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QUESTION 1

The following values are obtained using a 3-liter calibration syringe during volume calibration of a dry-rolling spirometer:

2.80 L

2.79 L

2.82 L The performance of this spirometer is best described as

A. Neither accurate nor precise.

B. Both accurate and precise.

C. Precise, but not accurate.

D. Accurate, but not precise.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 2

During an exercise study, the RER will equal the RQ only when the patient is at

A. Steady state

B. Peak exercise

C. The anaerobic threshold

D. Rest

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

While performing a quality control test on an open circuit nitrogen system, the volume of a 3-liter syringe is measured as 3.9 L. Which of the following is the most probable explanation?

A. There was an air leak in the system.

B. The initial O2 concentration in the syringe was greater than 0.21.

C. The volume was not corrected from ATPS to BTPS.

D. The nitrogen analyzer gain was set too low.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

When performing quality control in a body plethysmograph using a 5-L isothermal bottle, the VTG at shutter closure are as follows:

Trial	1	2	3	4	5
V_{TG} (L)	4.91	5.09	5.04	4.86	5.01

A pulmonary function technologist should

A. Service the mouth pressure transducer.

B. Recalibrate the box pressure transducer.

C. Check biological control before beginning testing.

D. Proceed with patient testing.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 5

A 45-year-old female with sarcoidosis has pulmonary function tests annually. The following data have been recorded:

Year	FEV_1	% Pred
2006	2.00	81%
2007	1.97	80%
2008	1.93	79%
2009	1.92	79%
2010	1.88	80%

A pulmonary function technologist should conclude that

A. The patient\\'s restrictive component has worsened.

B. The patient has developed mild obstructive airway disease.

C. The patient has a normal rate of loss for FEV1.

D. Incorrect predicted values have been used.

Correct Answer: D