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### QUESTION 1

A hurricane is coming, and nurses have been activated to open a shelter. What items should the public be encouraged to bring to the shelter?

- A. Food and clothing
- B. Cats and dogs
- C. Medication and records
- D. Radios, televisions and other electronics

Correct Answer: C

The public should be encouraged to bring all medications and medical records to the shelter. Space will be limited at the shelter so they should not bring food, clothing or any type of electronics.

Animals will not be allowed at the shelter.

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### QUESTION 2

You are caring for a patient who is receiving a platelet transfusion. Which of the following would indicate a therapeutic effect of the transfusion?

- A. A decrease in temperature
- B. A decrease of blood oozing from puncture sites and gums
- C. An increase hemoglobin
- D. An increase hematocrit

Correct Answer: B

The patient receiving a platelet transfusion should begin to have a decrease in blood oozing from puncture sites and gums. Platelets are necessary for proper clotting. Granulocytes would be given to decrease fever, and red blood cells would be given to raise hemoglobin and hematocrit.

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### QUESTION 3

You are caring for a patient with a phosphorus level of 2.0 mg/dL. What condition do you know would cause the phosphorus level to be so low?

- A. Alcoholism
- B. Hypoparathyroidism
- C. Tumor lysis syndrome



D. Renal insufficiency

Correct Answer: A

Of the above listed conditions, the patient with alcoholism would be most likely to have a phosphorus level of 2.0 mg/dL. A normal phosphorus level is 2.7 to 4.5 mg/dL. Malnutrition or starvation and the use of aluminum hydroxide-based antacids can also be causes of low phosphorus levels. The other three conditions are more likely to cause hyperphosphatemia.

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#### QUESTION 4

What is the normal intraocular pressure of the eye?

- A. 2 to 7 mm Hg
- B. 10 to 21 mm Hg
- C. 22 to 30 mm Hg
- D. 31 to 35 mm Hg

Correct Answer: B

The normal intraocular pressure of the eye is 10 to 21 mm Hg. The test used to measure intraocular pressure is called a tonometry. This is how glaucoma is diagnosed. A patient with glaucoma would have an intraocular pressure of 30 to 70 mm Hg.

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#### QUESTION 5

You are preparing the assignment for the day. You have one licensed practical nurse (LPN) and one unlicensed assistive staff member. Which of the following assignments would you not want to make?

- A. LPN to reinforce discharge instruction with a patient
- B. Unlicensed personnel to take vital signs and to document and report any changes
- C. Unlicensed personnel to assess effectiveness of pain medication
- D. LPN to remove dressing from an abdominal wound on a postoperative patient

Correct Answer: C

The unlicensed personnel should not be assigned to assess the effectiveness of pain medication; it is the responsibility of the RN to assess. LPNs can perform dressing changes and reinforce discharge instructions. Unlicensed personnel can take vital signs and document and report any changes.