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QUESTION 1

A physician orders smoking cessation counseling for a 60-year-old male with a new diagnosis of CHF and COPD. The patient has failed several attempts to quit smoking using nicotine gum. Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist recommend?

- A. Switch to a nicotine patch.
- B. Use alternative medicine such as acupuncture.
- C. Add a trial of bupropion (Zyban).
- D. Increase the dosage of the nicotine replacement.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 2

When using a variable pressure plethysmograph, a leak in the door seal that develops subsequent to calibration will cause underestimation of

- A. Raw
- B. VTG
- C. Alveolar pressure
- D. vital capacity

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 3

The following arterial blood gas results are obtained during the final workload of a cardiopulmonary exercise test:

pH	7.31
PaCO ₂	33 torr
PaO ₂	93 torr
HCO ₃ ⁻	16.1 mEq/L
SaO ₂	97%
Hb	15.6 g/dL

Which of the following best explains these results?

- A. IV solution has contaminated the blood sample.
- B. Blood gas results are normal for someone at end-exercise.
- C. The test indicates a right-to-left shunt.



D. There is air contamination since the PaCO_2 is so low.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

Which of the following is an appropriate reason to perform a multiple-breath nitrogen washout test?

- A. Measure anatomical dead space.
- B. Differentiate obstruction from restriction.
- C. Detect early small airway disease.
- D. Measure oxygen consumption.

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

The following results were obtained from spirometry before and after a bronchodilator administration:

	<u>Predicted</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>
FVC (L)	4.80	2.90	2.95
FEV ₁ (L)	3.60	2.80	2.85

Which of the following is the correct interpretation of these data?

- A. Restrictive pattern with positive bronchodilator response
- B. Restrictive pattern with no bronchodilator response
- C. Obstructive pattern with positive bronchodilator response
- D. Obstructive pattern with no bronchodilator response

Correct Answer: B

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