

(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 to 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

What is the leading national accreditation agency for hospital patient safety?

- ☐ **A)** Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute
- ☐ **B)** Occupational and Safety of Healthcare Association
- ☐ **C)** The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
- ☐ **D)** American Society of Clinical Pathology

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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

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What type of complication may result in repeated venipuncture on the same vein?

- ☐ A) Hemoconcentration
- ☐ B) Phlebitis
- ☐ C) Edema
- ☐ D) Petechiae

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How is a blood ammonia specimen transported?

- ☐ A) STAT at 37C
- ☐ B) At RT within 2 hours
- ☐ C) Chilled on ice
- ☐ D) Wrapped in foil

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What SHOULD be done when laboratory supplies are found to be low or limited?

- ☐ A) Initiate an order for overnight delivery.
- ☐ B) No action is required by the laboratory assistant.
- ☐ C) Borrow supplies from others in the department.
- ☐ D) Notify the appropriate staff person about the need.

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

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

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What color-top tube is used to collect a blood specimen for serologic testing?

- ☐ A) Lavender
- ☐ B) Tiger
- ☐ C) Gray
- ☐ D) Blue

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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.

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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

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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)

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The correction of errors SHOULD be reported by each facility each time an error occurs. How SHOULD a laboratory assistant then process the patient's chart?

- ☐ A) White out the error and chart the correction with one's initials.
- ☐ B) Throw the page away and start over.
- ☐ C) Completely erase all traces of the error and write the correct information.
- ☐ D) Make a single line over the error, initial, and place the corrected entry in the chart.

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