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Advanced Cardiac Life Support

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**QUESTION 1**

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A 60-year-old patient presents with a blood pressure of 80/40, heart rate 200, and respiratory rate 24. The nurse has placed oxygen on the patient. The following rhythm is seen on the monitor. What is the treatment?



A. Synchronized cardioversion Synchronized cardioversion. (The rhythm seen above shows supraventricular tachycardia.)

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 2**

T/F: Atropine is used to treat ventricular tachycardia.

A. False

B. True

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 3**

T/F: Antishock garments should be used to treat acute cardiogenic pulmonary edema.

A. True

B. False

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 4**

T/F: Epinephrine increases peripheral vascular resistance and increases myocardial contractility.

A. False

B. True



Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 5

#### SIMULATION

What is the function of the pulmonary vein?

A. To carry oxygen-rich blood from the lungs to the left atrium for distribution to the rest of the body.

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 6

#### SIMULATION

Describe the function of the left atrium.

A. The left atrium receives blood from the pulmonary veins located in the lungs and pumps oxygenated blood to the left ventricle.

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 7

#### SIMULATION

Identify the respiratory variations that may be seen in both the early and late hypothermic patient.

A. A patient suffering from early signs of hypothermia will experience rapid breathing. Patients suffering from late hypothermia may experience shallow, slow, or even absent breathing.

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 8

#### FILL BLANK

When preparing to insert an oropharyngeal airway, what other equipment should you have available to you?

A. Suction, bag-valve mask, and oxygen

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 9**

You are the code team leader and arrive finding the above rhythm with CPR in progress. Team members

report that the patient was well but complained of chest pain and collapsed. She has no pulse or respirations. Bag-mask ventilations are producing visible chest rise, high-quality CPR is in progress, and an IV has been established. Your next order would be

- A. Start dopamine at 10 to 20 ug/kg per minute
- B. Administer atropine 1 mg
- C. Administer epinephrine 1 mg
- D. Administer amiodarone 300 mg
- E. Perform endotracheal intubation

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 10****SIMULATION**

Describe a unique characteristic of the heart muscle itself that is not found in any other muscle in the body.

- A. Cardiac muscle is unique in that it contains its own conductive system.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 11**

A 57-year-old woman has palpitations, chest discomfort and tachycardia. The monitor shows a regular wide-complex QRS at a rate of 180 per minute. She becomes diaphoretic and blood pressure is 80/60 mmHg. The next action is to:

- A. Establish IV and give sedation for electrical cardioversion
- B. Give amiodarone 300 mg IV push
- C. Obtain 12 lead electrocardiogram
- D. Perform immediate electrical cardioversion

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 12**

You are evaluating a patient with 15-minute duration of chest pain during transportation to the emergency department. He is receiving oxygen, and 2 sublingual nitroglycerin tablets have relieved his chest discomfort. He has no complaints but appears anxious. Blood pressure is 130/70 mmHg. You observe the above rhythm on the monitor and your next action is

- A. Give atropine 0.5 mg IV
- B. Initiate transcutaneous pacing (TCP)
- C. Continue monitoring patient, prepare for TCP
- D. Administer nitroglycerin 0.4 mg SL
- E. Start epinephrine 2 to 10 ug/min and titrate

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 13****SIMULATION**

What is implied consent?

- A. Implied consent is consent assumed from the unconscious patient requiring emergency intervention.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 14

##### SIMULATION

Describe the function of the valves located within the heart.

A. The valves located within the heart prevent backflow of blood into the chambers from which it came.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 15

You have been unsuccessful in the first two attempts to defibrillate an adult. The energy for the third defibrillation attempt is

A. 50 J

B. 100 J

C. 200–300 J

D. 360 J

Correct Answer: D

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