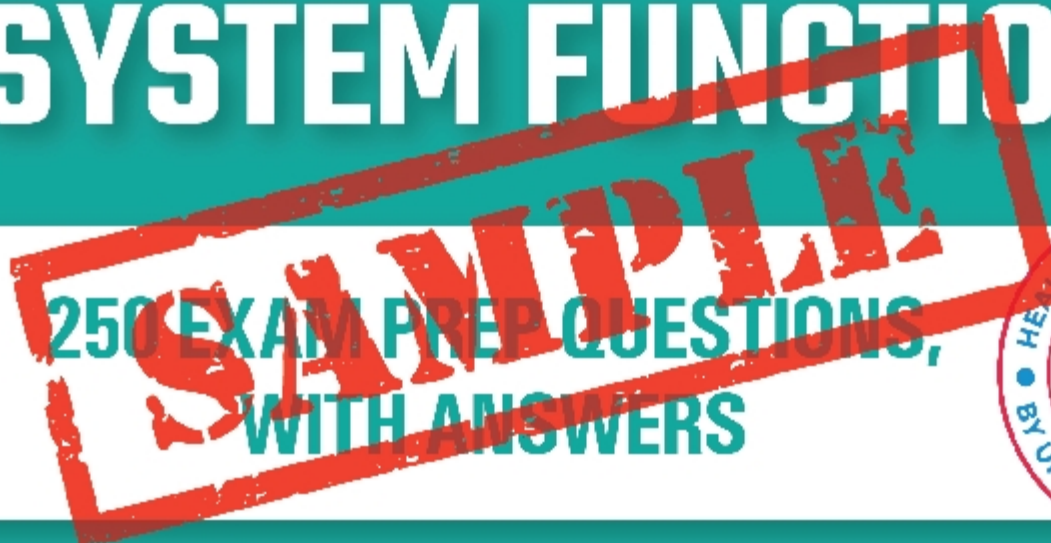


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Year 2: Essential Skills & Procedures of the Cardiovascular System
Subject 3: Electrocardiograms (EKGs): Reading Basic Heart Signals

1. What is a stethoscope used for?

- a) Monitoring temperature
- b) Checking oxygen levels
- c) Measuring blood pressure
- d) Listening to heart sounds

Correct Answer: d) Listening to heart sounds

2. Which heart sound indicates closure of valves?

- a) S3
- b) S2
- c) S4
- d) S1

Correct Answer: d) S1

3. Where is the apex beat best palpated?

- a) Fifth intercostal space
- b) Left sternum
- c) Right sternum
- d) First intercostal space

Correct Answer: a) Fifth intercostal space

4. What does the S2 heart sound represent?

- a) Ventricular contraction
- b) Atrial contraction
- c) Closure of semilunar valves
- d) Heart murmur presence

Correct Answer: c) Closure of semilunar valves



5. What does a third heart sound (S3) indicate?

- a) Valve abnormalities
- b) Healthy athlete's heart
- c) Normal heart function
- d) Heart failure potential

Correct Answer: d) Heart failure potential

6. What is a heart murmur?

- a) Rhythm disorder
- b) Normal heart sound
- c) Abnormal sound during heartbeat
- d) High blood pressure

Correct Answer: c) Abnormal sound during heartbeat

7. Which tool enhances heart sound detection?

- a) Stethoscope diaphragm
- b) Pulse oximeter
- c) Thermometer
- d) Blood pressure cuff

Correct Answer: a) Stethoscope diaphragm

8. Why is patient positioning important during auscultation?

- a) To enhance sound quality
- b) To improve breathing
- c) To reduce anxiety
- d) To increase comfort

Correct Answer: a) To enhance sound quality



9. What does the term "bruit" refer to?

- a) Normal heart sound
- b) Abnormal blood flow sound
- c) Heart valve closure
- d) High blood pressure

Correct Answer: b) Abnormal blood flow sound

10. Which heart sound is low-pitched?

- a) S4
- b) S1
- c) S2
- d) S3

Correct Answer: d) S3

11. Where should the stethoscope be placed to hear S1?

- a) Near the carotid artery
- b) At the heart apex
- c) Below the left ribcage
- d) Over the aorta

Correct Answer: b) At the heart apex

12. What can cause an S4 heart sound?

- a) Ventricular hypertrophy
- b) Stenosis of valves
- c) Normal aging process
- d) Healthy heart function

Correct Answer: a) Ventricular hypertrophy



13. What does a "click" sound during auscultation indicate?

- a) Valve prolapse
- b) Normal valve function
- c) Valve stenosis
- d) Heart rhythm irregularity

Correct Answer: a) Valve prolapse

14. What is the significance of a "split S2"?

- a) Normal finding
- b) Indicates heart failure
- c) Suggests atrial fibrillation
- d) Signifies valve disease

Correct Answer: a) Normal finding

15. Which area is best for auscultating the aortic valve?

- a) Left third intercostal space
- b) Right fifth intercostal space
- c) Right second intercostal space
- d) Left lower sternal border

Correct Answer: c) Right second intercostal space

16. What does a "pericardial friction rub" indicate?

- a) Normal heart sounds
- b) Valve dysfunction
- c) Healthy pericardium
- d) Pericarditis presence

Correct Answer: d) Pericarditis presence



17. What should be avoided when using a stethoscope?

- a) Correct positioning
- b) Firm placement
- c) Proper hygiene
- d) Excessive pressure

Correct Answer: d) Excessive pressure

18. What is the purpose of using the bell of a stethoscope?

- a) Detect high-frequency sounds
- b) Amplify low-frequency sounds
- c) Monitor breathing patterns
- d) Measure blood pressure

Correct Answer: b) Amplify low-frequency sounds

19. What can a "loud S1" suggest?

- a) Heart valve stenosis
- b) Hyperdynamic circulation
- c) Normal heart function
- d) Valve incompetence

Correct Answer: b) Hyperdynamic circulation

20. What does the term "auscultation" mean?

- a) Assessing blood pressure
- b) Listening to heart sounds
- c) Measuring blood flow
- d) Observing heart rhythm

Correct Answer: b) Listening to heart sounds



21. What does a "holosystolic murmur" indicate?

- a) Normal heart function
- b) Atrial fibrillation
- c) Ventricular septal defect
- d) Valve stenosis

Correct Answer: c) Ventricular septal defect

22. What is the best way to assess heart rate?

- a) Blood pressure measurement
- b) Palpation of pulses
- c) Auscultation of heart sounds
- d) Visual inspection

Correct Answer: c) Auscultation of heart sounds

23. How does body position affect heart sounds?

- a) Changes blood pressure
- b) Alters sound clarity
- c) No effect
- d) Increases heart rate

Correct Answer: b) Alters sound clarity

24. What does a "diastolic murmur" suggest?

- a) Aortic stenosis
- b) Valvular insufficiency
- c) Healthy blood flow
- d) Normal heart sound

Correct Answer: b) Valvular insufficiency



25. What is the significance of auscultating heart sounds at different locations?

- a) To evaluate lung function
- b) To assess various valves
- c) To check blood pressure
- d) To find patient comfort

Correct Answer: b) To assess various valves



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