expected to grow and worsen"?

Malignant

Metabolism

Pigmented

Viscosity

Correct answer: Malignant

Malignant means expected to grow and worsen.

Metabolism means all of the chemical processes that happen in an organism.

Pigmented means colored. Viscosity means resistance to flow.

79.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The patient suffered a *gaping* wound from the violent attack on his life.

Wide open

Precise

Bloody

Shocking

Correct answer: Wide open

Gaping means wide open. The patient suffered a wide open wound from the violent attack on his life.

80.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The patient's voice was barely *audible* when he had just woken up from his coma.

Able to be heard

Excessive

Restrained

High pitched

Correct answer: Able to be heard

Audible means something is able to be heard. If a patient's voice is barely audible, he is barely able to be heard.

Excessive means surplus. Restrained means to hold back. High pitched means loud.

81.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The skin around the insect bite was *inflamed*.

Swollen

Obvious

Obstructed

Diminished

Correct answer: Swollen

The term "inflamed" means swollen. The skin around the insect bite was swollen.

The term "overt" means obvious. The term "occluded" means obstructed. The term "impaired" means diminished.

82.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Before using an intravenous needle to administer medication, the nurse will need to make sure it is *patent*.

Open

Enlarged

Unharmmed

Closed

Correct answer: Open

The term "patent" means open. Before using an intravenous needle to administer medication, the nurse will need to make sure it is open.

The term "distended" means enlarged. The term "intact" means unharmmed. The term "occluded" means closed.

83.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The *overt* symptoms included fever, nausea, and vomiting.

Obvious

Terrible

Subtle

Important

Correct answer: Obvious

Overt means obvious or easily observed. The obvious symptoms included fever, nausea, and vomiting.

84.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The doctor explained that *endogenous* hormones produced by the body's pituitary gland are essential for growth.

Internal

External

Common

Duplicated

Correct answer: Internal

Endogenous means produced inside the body. The pituitary gland produces internal hormones that are essential for growth and development.

External means outside the body. Common means normal. Duplicated means identically copied.

85.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The *contour* of the patient's right arm differed from his left.

Outline of a shape

Location

Condition

Lacking tone

Correct answer: Outline of a shape

The term "contour" means outline of a shape. The outline of the patient's right arm differed from his left.

The term "site" means location. The term "status" means condition. The term "flaccid" means lacking tone.

86.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The patient's cranial *cavity* is continuous with the first neck vertebra.

An opening

Shape

Located behind

Location

Correct answer: An opening

The term "cavity" means an opening. The patient's cranial opening is continuous with the first neck vertebra.

The term "contour" means shape. The term "posterior" means located behind. The term "site" means location.

87.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The nurse transposed the patient's *verbal* report of the symptoms onto the notepad for the doctor.

Spoken

Inaccurate

Verbose

Lengthy

Correct answer: Spoken

Verbal means spoken or using words. The patient's verbal report is a spoken report. The nurse wrote the spoken report down for the doctor.

88.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Vitamins can be administered *sublingually* for patients who are unable to swallow.

Under the tongue

Above the lip

Around the eye

Into the ear

Correct answer: Under the tongue

Sublingual means under the tongue. Vitamins can be administered under the tongue for patients who are unable to swallow.

89.

The patient's eyebrows were "asymmetric."

Which of the following options **best defines** the word in quotations?

Uneven

Equal

Proportionate

Horizontal

Correct answer: Uneven

Uneven is the option that best defines the word asymmetric. The word asymmetric is defined as being uneven, unequal, lopsided, distorted, unbalanced, or disproportionate.

90.

To be precipitous is to be _____.

steep

arrogant

humble

gentle

Correct answer: steep

To be precipitous is to be steep. The word precipitous is defined as being extremely or impassably steep.

91.

An anodyne medication is the same as a(n) _____ medication.

pain

blood pressure

steroid

antibiotic

Correct answer: pain

An anodyne medication is the same as a pain medication. The word anodyne is defined as a medicine that is used to relieve pain, or a source of comfort.

92.

The nurses in the nursing station were “bellicose” today.

Which of the following options **best defines** the word in quotations?

Combative

Sharing

Supportive

Apprehensive

Correct answer: Combative

Combative is the option that best defines the word bellicose. The word bellicose is defined as being warlike in manner, combative, or belligerent.

93.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

The doctor instructed the patient to get a tetanus shot as a *precaution* since the patient had stepped on a rusty nail.

Preventative measure

Warning

Remedy

Preliminary step

Correct answer: Preventative measure

A precaution is a preventative measure. In this case, the doctor wanted the patient to get a tetanus shot as a preventative measure against getting tetanus since the patient's health may be compromised by the rusty nail. The shot was a precaution.

Warning means advice to beware. Remedy means something that relieves pain. Preliminary step means prior to the main matter.

94.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Iron pills are prescribed for anemia, which is a *hematologic* disorder.

Relating to blood

Relating to muscle and skeleton

Relating to the nervous system

Relating to the kidneys

Correct answer: Relating to blood

The term "hematologic" means relating to blood. Iron pills are prescribed for anemia, which is a blood disorder.

The term "musculoskeletal" means relating to muscle and skeleton. The term "neurologic" means relating to the nervous system. The term "renal" means relating to the kidneys.

95.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

The bruise marks on the woman's arms were *discrete*.

Distinct

Rounded inward

Reddened

Swollen

Correct answer: Distinct

The term "discrete" means distinct. The bruise marks on the woman's arms were distinct.

The term "concave" means rounded inward. The term "flushed" means reddened. The term "inflamed" means swollen.

96.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

Eating foods that are high in cholesterol increases one's risk of *cardiac* disease.

Relating to the heart

Relating to blood

Relating to the stomach

Relating to the nervous system

Correct answer: Relating to the heart

The term "cardiac" means relating to the heart. Eating foods that are high in cholesterol increases one's risk of disease that is related to the heart.

The term "hematologic" means relating to blood. The term "gastrointestinal" means relating to the stomach. The term "neurologic" means relating to the nervous system.

97.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Due to the *volatile* nature of the child's temperature, the nurse requested that his condition be closely monitored.

Unpredictable

Stable

Wispy

Vaporous

Correct answer: Unpredictable

Volatile means changeable or unpredictable. Due to the unpredictable nature of the child's temperature, the nurse requested that his condition be closely monitored.

98.

Select the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Pregnancy can put a woman at risk for anemia, which is a *hematologic* disorder.

Blood

Spinal

Liver

Pancreas

Correct answer: Blood

Hematologic means of or relating to blood. Pregnancy can put a woman at risk for anemia, which is a type of blood disorder.

99.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

In order to *dilate* the patient's pupils, the nurse administered medicated eye drops.

Expand

Open

Limit

Draw together

Correct answer: Expand

The term "dilate" means expand. In order to expand the patient's pupils, the nurse administered medicated eye drops.

The term "patent" means open. The term "restrict" means to limit. The term "constrict" means draw together.

100.

Read the following sentence, and select the meaning of the italicized word.

In order to view the patient's medication list, the nurse must *access* the patient's medical record on the new computer system.

Obtain entry

Put on

Make obvious

Hold fast

Correct answer: Obtain entry

The term "access" means to obtain entry. The nurse must obtain entry to the patient's medical record on the new computer system before she can review the patient's medication list.

The term "apply" means to put on. The term "overt" means to make obvious. The term "adhere" means to hold fast.
