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### QUESTION 1

A paramedic informs the medical assistant that a patient has had a cardiac arrest.

What does this mean?

- A. Irregular heartbeat
- B. Blood flow interference to the heart
- C. Variation in the rhythm of the heartbeat
- D. Sudden stoppage of the heartbeat

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 2

Where should you aim the jet if you have to deal with a fire and are using an extinguisher?

- A. Over the top of the flames
- B. At the middle of the flames
- C. At the base of the flames
- D. Around the sides of the flames

Correct Answer: C

The aim of a fire extinguisher is to put out the root of the fire, which will be at the base of the flames. Always make sure that you are using the correct type of fire extinguisher for the blaze you are tackling (this will be indicated on the extinguisher), for example using a water fire extinguisher on an electrical fire may cause

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### QUESTION 3

Which is the term for an abnormally low white blood cell count?

- A. Anemia
- B. Leukemia
- C. Leukocytosis
- D. Leukopenia

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 4



How is it received if a drug is administered transdermally?

- A. Through the skin
- B. Through the mouth
- C. By injection
- D. By suppository

Correct Answer: A

Some drugs can be administered transdermally via a patch on the skin.

This can be a good option for patients who are frightened of needles and for those requiring a steady release of a drug over time.

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#### QUESTION 5

What is a centrifuge used for in phlebotomy?

- A. Separating blood
- B. Freezing blood
- C. Sterilizing blood
- D. Disposing of blood

Correct Answer: A

When blood has been drawn from a patient, it is often put through a centrifuge before testing.

This separates blood cells from the liquid (plasma) in which they are suspended, so they can be more easily counted and tested.