### HESI A2 Vocabulary Practice Test

**Q1. Select the correct definition of the underlined word.**

**The symmetrical nature of the artwork allowed it to be viewed from many angles.**

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| 🔘 A. Measured from the center |
| 🔘 B. Colorful |
| 🔘 C. Equal on all sides |
| 🔘 D. Whimsical |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q2. Select the word or phrase that will make the sentence grammatically correct.**

**Within the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the hospital, great emphasis is placed on calmness.**

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| 🔘 A. cafeteria |
| 🔘 B. milieu |
| 🔘 C. metabolism |
| 🔘 D. component |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q3. Select the correct definition of the underlined word.**

**The verbal instructions given by the instructor allowed the student to create an outstanding project.**

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| 🔘 A. Written |
| 🔘 B. Detailed |
| 🔘 C. Oral |
| 🔘 D. Permissive |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q4. What is the best description for the term quotient?**

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| 🔘 A. The minimum number of members needed to be present for a vote to be valid |
| 🔘 B. The protocol used when a sterile field must be maintained |
| 🔘 C. A math term naming the answer in a division question |
| 🔘 D. The preferred inoculation site for a newborn infant |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q5. What is the best description for the word laceration?**

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| 🔘 A. The means by which nursing mothers produce milk for their babies |
| 🔘 B. A deep, ragged tear |
| 🔘 C. A medical term used to describe the removal of the tear ducts |
| 🔘 D. An intolerance of dairy products |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q6. Which statement uses a euphemism?**

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| 🔘 A. The fireman bravely entered the burning building. |
| 🔘 B. The nurse told the family, “I’m sorry, your father has passed away.” |
| 🔘 C. The orderly was laughing about the patient’s vomiting episode. |
| 🔘 D. Her husband was overjoyed when she told him she was pregnant. |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q7. What is another word for skull?**

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| 🔘 A. Spine |
| 🔘 B. Ability |
| 🔘 C. Cranium |
| 🔘 D. Zygote |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q8. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.**

**In medicine, the desired outcome is recovery.**

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| 🔘 A. expected |
| 🔘 B. analyzed |
| 🔘 C. wished for |
| 🔘 D. diagnosed |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q9. Select the word or phrase that will make the sentence grammatically correct.**

**The nurse has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Journal of Nursing Education.**

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| 🔘 A. subscription |
| 🔘 B. prescription |
| 🔘 C. recipe |
| 🔘 D. receipt |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q10. Select the word or phrase that will make the sentence grammatically correct.**

**The food bank referred many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ patients to the free clinic.**

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| 🔘 A. indignant |
| 🔘 B. wealthy |
| 🔘 C. indigent |
| 🔘 D. healthy |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q11. What is the best description for the term t riag e?**

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| 🔘 A. The stand with three legs used to support an IV pump |
| 🔘 B. The order in which patients are to be treated |
| 🔘 C. The physician’s prescription for a drug to be taken three times a day |
| 🔘 D. The shift for nursing duty beginning at 3 pm and ending at 11 pm |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q12. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.**

**His skin was unevenly pigmented by the disease.**

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| 🔘 A. Scarred |
| 🔘 B. Spotted |
| 🔘 C. Broken |
| 🔘 D. Colored |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q13. Which word means “the thickness of a liquid”?**

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| 🔘 A. Viscosity |
| 🔘 B. Zygote |
| 🔘 C. Sublingual |
| 🔘 D. Adhesion |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q14. Select the correct definition of the underlined word.**

**The gaping hole in the fence was an enticing lure for the curious toddler.**

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| 🔘 A. Narrow |
| 🔘 B. Jagged |
| 🔘 C. Painted |
| 🔘 D. Wide open |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q15. What is the best description for the term febrile?**

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| 🔘 A. Mental incompetence |
| 🔘 B. Having a fever |
| 🔘 C. Pregnant |
| 🔘 D. Having clogged sinuses |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q16. What is the best description for the word contraction?**

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| 🔘 A. Spasm |
| 🔘 B. Decrease |
| 🔘 C. Treaty |
| 🔘 D. Moderate |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q17. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.
The nurse discussed the diet plan with the patient.**

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| 🔘 A. Regime |
| 🔘 B. Regimen |
| 🔘 C. Supposition |
| 🔘 D. Substitution |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q18. What is the best description for the term combination?**

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| 🔘 A. Putting two or more things together |
| 🔘 B. The beginning of a fire |
| 🔘 C. The reason for an action |
| 🔘 D. The change seen when a drug is administered |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q19. Decomposition is the process of enzymes digesting food. Another name for this process is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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| 🔘 A. degeneration |
| 🔘 B. dialysis |
| 🔘 C. lysis |
| 🔘 D. lymph |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q20. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.**

**The nurse noticed an audible gurgle when doing a physical examination on the patient.**

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| 🔘 A. Observable |
| 🔘 B. Spasmodic |
| 🔘 C. Ominous |
| 🔘 D. Perceptible |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q21. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. The nurse observed that the skin around the sore was inflamed.**

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| 🔘 A. Blanched |
| 🔘 B. Covered with a scab |
| 🔘 C. Cool to the touch |
| 🔘 D. Reddened |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q22. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. The nurse gave instructions to the patient on the care of his renal disease.**

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| 🔘 A. Fatal |
| 🔘 B. Kidney |
| 🔘 C. Heart |
| 🔘 D.  Lung |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q23. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. Endogenous factors were responsible for his illness.**

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| 🔘 A.  Produced within the body |
| 🔘 B. Produced outside the body |
| 🔘 C. Polluting |
| 🔘 D. Hemocratic |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q24. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.**

**The proliferation of text messaging among teens has alarmed parents.**

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| 🔘 A. Increase |
| 🔘 B. Summarization |
| 🔘 C. Ambiance |
| 🔘 D. Rampant |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q25. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. It is important that the bandage remain intact.**

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| 🔘 A. Dry |
| 🔘 B. Whole |
| 🔘 C. Uncovered |
| 🔘 D. Secure |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q26. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. It is not wise to skimp on personal hygiene.**

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| 🔘 A. Measures contributing to cleanliness and good health |
| 🔘 B. Financial resources available through the employment department |
| 🔘 C. Insurance |
| 🔘 D. Friendliness |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q27. The patient fractured the lateral portion of the hip bone, which is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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| 🔘 A. ilium |
| 🔘 B. ileum |
| 🔘 C. icterus |
| 🔘 D. ileus |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q28. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence. The parameters of medical ethics require the nurse to report instances of suspected child abuse.**

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| 🔘 A. Laws |
| 🔘 B. Limits |
| 🔘 C. Common sense |
| 🔘 D. Structure |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q29. Select the correct order of words to fit in the sentence structure. The nursing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ put the Band- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the wound to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the nurse.**

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| 🔘 A. aid, aide, aide |
| 🔘 B. aide, aid, aid |
| 🔘 C. aid, aide, aid |
| 🔘 D. aide, aid, aide |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

**Q30. A person who is ravenous is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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| 🔘 A. generous |
| 🔘 B. outspoken |
| 🔘 C. friendly |
| 🔘 D.hungry |

**Answers: \_\_\_**

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