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**QUESTION 1**

To check the reliability of a pulse oximeter reading, a pulmonary function technologist should

- A. Calculate the SaO₂ from pH and PaO₂
- B. Perform hemoximetry
- C. Measure the hematocrit
- D. Have the patient hyperventilate

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

A patient is performing a flow-volume loop. A pulmonary function technologist observes equal decreases in expiratory and inspiratory flows resulting in plateaus. Patient effort is satisfactory, and he follows instructions well. The technologist should expect the patient to have a

- A. Small airways obstruction
- B. Restrictive disorder
- C. Variable large airways obstruction
- D. Fixed large airways obstruction.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 3

A comparison of two techniques for measuring Raw is shown below:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>R_{aw} Panting</u> <u>(cm H₂O/L/sec)</u>	<u>R_{aw} Quiet Breathing</u> <u>(cm H₂O/L/sec)</u>
1	0.8	2.1
2	2.4	3.2

Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist conclude?

- A. Subject 1 panted too forcefully.
- B. The system was calibrated for quiet breathing.
- C. Subjects 1 and 2 both have reactive airways.
- D. Results are consistent with the two methodologies.



Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

During a cardiopulmonary stress test using breath-by-breath gas analysis, a pulmonary function technologist notices that the VO_2 suddenly decreases. Which of the following may explain this change?

1.

The patient has achieved anaerobic threshold.

2.

The measurement of the expired gas volumes is inaccurate.

3.

O_2 analyzer "phase delay" has increased.

4.

There is a leak in the tubing or mouthpiece.

A. 1, 3, and 4 only

B. 1, 2, and 3 only

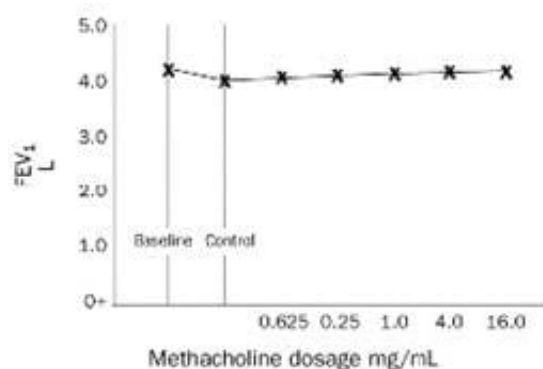
C. 1, 2, and 4 only

D. 2, 3, and 4 only

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 5

The following data were obtained from a bronchial challenge test:



APC20 of 2 mg/mL was obtained the next day in another laboratory. Which of the following is the most likely explanation for these data?



- A. The two test results are within day-to-day variability.
- B. Incorrect doses of methacholine were administered.
- C. The spirometer accuracy drifted during the test.
- D. The patient's effort was inconsistent.

Correct Answer: C

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