

(These items were developed by teachers for the Technical Skills Assessment. Below is a sample item for each program standard.)

Question 1 of 13

What is the PROPER way to wash hands in order to prevent the spread of infection or disease?

- A) With soap and water form a lather while creating friction under warm running water.
- B) Wash hands for 2 minutes while interlacing fingers and drip dry.
- C) Wash with liquid soap to form a lather and use paper towel to provide friction.
- D) Use a large bar of soap to form a lather in cool water.

Question 2 of 13

Which one is NOT a laboratory accrediting agency?

- A) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
- B) American Association of Blood Banks
- C) American Society of Clinical Pathology
- D) College of American Pathologists

Question 3 of 13

A high school student is trained in processing specimens, data entry, and specimen transport. What position may this student hold in the laboratory?

- A) Laboratory technician
- B) Phlebotomist
- C) Laboratory assistant
- D) Medical technologist

Question 4 of 13

Which color-topped tubes should be filled FIRST when multiple specimens are drawn?

- A) Lavender
- B) Light blue
- C) Gray
- D) Green

Question 5 of 13

What kind of tube is used for blood cultures?

- A) Blue
- B) Green
- C) Yellow top
- D) Red gel

Question 6 of 13

Which is NOT a source of technical problems in the laboratory?

- A) Changed procedures
- B) Aging reagents
- C) Faulty instruments
- D) New personnel

Question 7 of 13

Which statement is NOT true regarding the physical examination of urine?

- A) Transparency is noted.
- B) Color is recorded.
- C) Glucose is measured.
- D) Specific gravity is measured.

Question 8 of 13

Which statement about performing a guaiac test for fecal occult blood is NOT true?

- A) A positive fecal occult blood test may indicate G.I. bleeding.
- B) A blue color at the edge of a smear is a negative test.
- C) Any blue color at the edge of the smear is a positive test.
- D) The test should be performed using appropriate PPE.

Question 9 of 13

Which is NOT a reason to reject a sample for hematology studies?

- A) A blood culture specimen was collected before the sample.
- B) The sample was collected 24 hours ago.
- C) A specimen is incorrectly labeled.
- D) The sample has clots.

Question 10 of 13

What is an ACCEPTABLE fill level for a coagulation study specimen?

- A) One-quarter full
- B) One-third full
- C) One-half full
- D) Full

Question 11 of 13

What type of stain is used to help identify bacteria?

- A) Toluidine blue
- B) Aceto-orcein
- C) Gram
- D) Wright

Question 12 of 13

Which result does NOT fall in the normal range?

- A) Result 0.1 Reference Value (0.09 - 0.20)
- B) Result 6.0; Reference Value (5.1 - 7.8)
- C) Result 134.0; Reference Value (138 - 149)
- D) Result 4.8; Reference Value (3.25 - 10.15)

Question 13 of 13

What does the laboratory assistant write on the label when opening a new bottle of reagent?

- A) Patient's name
- B) Date received
- C) Nothing is required
- D) Date opened

Laboratory Assisting Sample Test Answer Key

Question	Answer
1.	A
2.	C
3.	C
4.	B
5.	C
6.	D
7.	C
8.	B
9.	A
10.	D
11.	C
12.	C
13.	D