

BASICS OF DECONTAMINATION POST-TEST

Circle the letter indicating the best correct answer to the multiple-choice questions.

1. The purpose of decontamination is to:
 - A. render items safe for handling
 - B. eliminate the need for manual cleaning
 - C. prevent the transmission of disease
 - D. both A and C

2. The ventilation system in the decontamination area should allow for no less than _____ air exchanges per hour.
 - A. two
 - B. six
 - C. ten
 - D. twenty

3. The use of mechanical cleaning equipment can:
 - A. improve cleaning effectiveness
 - B. decrease productivity
 - C. eliminate need for instrument lubrication
 - D. eliminate need for visual inspection of instruments

4. Enzymatic pre-soaks:
 - A. kill microorganisms
 - B. break down organic matter
 - C. speed up drying of organic matter
 - D. both A and B

5. For most surgical instrument cleaning applications, detergents with a _____ pH level is preferred.
 - A. high
 - B. neutral
 - C. low
 - D. base

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6. Manual cleaning involves:
 - A. brushing surfaces under the solution surface
 - B. soaking and rinsing only
 - C. using an abrasive cleaner
 - D. using metal brushes

7. The function of the ultrasonic washer is to:
 - A. kill microorganisms
 - B. remove gross soil from items
 - C. remove fine soil from hard to reach areas
 - D. both B and C

8. The purpose of cleaning is to:
 - A. kill microorganisms
 - B. stop microorganisms from replicating
 - C. remove adherent visible soil from items being processed
 - D. keep instruments moist

9. What equipment must be used whenever an employee may come in contact with blood or any other infectious materials?
 - A. Spill kit
 - B. Personal Protective Equipment
 - C. Alcohol-based hand scrub
 - D. Eye wash

10. When transporting contaminated items to the decontamination area, containers and carts must be marked with:
 - A. a process indicator
 - B. an external indicator
 - C. the name of the service
 - D. a biohazard label or other means of identification

ANSWER SHEET

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. C
9. B
10. D