

HESI A2 Vocabulary Practice Test 2

Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

Q1. The nurse called the doctor when the patient's condition began to deteriorate.

- A. grow
- B. improve
- C. worsen
- D. clarify

Answer _____

Q2. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The patient was diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder.

- A. rule
- B. system
- C. organization
- D. illness

Answer _____

Q3. Select the word that means "brief, to the point."

The teacher's instructions were concise, so the student was able to complete the project in a reasonable period of time.

- A. period
- B. concise
- C. complete
- D. reasonable

Answer _____

Q4. What word meaning "once a year" fits best in the sentence?

The _____ family reunion picnic was held at the Jones farm instead of the county park.

- A. regular
- B. annual
- C. biennial
- D. holiday

Answer _____

Q5. Docile is best defined as being _____.

- A. defiant
- B. disobedient
- C. firm
- D. compliant

Answer _____

Q6. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

Because the patient had an occluded artery, the physician decided to perform cardiovascular surgery.

- A. Obstructed
- B. Open
- C. Broken
- D. Cloudy

Answer _____

Q7. Select the word that means “an undesired problem that is the result of some other event.”

The complication of the surgery caused the patient to remain in the hospital to have an additional complement of testing procedures implemented.

- A. Complication
- B. Complement
- C. Procedures
- D. Implemented

Answer _____

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

The dog developed bilateral weakness in its hindquarters, so the veterinarian created a wheeled cart to help the dog walk.

- A. Present on two sides
- B. Available for exercise
- C. Affecting the left side
- D. Affecting the right side

Answer _____

Q9. Select the correct definition of the underlined word.

The doctor’s prognosis gave the patient and his family reason to feel optimistic about the surgery.

- A. Instructions
- B. Estimate
- C. Behavior
- D. Outcome statement

Answer _____

Q10. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The child developed a labile condition that worried the parents, so they brought the child to the doctor’s office for a checkup.

- A. Fevered

- B. Volatile
- C. Stomach
- D. Vision

Answer _____

Q11 The nurse noted in the chart, “The patient is lethargic.” How was the patient behaving?

- A. Pacing the halls, yelling at the staff
- B. Difficult to arouse
- C. Shaking uncontrollably
- D. Not responding to painful stimuli

Answer _____

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

The doctor made an initial examination of the patient.

- A. Complete
- B. First
- C. Incomplete
- D. Discharge

Answer _____

Q13. Select the word or phrase that will identify the correct meaning of the underlined word.

Progeny is a term used to describe a person’s _____.

- A. creditors
- B. offspring
- C. hereditary disease
- D. health status

Answer _____

Q14. What is the best description for the word distal?

- A. The part of the heart that receives blood from the lungs
- B. Urgent
- C. The part of the body farthest from the injury
- D. Empathetic

Answer _____

Q15. Select the correct definition of the underlined word.

The incidence of smoking has decreased in recent years because of the effectiveness of advertising campaigns.

- A. Prestige

- B. Glamour
- C. Occurrence
- D. Influence

Answer _____

Q16. Which word is not spelled correctly in the context of the sentence?

The ICU nurse-manger wanted all staff to sign the letter complaining about working hours at the unit.

- A. ICU
- B. sign
- C. manger
- D. complaining

Answer _____

Q17. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

When examined, the laboring mother was at 50% dilation.

- A. Blood pressure
- B. Cervical opening
- C. Birth process
- D. Exhumation

Answer _____

Q18. Which word is not spelled correctly in the context of this sentence?

The nurse went form room to room looking for the missing patient.

- A. patient
- B. form
- C. nurse
- D. missing

Answer _____

Q19. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

To alleviate his pain, the nurse gave the patient a PRN medication.

- A. Pinpoint
- B. Relocate
- C. Eradicate
- D. Reduce

Answer _____

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

Being bilingual is an advantage for a nurse.

- A. Able to speak more than one language

- B. Able to use either hand with equal skill and ease
- C. Not squeamish when seeing blood
- D. Can remember everything that is read

Answer _____

Q21. What is the best description for the term fracture?

- A. Break
- B. Brake
- C. Cut
- D. Cure

Answer _____

Q22. Which word is not spelled correctly in the context of the sentence?

The physician thought it was unnecessary to explain the procedure.

- A. physician
- B. unnecessary
- C. explain
- D. procedure

Answer _____

23. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

Exogenous factors will affect the patient's well-being.

- A. Produced outside the body
- B. Produced within the body
- C. Produced by the kidneys
- D. Hereditary

Answer _____

Q24. To implement something is to _____.

- A. prevent it from occurring
- B. emphasize the importance of
- C. cause it to happen
- D. follow from beginning to end

Answer _____

Q25. Posterior refers to which part of the body?

- A. Topmost
- B. Lowermost
- C. Front
- D. Back

Answer _____

Q26. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The precipitous change was considered a good thing.

- A. Difficult
- B. Abrupt
- C. Gentle
- D. Unanticipated

Answer _____

Q27. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

His untoward actions during the admission process created a problem for the nurse.

- A. Violent
- B. Casual
- C. Unseemly
- D. Capricious

Answer _____

Q28. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The practical nurse is planning to administer a transdermal medication.

- A. Applied directly to the skin
- B. Injected just barely under the skin
- C. Injected in the tissue just below the skin layer
- D. Directly under the tongue

Answer _____

Q29. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

The potent medication reduced the symptoms almost immediately.

- A. Correct
- B. Strong
- C. Liquid
- D. Tablet

Answer _____

Q30. Which word can be defined as a truth, a rule, or a law?

- A. Prescription
- B. Tort
- C. Principle
- D. Malpractice

Answer _____

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