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Registry Examination for Advanced Pulmonary Function Technologists

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**QUESTION 1**

While performing duplicate blood gas analyses, a pulmonary function technologist notes that the second instrument gives consistently higher values for PaCO<sub>2</sub> and PaO<sub>2</sub>. Which of the following is the most probable cause of higher readings from the second instrument?

- A. The sample chamber temperature is greater than 37°C
- B. An excessive delay occurred between running the two samples
- C. The PO<sub>2</sub> and PCO<sub>2</sub> electrode membranes have protein build-up
- D. The sample chamber has a bacterial contaminate

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 2**

The following data are observed during an exercise test:

<b><u>Resting</u></b>	
<b>Blood pressure</b>	<b>145/90 mm Hg</b>
<b>ECG</b>	<b>normal sinus rhythm</b>
<b>Symptoms</b>	<b>none</b>
<b><u>Stage II</u></b>	
<b>Blood pressure</b>	<b>135/90 mm Hg</b>
<b>ECG</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> degree AV block type I</b>
<b>Symptoms</b>	<b>none</b>

Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist do?

- A. Continue the test until the patient is symptomatic.
- B. Discontinue the test and ensure patient safety.
- C. Discontinue the test after the next stage.
- D. Continue the test until the patient reaches maximal tolerance.

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 3**

Which of the following is a suitable policy for following Standard Precautions in a pulmonary function laboratory?

- A. Eye protection is required when obtaining ABGs from patients with hepatitis.

- B. Reusable mouthpieces should be disposed when a patient has a history of tuberculosis.
- C. Gloves are optional when obtaining arterial blood samples using a kit
- D. Reusable mouthpieces should be disinfected between each patient.

Correct Answer: B

**QUESTION 4**

Biological control data are obtained for lung volumes by plethysmography. The following results are obtained:

	<u>Expected Range</u>	<u>Measured</u>
FRC	2.9 - 3.1	3.00
TLC	4.9 - 5.1	4.80

A pulmonary function technologist should repeat the test instructing the individual to

- A. Inhale to TV
- B. Pant at 40 to 50 Hz
- C. Pant at 90 to 100 Hz
- D. Inhale to TLC

Correct Answer: D

**QUESTION 5**

During an exercise (stress) test, the minute ventilation to carbon dioxide production ( $V_e / V_{CO_2}$ ) ratio is 100. This measurement indicates

- A. Severe pulmonary hypertension
- B. A normal response
- C. Equipment malfunction
- D. Increased work of breathing

Correct Answer: C

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