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1. Which of the following typically issues an EMS licensure?
 - A: Your state.
 - B: The National Registry.
 - C: The Federal government.
 - D: Your local medical control.

2. Which of the following exercises will have the BEST ability to test the preparedness of the entire system without placing any actual patients at risk?
 - A: Small MCI drill.
 - B: Large MCI drill.
 - C: Table top exercise.
 - D: Large triage exercise.

3. Which age group accounts for receiving the highest percentage of all reported child abuse cases?
 - A: Females 16-18 years old.
 - B: Children 1-7 years of age.
 - C: Male teenagers 13-18 years old.
 - D: Infants less than 1 year of age.

4. You are about to purchase a very expensive piece of medical equipment. What should you do before your purchase?
 - A: Review the medical research regarding the use of this equipment.
 - B: Call around and purchase what other departments are using.
 - C: Rely on the documents provided by the manufacturer.
 - D: Purchase the least expensive equipment available.

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5. Why is an effective verbal report at the hospital so important?
- A: This is an integral part of the transfer of care.
 - B: It confirms the information given in the radio report.
 - C: It demonstrates to the staff and patient the quality of your care.
 - D: This provides information you did not want the patient to hear.
6. You have an emergency physician at the location of a mass casualty incident involving multiple disciplines. In which of the following roles will the physician BEST be utilized?
- A: Medical command.
 - B: Incident command.
 - C: Transportation officer.
 - D: Communications officer.
7. A quality improvement review process of AED use in a particular EMS system is being performed. The auditor will look at which of the following after every cardiac arrest case?
- A: Voice recordings and EKGs in memory.
 - B: EKGs in memory and witness testimony.
 - C: Witness testimony and written reports.
 - D: Written reports and medical history.
8. You arrive on the scene of a possible hazardous material spill and decide to wait for entry until the fire department arrives. Select the BEST reason for staying out until additional resources arrive.
- A: You are unable to assess how safe the scene is for you and your partner.
 - B: Hazardous material spills require extra rescuers to assist with evacuation.
 - C: EMS is never allowed to enter a potential Haz-Mat scene without help.
 - D: Standard initial training does not include hazardous material education.

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9. Sue Johnson has specialized EMS-type training. During her search and rescue class, she learned the essentials of triage and how to gain access to a patient at a trauma scene, and she is certified in basic resuscitation skills. Which level of license do you suspect Sue holds if her training lasted only 4 weeks?
- A: EMT Paramedic.
 - B: EMT/EMT-Basic.
 - C: First Aid Provider.
 - D: Emergency Medical Responder.
10. Rescuers are preparing a radio report to the receiving hospital of a 65-year-old male complaining of difficulty breathing. After the hospital has acknowledged their presence and given permission to begin the report, the NEXT sentence should be:
- A: Repeating unit and provider identification.
 - B: A brief history of the event prior to the call for help.
 - C: Estimated time of arrival and patient's chief complaint.
 - D: Patient's past medical history and response to care.
11. Which of the following devices would be used to cut a vehicle's B-post?
- A: Hydraulic rams.
 - B: Hydraulic shears.
 - C: Hydraulic spreaders.
 - D: Hydraulic strikers.
12. Which of the following is MOST likely performed after a rapid extrication?
- A: Stabilizing the head.
 - B: Splinting a fractured femur.
 - C: Performing a rapid trauma assessment.
 - D: Placing a cervical collar on the patient.

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13. A volunteer fireman responds from his home to a medical call. Which component below will MOST likely create a poor first impression for the patient?
- A: Knowing the patient personally.
 - B: Arriving on scene out of uniform.
 - C: Asking the patient what name they prefer to be called.
 - D: Telling the ambulance to upgrade to an emergency response.
14. When there are multiple agencies involved in commanding a disaster scene, this type of command is referred to as:
- A: Unified command.
 - B: Singular command.
 - C: Incident command.
 - D: Utilitarian command.
15. Your patient was immersed in a chemical that is mildly corrosive. A hazardous material specialist has begun washing the victim. From the list below, which statement is most accurate?
- A: The decontamination process has probably been underway for several minutes.
 - B: The decontamination phase has just now begun and will likely take several hours.
 - C: There is no risk of the patient becoming critically ill during the rest of the process.
 - D: EMS plays a significant role during this phase of decontamination in most response systems.
16. In a high-voltage (HV) hybrid vehicle, which of the following colors would be used to identify the HV electrical cables?
- A: Black.
 - B: Orange.
 - C: Red.
 - D: White.

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17. While entering an apartment building to help a person complaining of chest pain, you hear shots being fired. You believe someone is shooting a gun during an argument. What should you do FIRST?
- A: See if you can proceed around the area the sounds came from toward your original patient.
 - B: Take cover immediately. Contact the police department by radio for assistance. You should wait for them to arrive before continuing to the original call.
 - C: Begin making extra noise to let everyone know you are in the area and you are with the fire department and EMS response. Clarify you are not the police.
 - D: Yell that you're with the police department and command the person come out with their hands in the air. Sound confident and repeat the instruction if the shooter does not follow your command.
18. While attending a staff meeting, the operations manager brings up the subject on how can the EMS service interact more with the new local Senior Independent Living Center. He believes that some activity would encourage more business from this population. One suggestion that you could make is to offer:
- A: Free ambulance rides.
 - B: Rides to the grocery store.
 - C: Complimentary car washes at your station.
 - D: Blood pressure and cholesterol check ups.
19. Which of the following would be of LEAST concern regarding the assessment of the safety of a confined space prior to entering?
- A: Explosive limits.
 - B: Adequate lighting.
 - C: Oxygen concentration.
 - D: Explosive atmosphere.
20. Steps that need to be taken to prepare a patient for air transport by helicopter are:
- A: Turn off all oxygen.
 - B: Assure all bleeding wounds are clotted.
 - C: Assure there are signed consent forms present.
 - D: Strap down all sheets and blankets and do not use IV poles.

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21. How does a court view the written EMS run report?
- A: It relays the rescuer's impressions of the call.
 - B: The report is only valuable for billing purposes.
 - C: It documents exactly what happened during a call.
 - D: It must serve as notes for the provider during testimony.
22. Which of the following is an example of a common hand tool used for extrication?
- A: Window punch.
 - B: Porta-power.
 - C: Lifting bags.
 - D: Jaws of Life.
23. Which of the following would BEST define the role of command at a multiple casualty incident?
- A: The individual who is responsible for coordinating all activities.
 - B: The individual who determines how best to treat the patients.
 - C: The individual who handles all finances and administration.
 - D: The individual with the highest level of medical training.
24. During the normal operation of an emergency vehicle on icy or snowy roadways, what changes must be made in driving habits?
- A: Increase distance between the vehicles and have your hands on wheel at 10 and 2 o'clock.
 - B: Increase distance between the vehicles and have your hands on wheel at 9 and 3 o'clock.
 - C: Decrease distance between the vehicles and have your hands on wheel at 10 and 2 o'clock.
 - D: Decrease distance between the vehicles and have your hands on wheel at 9 and 3 o'clock.

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25. You are preparing to carry a 180-lb. patient who has fallen off a ladder. Describe the BEST method for assuring maximum safety when moving the victim.
- A: Use 5 people to carry the victim down any stairs.
 - B: Keep the patient close to you while lifting.
 - C: Never attempt a power lift type maneuver.
 - D: Make the patient hold onto the stretcher.
26. While reviewing your prehospital care report, you find there is a statement that is a mistake. What should you do to correct it?
- A: Scribble over the false section and write it differently, then submit an incident report reflecting the event.
 - B: Draw a straight line through the false section and rewrite that section accurately.
 - C: Rewrite the entire run form and destroy the original.
 - D: Leave it as originally written and submit as is.
27. You make contact with the first patient, the driver involved in a head-on MVC. You determine that the patient has a carotid pulse, but no radial pulse and is unresponsive. The method that should be used to move this patient is a/an:
- A: Patient drag.
 - B: Emergency move.
 - C: Short backboard device.
 - D: Rapid extrication procedure.
28. Which emitted radiation particles pose the least amount of hazard to you?
- A: Alpha particles.
 - B: Beta particles.
 - C: Neutron particles.
 - D: X-ray particles.

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29. You are called to the residence of a 65-year-old male who was seen by his doctor yesterday for flu-like symptoms. Today he is unaware of his location and does not recognize any of his family members. Which of the following would be the BEST location to initially investigate for a potential cause for this change?
- A: Garage.
 - B: Basement.
 - C: Living room.
 - D: Medicine cabinet.
30. What move is used to remove a MVC patient that is stable and primarily seated, but at risk to spinal cord injury?
- A: Clothes drag.
 - B: Emergency move.
 - C: Short backboard device.
 - D: Rapid extrication procedure.
31. What is the MOST valuable reason for completing an AED checklist at the beginning of a shift?
- A: To inventory parts and inspect equipment.
 - B: To document the energy the machine will deliver.
 - C: To assure you have an AED at the beginning of your shift.
 - D: To comply with medical control quality assurance procedures.
32. A BLS ambulance responds to a two-car motor vehicle crash, which involved a minivan skidding into the rear end portion of a parked police car. After assessing the scene for hazards and applying PPEs, select the NEXT priority for the provider managing this call.
- A: Determine the total number of patients injured.
 - B: Inspect the insides of the vehicles for damage.
 - C: Find out if an EMS helicopter is available.
 - D: Clarify whether patients were wearing seatbelts.

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33. During an MCI, a destination log typically contains which of the following?
- A: Triage tag number.
 - B: Patient vital signs.
 - C: Patient name.
 - D: Medical history.
34. You have just completed the transport and delivery of a 6-year-old patient you suspect sustained the injuries as a result of child abuse. Your partner disagrees with your assessment. What should you do?
- A: Notify the hospital staff of your suspicions and have them investigate further.
 - B: Notify local law enforcement or child protective services of your suspicions.
 - C: Since you and your partner disagree, inform a supervisor and have him or her decide.
 - D: Document your suspicions on the patient care report and explain that your partner disagreed.
35. Which of the following would BEST represent the definition of triage?
- A: To sort.
 - B: To treat.
 - C: To locate.
 - D: To prioritize.
36. A local outbreak of influenza has struck your community. Which organization will be responsible for monitoring this outbreak and educating the public?
- A: Medical Control.
 - B: Local Public Health.
 - C: Center for Disease Control.
 - D: Public Information Systems.

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37. A terrorist event has exposed many victims to radiation. You are responsible to triage about 20 people in one of the train cars where a dirty bomb exploded that was underneath the train car. There is minimal damage to the train car. What would you expect to find with these victims?
- A: Burn and soft tissue injuries.
 - B: Most will have inhalation injuries.
 - C: Most will have injuries like any bomb blast.
 - D: Many may have no injuries now but have effects later.
38. Which of the following BEST reflects the primary reason low head dams are considered dangerous?
- A: Debris.
 - B: Strainers.
 - C: Speed of the water.
 - D: Recirculating currents.
39. Select the BEST reason to properly lift and move patients during an emergency move.
- A: To improve your efficiency.
 - B: To reduce the risk of injuries.
 - C: To reduce patient discomfort during the move.
 - D: To promote a "TEAM" approach to patient care.
40. You are at the scene of a medical emergency. You discover this patient has a very serious communicable disease and you want to inform the hospital staff in the most secure way you can. Which of the following would best meet that need?
- A: Over a standard telephone landline.
 - B: By calling the hospital using your cell phone.
 - C: Over the radio using the medical communication line.
 - D: By calling your EMS Operations line and have them relay the information.

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41. As an EMS provider, you are called to care for a patient that has been contaminated with a cleaning chemical at a chemical warehouse. The fire department Haz-Mat team has been in command of this incident. As you approach, the patient gets up from where he is being decontaminated and runs to your open ambulance. What is the biggest concern with this patient's action? The patient has:
- A: Placed the Haz-Mat team at risk.
 - B: Most likely caused undue injury to himself.
 - C: Left the hot zone and entered the cold zone.
 - D: Contaminated all the zones and possibly the ambulance.
42. You are arriving on the scene of a motor vehicle collision that involves a chemical truck. Right away you see that there are many non-critical, ambulatory victims. Where should these victims be sent and by what means should they get there?
- A: They should be placed in the back of the ambulance and transported to the nearest hospital.
 - B: They should be directed to walk, upwind, upstream or uphill from the scene.
 - C: They should stay in place until they can be properly triaged.
 - D: They should be cleared only by HAZMAT personnel.
43. Which of the following statements is the MOST correct regarding characteristics of the child abuser?
- A: The abuser is most likely a stranger to the victim.
 - B: In most cases, the abuser is a parent of the victim.
 - C: Poor parents have a higher tendency to abuse children than rich parents.
 - D: The majority of abusers commit their crime during holidays and weekends.
44. Which of the following should be left out of a patient care report?
- A: Your opinions.
 - B: Patient age and sex.
 - C: Objective information.
 - D: What the patient thinks is wrong.

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45. Identify a common complaint from a family member of an EMS worker who works in a rural community.
- A: "I sure wish I had his schedule, he hardly ever works."
 - B: "I cannot believe how much money she makes for what she does."
 - C: "He is never home with the family around the holidays."
 - D: "Her job is easy; anyone could do what she does at work."
46. At a trauma scene involving motor vehicles, what is an expected hazard?
- A: Animals.
 - B: Violence.
 - C: Potential for fire.
 - D: Carbon monoxide.
47. Which of these would be the LEAST useful in initially recognizing that a hazardous materials situation exists?
- A: Shipping papers.
 - B: US DOT placard.
 - C: NFPA 704 placard.
 - D: Smoke and multiple patients.
48. Three ambulances respond to a scene where it is determined that only four patients with minor injuries need transport. What is the best reason to implement the incident command system?
- A: You will need to triage the patients.
 - B: You may overlook one of your patients.
 - C: It provides you an opportunity to practice.
 - D: It is required by law any time you have multiple patients.

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49. Your patient has refused treatment and transportation. You have documented the assessment results, obtained the patient and witness signatures, explained possible problems of refusing treatment and transport, and indicated that the patient could call you again if needed. What else should be included?
- A: The patient's billing information.
 - B: All methods used to persuade the patient to go.
 - C: The hospital where you would have taken the patient.
 - D: The outcome had the patient accepted treatment and transport.
50. Replacing used equipment after a run occurs during which phase of an ambulance call?
- A: Receiving and responding to a call.
 - B: Preparing for the ambulance call.
 - C: Terminating the call.
 - D: Transporting.
51. You are involved in a very unusual multiple casualty incident where a plane crash has left 80 victims scattered over a one mile area. This area involves a housing subdivision with small business locations. During this rescue, you are responsible to comb the area for victims, triage, treat, and transport. You have been at this task for six hours and have found 22 victims with 20 of those being deceased. What important action should you be provided with, if needed?
- A: Stress relief.
 - B: Time for documentation.
 - C: Unit cleaning and restocking.
 - D: Devices to designate victim locations.
52. Which of the following is the greatest common problem facing EMS systems regarding disaster management?
- A: Financing.
 - B: Scene stabilization.
 - C: Communication issues.
 - D: Insufficient number of hospital beds.

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53. Which of the following BEST describes the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system?
- A: Medical direction of the pre-hospital management of the sick and injured.
 - B: Ambulances and emergency medical dispatch centers to receive calls and transport patients.
 - C: Transporting the patient to the emergency department for further evaluation and treatment.
 - D: All components necessary to address the needs of the sick and injured in the pre-hospital setting.
54. A patient has broken their lower leg with an open wound about four inches below the knee. Which of the following would be the best way to describe this to the receiving medical facility?
- A: Pt w/lac 10 cm dist to pat and possible Fx to L leg.
 - B: The patient has a fractured tib/fib with an open wound 4 cm proximal to the patella.
 - C: The patient has a possible broken lower leg with an open wound about four inches below the knee.
 - D: The patient has a transverse fracture of the tibia and possibly fibula with a lac 10 cm distal to the patella.
55. Rescuers are performing a pre-shift inspection of the ambulance and determine the on-board oxygen tank must be changed. After removing the regulator off the old tank and confirming the full tank is oxygen, which of the following steps should be completed NEXT?
- A: Identify the new tank's "factor" rating by looking at the collar of the cylinder to assure it will fit an ambulance regulator.
 - B: Clear any foreign matter from the high pressure valve on top of the tank by quickly opening and closing it.
 - C: Attach a high-pressure flow meter to the tank by aligning the pins of the yoke on the valve assembly.
 - D: Insert the new tank in the ambulance storage compartment and begin securing it tightly in place.

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56. An EMS crew has just finished attempting to revive a pediatric shooting victim. Resuscitation was unsuccessful and the child ultimately died from his injuries. What could the providers do after the ambulance has been made ready for the next call to address their own feelings of inadequacy?
- A: Review the regional protocols and make sure they provided the best treatment possible.
 - B: Have dispatch notify a supervisor to schedule a debriefing session as soon as possible.
 - C: Spend time with the family at the hospital and explain the resuscitation process.
 - D: Call home and discuss their emotions and stress with a close, trusted family member.
57. Which of the following does the MOST to develop a positive rapport with patients?
- A: Having a clean and neat uniform.
 - B: Referring to patients as "honey" and "dear".
 - C: Approaching the patient and getting at his or her level.
 - D: Starting your assessment with a joke with non-critical patients.
58. Which of the following would be the MOST appropriate to include in a radio report to the hospital when you are involved with a mass casualty incident?
- A: No communication should occur.
 - B: Priority, destination hospital transport unit, ETA, disaster 10-code.
 - C: Priority, destination hospital, ETA, transport unit, principal injury.
 - D: Vital signs, ETA, destination, hospital, transport unit, principal injury, history.
59. Which of the following would BEST fit the definition of disaster management?
- A: Management of incidents involving a large number of patients.
 - B: Management of incidents that overwhelm resources and damage system infrastructure.
 - C: Management of incidents where there are more patients than responding vehicles available.
 - D: Management of incidents involving natural issues such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods.

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60. You are participating in a quality improvement committee. You are given ten charts to review. The first document you read uses multiple abbreviations that you have never seen before nor can you interpret them. Based on this review, you would state that this chart is:
- A: Unacceptable because of the abbreviations.
 - B: Easier to read because of the author's shorthand.
 - C: Acceptable only because it was done by a paramedic.
 - D: Difficult to read but acceptable as long as the author can read it.
61. Which of the following is the MOST important aspect regarding patient refusals?
- A: It is critical to make sure the patient is fully informed.
 - B: Allowing a patient to refuse care rarely ever involves a lawsuit.
 - C: Medical control has the right to make patients receive treatment.
 - D: Law enforcement has the right to make patients receive treatment.
62. After an EMS run, your partner suggests you write down vital signs differently than the ones obtained. What is the BEST reason to write the vital signs down accurately?
- A: If the vitals are inaccurate, it puts the rest of the document in question.
 - B: Criminal charges can be filed against the providers if the vitals are found to be false.
 - C: Vital signs are a critical data set required for insurance billing.
 - D: It will impact the treatment given by the emergency department.
63. After running a stressful pediatric call, EMS providers should:
- A: Go home after the call and attempt to forget the events.
 - B: Recognize that they may have challenges coping with these types of calls and that it is normal.
 - C: Contact a psychiatrist or psychologist to assess their emotional response.
 - D: Understand that these kinds of calls will likely cause burnout in most healthcare providers.

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64. Which of the following is the correct order for water rescue?
- A: Reach, throw, row, and go.
 - B: Throw, reach, row, and go.
 - C: Go, throw, reach, and row.
 - D: Row, throw, reach, and go.
65. In the EMS service, what are the risks associated with scheduling personnel for 24 hour shifts?
- A: Many personnel cannot stay awake that long.
 - B: EMS people need to have time for their other job.
 - C: Fatigue can interfere with performance and safety.
 - D: EMS personnel are required by law to have "sleep time".
66. You are dispatched to a scene where a balcony has collapsed from an apartment building. There is an estimate of ten victims. What other information would you request from dispatch that would be the most useful?
- A: What age are the victims?
 - B: How long ago did this happen?
 - C: How high up was the balcony?
 - D: Will the fire department arrive there first?
67. Which source would provide you the LEAST amount of useful information at the scene of an overturned tanker truck that is leaking some type of clear fluid?
- A: The placard on the truck.
 - B: Databases such as CAMEO.
 - C: Shipping papers in the cab of the truck.
 - D: The DOT Emergency Response Guidebook.

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68. A hunter has accidentally cut his leg seriously while in the woods. His friend, who is with him, asks if you think he is going to die. The BEST response would be:
- A: This type of injury is probably not life-threatening, but it could be serious.
 - B: I am sorry sir, I cannot tell you any information about your friend's condition.
 - C: He is not going to die, these types of injuries are never considered dangerous.
 - D: We cannot tell yet. We will have to wait until he gets to the hospital.
69. Which of the following is correct regarding a patient care report?
- A: It is a legal document that can be subpoenaed.
 - B: The entire report is available to the service for education.
 - C: You should not document any mistakes in patient care here.
 - D: Under the "Freedom of Information Act" it is available to the public.
70. What is the best definition of a Multiple Casualty Incident?
- A: When there are more than four patients.
 - B: When the scenario is unusual and different.
 - C: When there are more patients than your unit can handle.
 - D: When the number of victims overwhelms the EMS system.
71. Rescuers are completing a pre-hospital care report for a car collision victim with a head injury. Which information is MOST pertinent for this report?
- A: Family history of cancer.
 - B: Bystander treatment rendered.
 - C: Make and model of the car.
 - D: Witnesses' names.
72. Which of the following patients presents the greatest public health threat?
- A: A 6-year-old male with an active case of the varicella zoster virus.
 - B: A 24-year-old male who looks very sick and just returned from West Africa.
 - C: A 70-year-old male nursing home patient coughing up blood-tinged sputum.
 - D: A 22-year-old female who is HIV positive and is in a monogamous relationship.

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73. You are called to render emergency care to an injured child where the child and parents are visibly distraught. Which of the following methods would work BEST to calm and reassure the child in this situation?
- A: Sedate the child.
 - B: Calm and reassure the child.
 - C: Calm and reassure the parents.
 - D: Remove the child from the parents.
74. You are involved with a low-angle, hazardous-terrain rescue. What is the preferred packaging device?
- A: Long board.
 - B: Extrication rescue vest.
 - C: Stokes basket stretcher.
 - D: Kendrick's Extrication Device (KED).
75. You are assisting with the extrication of an unconscious trauma victim trapped under a tractor. What is the EMS provider's biggest responsibility during the extrication phase?
- A: Serving as an advocate for safety.
 - B: Operating the equipment that will lift the tractor.
 - C: Communicating with the receiving hospital about the rescue.
 - D: Coordinating which tools should be used for extrication.
76. The safest assumption to make on the scene of a detonated explosive device is:
- A: There is a secondary device.
 - B: The scene is secure enough to enter.
 - C: You are going to need a mutual aid response.
 - D: The scene should be safe since the device detonated.

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77. Under the standard METTAG triage system, a patient with a delayed status would receive which of the following colored tags and numbered priority?
- A: Green, priority 2.
 - B: Green, priority 3.
 - C: Yellow, priority 2.
 - D: Yellow, priority 3.
78. The captain of your rescue squad begins describing in great detail a pediatric cardiac arrest call where the child ultimately died despite their efforts. Identify which emotional response the captain may experience after this call.
- A: Elation.
 - B: Anger.
 - C: Delusions.
 - D: Panic.
79. In which of the following situations is it unnecessary to contact the police or some other agency?
- A: An adult patient with a behavioral emergency.
 - B: An adult patient who is injured during a felony.
 - C: An elderly patient who is a victim of abuse by the caregiver.
 - D: A pediatric patient who is a victim of child abuse by the parents.
80. Listed below are four pieces of equipment. Select the item you would LEAST likely find on a BLS ambulance.
- A: O2 flowmeter.
 - B: Nasal cannula.
 - C: Non-rebreather.
 - D: End-tidal CO2 detector.

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81. Most current day triage systems are based on the patient assessment of:
- A: The patient's ability to move.
 - B: The patient's alertness and rate of respirations.
 - C: The patient's position on overview and obvious bleeding.
 - D: The patient's breathing, circulation, and level of consciousness.
82. You are a newly licensed EMS provider working with an experienced partner with the same license level. As you arrive first at the scene of a Multiple Casualty Incident, for what position will you most likely be responsible?
- A: Triage officer.
 - B: Staging officer.
 - C: Treatment officer.
 - D: Transportation officer.
83. Which of the following is the MOST uncommon reason for the varying degrees of DNR orders?
- A: Fear of pain.
 - B: Financial reasons.
 - C: Religious reasons.
 - D: Lack of understanding.
84. One group of EMS providers is suggesting one method of treating patients. There is another group suggesting a different treatment method. Medical control will most likely choose the method based on:
- A: Suggestions from the area's paramedics.
 - B: The group that is most politically connected.
 - C: The medical director's review of current research.
 - D: A vote based on a survey of all providers in the system.

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85. Which of the following would BEST reflect a confined space, which should also be assumed to be oxygen deficient?
- A: A farm silo.
 - B: A road culvert.
 - C: A collapsed building.
 - D: A crawl space under a house.
86. Which of the following plans will reduce the chances of serious injury of an employee?
- A: Install video surveillance equipment.
 - B: Implement a driver's safety program.
 - C: Establish stricter discipline procedures.
 - D: Train all employees in first aid techniques.
87. You are about to transfer a 92-year-old female from her bed to a stretcher. What is a major concern when handling and moving this patient?
- A: Her modesty will likely be offended.
 - B: She will seldom want to be transported.
 - C: Her skin is likely fragile and can tear easily.
 - D: She will seldom have insurance for transport.
88. You are first on the scene of a multiple casualty incident. After ensuring your own personal safety what is the next step you would perform?
- A: Establish command and control.
 - B: Establish treatment and transport areas.
 - C: Establish staging areas for incoming crews.
 - D: Determine how many other units you will need.

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89. Regarding illness and injury prevention programs, which of the following BEST describes how our focus on our own personal safety benefits the entire community?
- A: An injured EMS provider is nearly always a preventable injury.
 - B: If exposed to a communicable illness, the provider could become a carrier.
 - C: Injury and illness of EMS providers negatively impacts recruitment and retention.
 - D: If one of our own becomes injured at the scene, patient care is negatively impacted.
90. You and your partner are at the scene of an unresponsive patient when your partner suddenly clutches his chest, collapses, and becomes unresponsive. Which of the following should you do NEXT?
- A: Continue treating the patient and begin treating your partner.
 - B: Begin treating your partner and call for additional assistance.
 - C: Call for additional assistance and continue treating the patient.
 - D: Ask bystanders to treat your partner while you treat the patient.
91. The privilege or permission to use an AED on an ambulance is granted and supervised by:
- A: American Heart Association.
 - B: State EMS authority.
 - C: Federal government.
 - D: Medical directors.
92. There is a patient with severe and uncontrolled external bleeding. Which of the following will have the greatest positive impact regarding the outcome of this patient with this type of injury?
- A: The Paramedic.
 - B: The Emergency Medical Responder.
 - C: The Basic Emergency Medical Technician.
 - D: The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.

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93. Which of the following programs would have the greatest impact in a community?
- A: HIV awareness.
 - B: Tuberculosis screening.
 - C: CPR and AED training.
 - D: Splinting and bandaging training.
94. What driver habit or behavior will have the MOST dangerous side effects while emergency driving?
- A: Driving on a restricted license.
 - B: Being intolerant of others.
 - C: Personal distractions.
 - D: Use of street drugs or alcohol.
95. Which of the following BEST indicates that your patient falls into the category of "DNR"?
- A: The family produces a living will signed by the patient.
 - B: The family proxy indicates the patient did not want to be resuscitated.
 - C: The family produces a valid document signed by the patient and his or her physician.
 - D: The family states the patient has a terminal illness and indicated a wish not to be resuscitated.
96. You are responding to an incident involving multiple cars. While you are about a quarter of a mile away, which of the following presents the greatest probable hazard?
- A: Bystanders.
 - B: Hazardous materials.
 - C: Downed power lines.
 - D: Other responding emergency units.

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97. Which of the following descriptions BEST defines an EMS system?
- A: It is an integrated system designed to respond to environmental disasters within the community.
 - B: It is the organization responsible for improving the health and safety of its citizens.
 - C: The government body set up by federal mandate to transport all sick and injured patients.
 - D: A team of health care professionals responsible for providing medical treatment outside the hospital.
98. Your patient speaks a language that is foreign to you. Which of the following would be the MOST appropriate method of obtaining a medical history in this situation?
- A: Have an interpreter assist you.
 - B: Speak louder and more clearly.
 - C: Use more medical terminology.
 - D: Attempt to speak in that language.
99. You are on the scene of a hazardous materials spill when a bystander that has wet clothing and an odd odor approaches you. The patient is having some dizziness and nausea. What should be your first course of action?
- A: Extend the warm zone to contain this newly contaminated area.
 - B: Make him report to the decontamination line for decontamination.
 - C: Get PPE on and obtain some vitals due to his cardiac symptomology.
 - D: Have a Hazmat technician hose him with a fire hose since he is symptomatic.
100. An elderly person refuses to perform personal hygiene and change into clean clothes. This should be considered a form of:
- A: Senility.
 - B: Neglect.
 - C: Elder abuse.
 - D: Emotional abuse.

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101. Which of the following terms would you use to describe an inflammation at the edges of a box?
- A: Periboxitis.
 - B: Endoboxitis.
 - C: Periboxotomy.
 - D: Endoboxostomy.
102. Which of the following would BEST prepare an emergency provider to be prepared for multiple casualty incidents and disasters?
- A: Being aware of local or state scene authority law.
 - B: Being familiar with the triage system utilized in his area.
 - C: Being familiar with the incident command system in his area.
 - D: Being able to perform all skills in a rapid and efficient manner.
103. When administering medications, we always go through the “five rights”. These are the right patient, the right medication, the right dose and route. The one not mentioned would be the right:
- A: Drug manufacturer.
 - B: Color of medication.
 - C: Food intake preceding medication.
 - D: Time of day, time before expiration.
104. Why should you evaluate scene safety yourself even when the police have secured the scene?
- A: Your arrival may anger the patient or bystanders.
 - B: The police are less at risk regarding safety issues.
 - C: The police are not as well trained regarding scene safety.
 - D: The scene may have changed since the police first arrived.

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105. You are involved in a prolonged response to a multiple casualty incident during a winter storm. Which of the following is a measure you should use to keep yourself healthy?
- A: Try to focus on something else so that your mind stays alert.
 - B: Increase caffeine intake to stay awake and alert.
 - C: Avoid any sodium intake for dehydration.
 - D: Increase fluid intake for hydration.
106. Strainers are present in which type of rescue scene?
- A: Trench.
 - B: Flat water.
 - C: Moving water.
 - D: Low head dams.
107. Which of the following situations would be a reportable offense by law if found by providers when treating a child?
- A: Bilateral fracture of tibia/fibula.
 - B: Contusion on a child's forehead.
 - C: Cigarette burns to the forearms.
 - D: Patient crying with no explanation.
108. During an ambulance inspection, which of the following medications would MOST likely be found on a standard basic life support ambulance?
- A: Oral glucose.
 - B: Syrup of ipecac.
 - C: Nitroglycerin.
 - D: Insulin.

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109. Which scenario would most likely be deemed psychological abuse in a court of law? A family is in court because the daughter is suspected of committing elder abuse on her father.
- A: Pushing her father down the stairs or out of the bed every time she gets frustrated with him.
 - B: Threatening to take her father away from the home if he doesn't follow her instructions.
 - C: Routinely restraining her father to his bed and wheelchair without regard for his safety.
 - D: Stealing and misusing her father's money without proper permission from her father.
110. Dispatch is relaying information about a call to a large office building in the center of town. They first received one call about a woman with headache and violent vomiting. Now they tell you they have received at least ten calls to this same address with victims having the same symptoms. What is the best information for you to relay back to dispatch regarding this call? Have dispatch tell:
- A: Police to respond first.
 - B: Callers to meet the ambulance outside.
 - C: The fire department to enter the scene first.
 - D: A medical control physician to respond to the scene.
111. Which of the following would be the best way to ask a patient if they have a prior history of emphysema?
- A: Do you have COPD?
 - B: Do you have dyspnea?
 - C: Do you have a medical history?
 - D: Do you have a history of difficulty breathing?

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112. You are with the first unit to respond to a reported explosion at the local military base. As you drive towards the base, you observe many cattle down in a field appearing dead. This unusual scene raises concern for:
- A: The dispersion of a nerve agent.
 - B: Contamination of the ground water.
 - C: The testing of chemicals on animals may have been done.
 - D: That some type of fire might have spread through the area.
113. You are called to a potential hazardous materials scene where the victim is found lying next to a container that is leaking. The placard label on the container is difficult to read at 100 feet. What is the BEST action to take in this situation?
- A: Identify the material label with binoculars from a greater distance.
 - B: Ask your partner if he detects any abnormal odors as you approach the victim.
 - C: Approach from the downwind position to avoid inhalation of any poisonous fumes.
 - D: Contact dispatch to notify the USAR team for your service area and wait for them to arrive.
114. Which of the following would require a report to law enforcement or some other state agency?
- A: A mistake in treatment.
 - B: Suspected child or elder abuse.
 - C: An incident involving an injury to the patient.
 - D: An employee exposure to an airborne pathogen.
115. What is the name of the type of radio that you will MOST likely have installed in your vehicle?
- A: Base.
 - B: Mobile.
 - C: Portable.
 - D: Repeater.

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116. Which of the following would be the best term to describe that a patient has infection in both ears?
- A: Ocularoitis.
 - B: Bilateralitis.
 - C: Infected otitisitis.
 - D: An infection in both ears.
117. You work with a small community EMS/Rescue department. You and two other EMTs are the first on scene to a crash where a vehicle has hit a tree and then gone down into a ravine. You slip and slide on wet leaves as you go down into the ravine and discover you cannot get back out. You find 4 unresponsive young men in the vehicle. As your partner continues the triage, what additional resources should you request from dispatch?
- A: A licensed medical helicopter.
 - B: Additional rescue personnel and additional EMS transport.
 - C: Notify all neighboring departments to respond to the scene.
 - D: Call around to other departments to see if they have personnel available.
118. Which of the following is the most likely trained and experienced in incident command and would be the best individual to be in command at a multi-jurisdictional mass casualty incident?
- A: Senior fire personnel.
 - B: Senior police personnel.
 - C: Senior medical personnel.
 - D: Senior OSHA representative.
119. Your patient has just experienced a very difficult birth. Which of the following would be the best term to use to document this situation?
- A: Dys-birth.
 - B: Distotia.
 - C: Noxious birth.
 - D: A difficult birth.

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120. You observe that your EMT partner has challenges with documenting his vital signs accurately. It seems like sometimes he even makes information up. What is the MOST important reason for him to properly document accurate vital signs?
- A: Local and state ordinances require EMTs to properly document the exact time of vitals.
 - B: HIPAA standards and insurance guidelines require accurate vitals for billing purposes.
 - C: He is violating company policy and can be reported to the quality assurance board.
 - D: It helps members of the healthcare team see trends and track condition changes.
121. The GREATEST value of a properly trained emergency medical dispatcher (EMD) to an EMS system is:
- A: EMDs provide better documentation of times and data from a call.
 - B: EMDs provide the 911 caller with reassurance that help is on the way.
 - C: EMDs define quality improvement standards for the EMS system.
 - D: EMDs provide life-saving instruction prior to EMS arrival.
122. Which of the following is a significant challenge facing EMS in obtaining quality pre-hospital research?
- A: Obtaining IRB approval.
 - B: A lack of areas to research in EMS.
 - C: An insufficient number of patients available.
 - D: The process is too complicated for EMS providers to participate.
123. Driving an emergency vehicle at speeds over the posted speed limit will:
- A: Save the patient's life.
 - B: Save only a few minutes of travel time.
 - C: Outweigh any risks associated with doing so.
 - D: Get you to the scene at least 10-15 minutes faster.

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124. You are attempting to interview a patient who is blatantly hostile toward you. Which of the following would be the MOST appropriate course of action given this situation?
- A: Threaten the patient.
 - B: Restrain the patient immediately.
 - C: Have an appropriate show of force.
 - D: Leave the patient alone until he calms down.
125. During an emergency move, you lock your back in a straight position and flex your knees. Select the BEST reason for assuring you lift properly.
- A: To reduce the likelihood the patient is dropped to the ground.
 - B: To make sure your partner does not have to lift too much.
 - C: To minimize the time it takes to move the patient.
 - D: To protect yourself from an injury.
126. Just before lifting off a rotary wing pilot must check the weather at the scene for a medical transport. In addition the pilot must also?
- A: Know the condition of the patient.
 - B: Check the weather at the receiving hospital.
 - C: Inventory all equipment on board the aircraft.
 - D: Know the experience of the crew setting up the landing zone.
127. Which of the following is the goal of quality improvement in AED usage?
- A: To reprimand providers who are improperly using the AED.
 - B: To decrease the need for AED usage through prevention.
 - C: To determine if the use of an AED is beneficial.
 - D: To improve the timeliness of shock delivery.

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128. Which of the following describes a pertinent negative?
- A: A geriatric patient tells you he had surgery last year.
 - B: A pediatric patient does not know his phone number.
 - C: A cardiac patient denies having difficulty breathing.
 - D: A trauma patient indicates he was wearing his seatbelt.
129. Rescuers have just returned from a call involving a teen who overdosed on pain killers and ultimately died. What common emotional reaction should you expect to see in these responders after such a call?
- A: Hallucinations and nightmares.
 - B: Short-term loss of appetite.
 - C: Anger toward society.
 - D: Suicidal ideas.
130. From the following list of water rescue methods, which one should be used LAST?
- A: Go.
 - B: Row.
 - C: Throw.
 - D: Reach.
131. Which of these will provide the BEST information on the nature of the illness at a medical call with a conscious adult patient?
- A: The family.
 - B: The patient.
 - C: Medications.
 - D: The bystanders.

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132. Rescuers are performing CPR on a 78-year-old male. It appears the patient is likely going to die and his family is there with you. How should you deal with the family during this call?
- A: Consider allowing the family in the bedroom during treatment.
 - B: Ask the family to help you with CPR so they are part of the call.
 - C: Distract them with questions that are related to the patient's history.
 - D: Tell the family that the patient probably died in his sleep and is in heaven now.
133. Which of the following is the BEST reason for collecting data from EMS run reports?
- A: To help assess the safety risks to EMS workers.
 - B: It can help identify trends in EMS treatment.
 - C: To create award/recognition programs.
 - D: It assures proper billing is completed.
134. Which of the following chemicals found in a confined space is MOST likely to cause an explosion if found in high levels of concentration?
- A: Oxygen.
 - B: Carbon dioxide.
 - C: Methane.
 - D: Carbon monoxide.
135. A rescuer is treating a 45-year-old male with chest pain. He has decided to apply a cardiac monitor to analyze the patient's heart activity. Which rescuer is allowed to do this skill in the pre-hospital setting?
- A: EMT Paramedic.
 - B: EMT Basic.
 - C: Medical First Responder.
 - D: Licensed Nurse Practitioner.

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136. For safety purposes during a two-person lift or carry, it is vital that you:
- A: Maintain eye contact with the patient.
 - B: Look ahead for obstructions in your path.
 - C: Communicate with the patient during the lift.
 - D: Communicate with your partner during the lift.
137. You are the senior EMS provider at an accident scene in a rural location. You have one critical patient, 2 seriously injured, and one minor trauma patient. There is only the one transporting unit at the scene and another will arrive in about 20 minutes. How would you base your decision regarding calling for a helicopter transport?
- A: Determine which patients can afford the helicopter.
 - B: It is difficult for two units to transport four patients.
 - C: It will save more than 20 minutes for the critical patient.
 - D: If multiple air medical service agencies are currently available.
138. Complex extrication will most likely occur for which incident?
- A: A car involved in a collision which has tempered glass.
 - B: A 295 lb male patient complaining of shortness of breath.
 - C: A car which has struck a light pole while traveling at 25 mph.
 - D: A collision involving any type of vehicle with a Nader pin installed.
139. An EMT must have a written protocol for using an AED because:
- A: All of your privileges are granted through medical control.
 - B: It teaches EMTs how to defibrillate a patient in cardiac arrest.
 - C: It outlines the rules and regulations handed down from the state government.
 - D: It outlines the rules and regulations handed down from the federal government.

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140. Which of the following individuals has the greatest likelihood of transferring the disaster scene to the hospital if he fails to do his job properly?
- A: Triage officer.
 - B: Treatment officer.
 - C: Incident commander.
 - D: Transportation officer.
141. While attempting to identify a hazardous material at a fixed facility, which one of the following is most likely to be used?
- A: Placards.
 - B: Shipping papers.
 - C: NFPA 704 system.
 - D: Emergency Response Guidebook.
142. While awaiting transport of an older female described as sick by the nursing home staff, the patient's children ask what is wrong with their mom. You are unsure because her symptoms are so vague. What should you tell the family?
- A: Suggest to the family that it could be the flu or some type of infection.
 - B: Tell the family that you are still trying to diagnose the medical problem.
 - C: Tell the family you don't know, as the nursing home staff is not helping very much.
 - D: Be honest and tell the family you are unsure but you will take good care of their mom.
143. You have a fire involving a late 1970's model vehicle. Which of the following vehicle components, introduced after 1970, is MOST likely the cause of this fire?
- A: Car battery.
 - B: Catalytic converter.
 - C: Electronic ignition system.
 - D: Automatic cigarette lighter.

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144. You are called to the scene of an unresponsive 3-year-old. You explain the situation fully to the parents and ask them if you may transport the patient to the nearest hospital. The hospital has no pediatric specialists, but you believe this course of action is in the patient's best interest. Which type of consent have you requested?
- A: Implied consent.
 - B: Minor's consent.
 - C: Informed consent.
 - D: Expressed consent.
145. You are called to the scene of a single vehicle collision in a residential area. What is your greatest concern for rescuer safety when approaching the vehicle which has struck a utility box?
- A: Electrocution from downed power lines.
 - B: Electrocution from the electrical feed box.
 - C: Electrocution from the phone lines within the box.
 - D: Electrocution from the cable television lines in the box.
146. You arrive on the scene of a patient who is in need of resuscitation. The family indicates that the patient has a DNR order, but they are unable to find it. What should you do while waiting for them to find the document?
- A: Perform CPR and request a coroner to pronounce death.
 - B: Have the family fill out a patient refusal form and leave the scene.
 - C: Honor the family's wishes and assist in finding the documentation.
 - D: Perform CPR, obtain additional information from the family, and call medical control.
147. During a mass casualty incident, the first arriving EMS provider has triaged the twelve patients. He sends you to attend to patients. Which patients should you first attend to?
- A: Black.
 - B: Green.
 - C: Red.
 - D: Yellow.

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148. During the winter months, you are visiting the home of an elderly patient that obviously does not have sufficient income and appears to lack for all types of support. You must evaluate the patient closely and be suspicious of:
- A: Elder abuse.
 - B: Hypothermia.
 - C: Hyperthermia.
 - D: Rodent infestation.
149. At the hospital you are talking with an EMS crew from a neighboring town. The crew states this is the last run for them as the company is out of money. They are concerned about who is going to provide EMS for the people in that area. This news is very concerning to you too. The most appropriate action for you to take would be:
- A: Contact the local fire chief.
 - B: Tell your other crews about this.
 - C: Notify your EMS operations manager.
 - D: Do nothing, as this is not your problem.
150. You are called to the scene of an incident where a traditional response would be ineffective due to a large number of victims present. This scene would be identified as a (n):
- A: Triage.
 - B: Disaster.
 - C: Multiple casualty incident.
 - D: Incident command response.
151. You have become licensed as an EMS provider. Which of the following BEST describes your role in the EMS system regarding medical direction?
- A: Your only interaction with the medical director will occur if you need on-line medical direction.
 - B: You can only perform the skills and procedures that are allowed within your protocols.
 - C: You are authorized to perform the levels within your training without any supervision from medical direction.
 - D: You are operating as an extension of the medical director, allowed to perform those skills that you are trained and authorized to perform.

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152. EMS providers are preparing to move a crash victim to the ambulance. Which technique would be the safest way to move the patient inside the unit?
- A: Carry the patient in a KED to the ambulance, then lift him in.
 - B: Have four rescuers carry a backboard into the ambulance.
 - C: Transfer a backboard to a wheeled stretcher, then load him in.
 - D: Have the victim carefully walk up into the unit without hitting his head.
153. Which of the following is MOST likely to involve a rescue versus a body recovery?
- A: A 12-year-old who fell through the ice 30 minutes ago.
 - B: A 40-year-old who was found unresponsive in a swimming pool.
 - C: A 6-year-old discovered unresponsive and submerged in a bathtub.
 - D: A 20-year-old who was last seen struggling with a rip tide 1 hour ago.
154. In caring for a child who you suspect has been abused, your primary concern is to:
- A: Investigate your concerns promptly.
 - B: Question the parents in the presence of a police officer.
 - C: Perform assessment and treatment as you would for any child.
 - D: Ask the child detailed questions about the cause of his injuries.
155. At the hospital an EMS provider is ignored during his report to the hospital staff. Why should this be considered a serious problem?
- A: It violates federal HIPAA standards.
 - B: It potentially offends the rescuer and patient.
 - C: It may subject the patient to unnecessary questioning.
 - D: It exposes the patient to tests and procedures he may not need.

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156. You have responded to a motor vehicle collision involving damage to the front end of the vehicle. The driver-side airbag has not deployed. Which of the following is one of the preferred steps in dealing with the SRS system to prevent deployment during a rescue?
- A: Turn the ignition switch to accessory.
 - B: Cut the cables to the car battery (positive then negative).
 - C: Disconnect the battery cables and maintain a safe distance from SRS for 3-5 minutes.
 - D: Cut the battery cables, raise the steering wheel to its highest position, and move the seat back.
157. A tour bus has gone down into a ravine and another vehicle has landed on top of it. There are multiple patients and an Incident Command has been established. Rescue units are on the scene attempting to extricate patients from the complicated wreckage. When extrications must be performed, what system will be utilized to determine which patients will be extricated first?
- A: Triage.
 - B: EMS Command.
 - C: Central Authority.
 - D: Incident Command.
158. When lifting a stretcher from the lowest position, you should:
- A: Lock your back in position.
 - B: Lift as quickly as possible.
 - C: Bend at the waist.
 - D: Avoid the power grip.
159. When an EMS provider attempts to preserve evidence at a scene, it is best placed:
- A: Inside a plastic bag.
 - B: Inside a brown paper bag.
 - C: Inside a powder-free latex glove.
 - D: Wrapped in sterile aluminum foil.

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160. You are in the process of performing an initial triage for a mass casualty incident. You find a patient to be sitting upright and screaming that he needs help. You find the patient alert and oriented but bleeding steadily from a forearm laceration. What would be the best intervention for this patient?
- A: Tell him to stop screaming and help the others.
 - B: Have him lie down and await further treatment.
 - C: Instruct him to hold pressure on the bleeding wound.
 - D: Bandage the wound with a pressure dressing and backboard the patient.
161. Choose the MOST common feeling a patient may experience during a reassessment (ongoing exam).
- A: Annoyance.
 - B: Anger.
 - C: Depression.
 - D: Acceptance.
162. Which of the following would be the MOST important impact of quality research to the future of pre-hospital emergency medical services?
- A: Improve patient outcome.
 - B: Raise our image as a profession.
 - C: Increase insurance reimbursement.
 - D: Provide for personal advancement opportunities.
163. While completing an EMS run form, you are coaxed to hurry up and finish your report so that your crew may return to the station for lunch. Identify the BEST reason for taking your time when writing a run report.
- A: It is the only means of communicating critical information to the hospital staff .
 - B: It is the best way to relay past medical history information to the nurses and physicians.
 - C: Omission of a fact or component will likely result in a poor outcome for the patient.
 - D: It is our legal means of documenting what and when something occurred during a call.

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164. Which of the following is the appropriate method of assisting a blind person with walking?
- A: Lead him by holding his right hand.
 - B: Lead him by holding onto his bended arm.
 - C: Lead him by letting him hold onto your bended arm.
 - D: Lead him by standing behind him and direct him by holding his shoulders.
165. What is the first thing you should focus your attention on when you approach a trauma scene?
- A: Scene safety.
 - B: Number of patients.
 - C: Mechanism of injury.
 - D: Need for additional assistance.
166. The greatest risk of causing a serious crash while driving an emergency vehicle is:
- A: Bad habits.
 - B: Distracted driving.
 - C: Driver fatigue.
 - D: Excessive speed.
167. Which of the following should initially declare a mass casualty incident (MCI)?
- A: The first responders.
 - B: Senior fire personnel.
 - C: County emergency management director.
 - D: State emergency management director.
168. The most appropriate method to remove an unresponsive patient from a vehicle crash where fire is imminent would be to:
- A: Use a short board device.
 - B: Place a c-collar and remove the patient.
 - C: Remove the patient as quickly as possible with attention given to c-spine.
 - D: Position a cervical collar and then rotate the patient onto a long board device.

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169. During an EMS run, it is necessary for you to report “on the scene” to the Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD). Identify the MOST important reason for doing this.
- A: This information confirms to the EMD that you have arrived at a request for help.
 - B: It allows the EMD to confirm your radios work in the area of this particular call.
 - C: It relays information to the hospital that they should expect a patient soon.
 - D: It notifies everyone within the EMS that you are no longer available for another call.
170. You are called to the scene of a 25-year-old female who is unconscious. Her husband suspects she may have overdosed on an unknown drug. He is visibly upset and may have been crying. How should you handle the husband upon arrival?
- A: Ask him to step out of the room so you can treat the patient.
 - B: Immediately question him about allergies and medical history.
 - C: Reassure him that you are going to take good care of his wife.
 - D: Tell him you are going to have to call the police department.
171. In most major crashes involving motor vehicles that have significant front end damage, the FIRST objective after assuring the scene and patient are safe is:
- A: Assuring the doors are not locked.
 - B: Cutting the roof for primary access.
 - C: Removing the windshield and glass first.
 - D: Securing or chaining the bumpers in place to prevent injuries.
172. Which of the following situations BEST matches that of a classic child abuse case?
- A: A mother failing to feed her children nutritious food.
 - B: A babysitter biting a child’s arms and hands after being bitten.
 - C: A parent refusing ambulance transport of an injured child to the hospital.
 - D: A guardian allowing a toddler to play near a busy parking lot or roadway.

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173. Which of the following would MOST likely be found at a site other than the actual MCI location?
- A: Safety officer.
 - B: Liaison officer.
 - C: Finance officer.
 - D: Rehabilitation officer.
174. Which one of these is the most correct regarding an emergency-landing zone?
- A: 50 feet by 50 feet is needed for most landing zones.
 - B: Use flashlights to signal the pilot at the landing zone.
 - C: Rotary wing aircraft can usually land on a sloping terrain.
 - D: Remember to remove your hat when approaching a rotary wing aircraft.
175. You are called to the scene of an unresponsive patient found in a closed garage. Which of the following would present the greatest immediate potential threat to the rescuer's safety?
- A: A curious onlooker.
 - B: Unseen hazards in the garage.
 - C: A dog in the fenced-in backyard.
 - D: The anxious family member who called 911.
176. During a Multiple Casualty Incident, which position is emotionally the most difficult for the EMS provider?
- A: Triage officer.
 - B: Staging officer.
 - C: Treatment officer.
 - D: Transportation officer.

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177. You have responded to a small MCI to assist other EMS personnel on scene. You review a small amount of information documented on a male patient that is already back boarded. The documentation does not indicate the patient's position in the car or if he was belted. The patient has a scalp hematoma, multiple lacerations on his face and hands, and severe injuries to the knees. The wife states her husband was driving and he may have passed out before the impact. Based on this information, you believe that you can document that the husband was:
- A: The driver.
 - B: Not belted.
 - C: Belted safely.
 - D: In the backseat.
178. The standard that determines how an emergency driver will be critiqued as either "right" or "wrong" after a crash is BEST known as:
- A: Law of inertia.
 - B: Common law.
 - C: Prudence.
 - D: Due regard.
179. The START triage system is unique in the fact that it has providers immediately:
- A: Find all red tag/priority 1 patients first.
 - B: Search for patients that are not breathing.
 - C: Determine how many deceased patients are present.
 - D: Address all patients that can walk away from the scene.
180. Which of the following BEST describes the quality improvement process?
- A: Increasing the level of care provided to patients.
 - B: Assessing performance and improving the system.
 - C: Assessing individual performance and remediation.
 - D: Punishing for poor care and/or poor documentation.

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181. As you perform CPR in a home, it becomes obvious that the resuscitation is futile. What advice is critical to remember when preparing the family for the outcome?
- A: Family members may become angry and begin yelling.
 - B: Experts suggest having a female rescuer deliver the news.
 - C: The family should be transported to the hospital for counseling.
 - D: The grieving process does not occur until the rescue personnel leave.
182. Your vehicle is the first to arrive at an accident scene where fluid appears to be leaking from one of the automobiles. Where should you park your vehicle?
- A: 50 feet beyond the wreckage.
 - B: 100 feet beyond the wreckage.
 - C: 50 feet between the wreckage and oncoming traffic.
 - D: 100 feet between the wreckage and oncoming traffic.
183. Of the following components of a radio report to the hospital, which should occur FIRST?
- A: Baseline vitals.
 - B: Chief complaint.
 - C: Physical findings.
 - D: Emergency care provided.
184. In terms of radiation exposure cases, which of the following types of radiation is a ray, instead of a particle?
- A: Neutron and gamma radiation.
 - B: Alpha and gamma radiation.
 - C: Alpha and beta radiation.
 - D: Gamma and X-ray radiation.

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185. Which of these would be considered a public health program on injury and illness prevention in which EMS could participate?
- A: CPR training.
 - B: First Aid training.
 - C: Car seat installation.
 - D: Disease outbreak monitoring.
186. You are an EMS rescuer inside the vehicle where the Jaws of Life are being used to extricate the patient. What specific personal protective equipment should you wear?
- A: Hearing protection.
 - B: Non-latex work gloves.
 - C: Spark and flame resistant clothing.
 - D: Full turnout gear, including a helmet.
187. Which of these help ensure quality of life by monitoring the health of the population, providing health care, and educating the community about disease and injury prevention?
- A: Public Health Systems.
 - B: Medical Control Systems.
 - C: Center for Disease Control.
 - D: Emergency Medical Systems.
188. You approach a motor-vehicle-crash and observe two passengers in the front seat that appear unresponsive. The vehicle hit a guardrail at a high rate of speed. You are able to open the doors to begin assessment on these patients. What action should be taken to assure you are working in a safe environment?
- A: Check for any backseat passengers.
 - B: Check for any un-deployed safety devices.
 - C: Check to see if the victims are intoxicated.
 - D: Check to determine the cause of the accident.

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189. Regarding the movement of patients, which of the following is unnecessary?
- A: Assign the highest trained person to be in charge of the move.
 - B: Pay careful attention to using proper body mechanics.
 - C: Utilize appropriate equipment.
 - D: Plan what you will do first.
190. You are using an Incident Command System. What is the best organizational benefit for using standard operating guidelines?
- A: It minimizes the effects of a disaster.
 - B: It provides for additional federal and state funding.
 - C: It prevents initial confusion at a multiple casualty incident.
 - D: It allows everyone involved in the opportunity to be familiar with the system.
191. You are assessing a patient who has amputated his right foot in an industrial accident. He asks you how he is doing and you answer, "The people at the hospital will be able to reattach this." Which of the following would be the MOST appropriate assessment of your statement?
- A: You have provided the patient with a false assurance.
 - B: You have provided the patient with inappropriate advice.
 - C: You have responded appropriately to the patient's question.
 - D: You have used an avoidance technique to not answer the question.
192. If an EMS provider was to report what they believed to be obvious neglect, they would MOST likely choose which description below?
- A: A 6-year-old who has not had any prescribed vaccines.
 - B: A 5-year-old patient with an obvious pelvic fracture.
 - C: A 3-year-old male who has been sexually assaulted.
 - D: A 4-year-old female with cigar burns on her arms.

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193. An EMS crew has just begun the "terminating the call" phase of a run. Which of the following MUST occur during this time?
- A: EMS radio report.
 - B: Vehicle inspection.
 - C: Moving the patient to a hospital bed.
 - D: Cleaning any equipment used on the run.
194. You are called to a private home where you find a hysterical mother and her six-year-old son. The mother tells you the child just pulled out two of his own front teeth. She is concerned that the boy is going to look "toothless" forever. Which of the following should you communicate to the mother?
- A: She is making a big deal about nothing.
 - B: Losing teeth at age six is completely normal.
 - C: The family's dentist should see the child immediately.
 - D: Let her know that you do not know whether the teeth will grow in.
195. Which of the following would be the MOST appropriate way for you to reduce or alleviate stress?
- A: Begin and maintain an exercise program.
 - B: Detach yourself and view this as just a job.
 - C: Ask your physician for anti-anxiety medication.
 - D: Increase the amount of sleep you get to 10 hours a day.
196. A 7-year-old female has fallen off a four-step riser during choir practice at an all-girl school. EMS is called to evaluate the child who claims she is not injured. A female crewmember has no problem conversing with the child and beginning the assessment. But when any of the male crewmembers approach the child, she becomes severely hysterical and crawls up onto the female provider. You ask the teacher if she has ever witnessed this before and she states they have no male adults in the school staff. Because of this behavior, you have concerns for:
- A: Emotional abuse.
 - B: Neglect from father.
 - C: Possible head injury.
 - D: Abuse from a male adult.

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197. You have requested an air medical transport for a patient who was injured on a divided highway. Which of these describes the proper method for handling this situation?
- A: Stop traffic in both directions.
 - B: Have them land in the median.
 - C: Have the patient within 100 feet of the landing zone.
 - D: If at night, mark the landing zone with lights shining up.
198. While arriving on scene at a 2-vehicle collision, you observe a tractor trailer leaking an unknown material. What should you do NEXT?
- A: Position your vehicle so that the scene is protected.
 - B: Consider leaving the scene as it may be hazardous.
 - C: Position your vehicle downwind of the accident scene.
 - D: Use your PA system to give instructions to the victims.
199. As the first arriving unit to a crash involving a school bus full of students, you have reported to dispatch what resources are needed. One of the next important responsibilities for the EMT or Paramedic will be to set up:
- A: A triage area.
 - B: Incident command.
 - C: The staging area.
 - D: The treatment section.
200. Identifying the need and requesting additional help to the scene as soon as possible will be an important action because:
- A: It increases the visibility at the scene of an accident.
 - B: The greater the number of trained rescuers, the better.
 - C: It decreases the amount of time the patient will be on scene.
 - D: It decreases the frustration experienced by the units providing assistance.