

**Speech-Language and Audiology Canada
Clinical Certification Exam
Additional Sample Questions – Speech-Language Pathology**

Multiple choice questions

(Select 1 answer only)

1. The most common cause of conductive hearing loss in young children is:

1. Rubella.
2. Impacted cerumen.
3. Meningitis.
4. Otitis media.

The correct answer is number 4 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 ④

2. Which cranial nerve would be affected by an acoustic neuroma?

1. V
2. VII
3. VIII
4. IX

The correct answer is number 3 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 ③ 4

3. For typically developing children, the most common substitution for a prevocalic liquid is:

1. another liquid.
2. a glide.
3. a front vowel.
4. a rounded vowel.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 ② 3 4

4. Velopharyngeal inadequacy may compromise the ability to build up intra-oral air pressure during speech. Which consonant sound will be most noticeably affected?

1. /j/
2. /r/
3. /m/
4. /s/

The correct answer is number 4, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 ④

5. Prior to selection of a augmentative communication system, fine motor control is carefully assessed to determine:
1. the minimum physical size of a target vocabulary item.
 2. the type of vocabulary used (i.e. pictures versus letters).
 3. the method of vocabulary manipulation (sentence versus one-word responses).
 4. method of output (voice or printed or visual display).

The correct answer is number 1, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 4

6. pH monitoring is used to assess:
1. esophageal motility.
 2. achelasia.
 3. gastroesophageal reflux.
 4. esophageal strictures.

The correct answer is number 3, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 4

7. For which of the following dysarthrias would intensive drill in overarticulation be contraindicated?
1. Spastic dysarthria resulting from cerebrovascular accident.
 2. Flaccid dysarthria resulting from myasthenia gravis.
 3. Flaccid dysarthria associated with Bell's palsy.
 4. Ataxic dysarthria resulting from cerebellar damage.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 4

8. A young infant will typically stick out the tongue when the tip is touched. This is known as the :
1. rooting reflex.
 2. suckling reflex.
 3. sucking reflex.
 4. tongue protrusion reflex.

The correct answer is number 4, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 4

9. When the transmission of sound energy is blocked in the pharynx, an individual's resonance will sound:
1. muffled.
 2. hypernasal.
 3. hyponasal.
 4. mixed (both hypernasal and hyponasal).

The correct answer is number 1, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 4

10. Which muscle plays the greatest role in velopharyngeal closure?

1. Palatoglossus.
2. Levator veli palatini .
3. Tensor veli palatini .
4. Superior pharyngeal constrictor.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 3 4

11. The neurological fibres for the central auditory pathway have a major decussation at the:

1. substantia nigra.
2. lateral lemniscus.
3. superior olivary complex.
4. basal ganglia.

The correct answer is number 3, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 4

12. The client demonstrates newly learned behaviours outside of the clinical setting. What is this process called?

1. expansion.
2. generalization.
3. externalization.
4. stabilization.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 3 4

13. What do efficacy studies indicate is an effective treatment for preschool children who stutter?

1. Parental verbal contingencies for fluent and stuttered speech.
2. Stuttering modification for desensitization and speech control.
3. Cognitive behaviour therapy for reduction of apprehension and avoidance.
4. Parent training to implement good talking and listening rules.

The correct answer is number 1, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

 2 3 4

14. Aspiration during the swallow occurs because of:

1. poor cricopharyngeal opening.
2. reduced velopharyngeal closure.
3. decreased retroflexion of the epiglottis.
4. bolus stasis in the valleculae.

The correct answer is number 3, and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 4

15. Children with language-based learning disabilities usually perform best on tasks involving
1. Word retrieval.
 2. Nonsense syllable spelling.
 3. Semantic knowledge
 4. Visual memory.

The correct answer is number 4 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 ④

16. What is the usual lesion site for Broca's aphasia?

1. Temporal lobe.
2. Inferior frontal gyrus.
3. Supramarginal gyrus.
4. Angular gyrus.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 ② 3 4

Case-based scenarios

Robert, a 20 year old university student suffered a stroke one month ago and has been referred for a speech and language assessment. Your assessment reveals: a mild auditory comprehension deficit, moderate word-finding problems, utterances of 3-4 words comprised primarily of content words, laboured but intelligible speech, intact pragmatic skills, and reading and writing abilities that parallel his comprehension and verbal skills.

A. This client's communication profile is consistent with which of the following:

1. Right hemisphere damage.
2. Apraxia of speech.
3. Fluent aphasia.
4. Non-fluent aphasia.

The correct answer is number 4 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 2 3 ④

B. Which of the following utterances would be most typical of this client's productions?

1. After it, no, before, uh, better.
2. The watch, no the uh, clock, uh time...look.
3. After the glintzes I was wandering by there.
4. The fro, no pros, no professor was lecturing.

The correct answer is number 2 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

1 ② 3 4

C. Which of the following would be the most appropriate INITIAL treatment goal?

1. Focus on accuracy of spelling.
2. Focus on topic maintenance.
3. Improve articulation and rate of speech.
4. Improve sentence formulation.

The correct answer is number 4 and will be marked thus on the answer sheet:

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