



## CRFS EXAMINATION Practice Exam Created 01/2023

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Unless otherwise stated, laboratory values are reported at sea level with barometric pressure ( $P_B$ ) equal to 760 mmHg.
2. The term "ATS/ERS recommendations" used in some questions refers to information on respiratory function testing as presented in current position papers published by the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and European Respiratory Society (ERS). The respiratory terms and symbols used in the examination are from the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) and ATS recommendations on pulmonary nomenclature.
3. An ATPS to BTPS conversion table is provided on the next page.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. You will be given 2 hours to complete the examination, which consists of 100 multiple-choice questions.
2. Your mark is based on the number of questions you answer correctly. **YOU ARE ASKED TO INDICATE YOUR ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED.** Although you may make preliminary notes or calculations in the examination book, no credit will be given for anything written in the examination book. The answer spaces are lettered to correspond with the letters of the suggested answers to the questions in this book. After you have decided which of the suggested answers is correct, blacken the corresponding space on the answer sheet. **Give only one answer to each question.** If you change an answer, be sure that the previous mark is **erased completely**. **USE ONLY A BLACK LEAD PENCIL, PREFERABLY 2B, AND BE SURE THAT EACH MARK IS BLACK AND COMPLETELY FILLS THE ANSWER SPACE.**

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Example Answer				
<b>Which of the following is the capital of New Zealand?</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Auckland</li><li>- Wellington</li><li>- Christchurch</li><li>- Dunedin</li></ul>				
<b>A      B      C      D</b>				
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**Directions:** Four suggested answers or completions follow each of the questions or incomplete statements. **Select the one that is best in each case and then blacken the corresponding space on the answer sheet.**

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## CRFS EXAMINATION

Time: 2 hours

**Note:** Refer to the ATPS to BTPS Conversion Table below as necessary.

### ATPS to BTPS Conversion Table

<u>Temperature (°C)</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>
20	1.102
21	1.096
22	1.091
23	1.085
24	1.080
25	1.075
26	1.068
27	1.063
28	1.057
29	1.051
30	1.045

### Constants

Universal Gas Constant (R)	8.314	J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>		
Avogadro's number	6.022 × 10 <sup>23</sup>	mol <sup>-1</sup>		
Atmospheric Pressure	101.3	kPa	760	mmHg
Saturated water vapour Pressure at 37°C (P <sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> )	6.28	kPa	47.1	mmHg

### Gas Molar Masses

H <sub>2</sub>	—	2.02	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
He	—	4.00	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
CH <sub>4</sub>	—	16.04	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
CO	—	28.01	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
N <sub>2</sub>	—	28.02	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
O <sub>2</sub>	—	32.00	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub>	—	44.01	g mol <sup>-1</sup>
SF <sub>6</sub>	—	146.06	g mol <sup>-1</sup>



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- 1 Most of the resistance to airflow in the tracheobronchial tree is in the:
- A - Alveoli
  - B - Peripheral airways
  - C - Central airways
  - D - Terminal respiratory bronchioles
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- 2 The diffusion pathway in the lung is normally about:
- A - 0.1 to 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$
  - B - 1.0 to 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$
  - C - 0.1 to 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$
  - D - 5.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$
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- 3 The motor nerve innervating the diaphragm is the:
- A - Abducent
  - B - Phrenic
  - C - Tympanic
  - D - Vestibular
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- 4 Name the region of the pharynx that extends from the soft palate to the epiglottis:
- A - hypopharynx
  - B - oropharynx
  - C - laryngopharynx
  - D - nasopharynx
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- 5 Which of the following is correct about pulmonary circulation:
- A - Oxygen-rich blood travels from the right ventricle to the aorta
  - B - Oxygen-poor blood travels from the left ventricle to the pulmonary artery
  - C - Oxygen-poor blood travels through the pulmonary vein
  - D - Oxygen-poor blood travels from the right ventricle to the pulmonary artery
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- 6 The right & left bronchus along with the pulmonary artery & vein enter into the lungs at the?
- A - Hilum
  - B - Carina
  - C - Alveolar ducts
  - D - Right middle lobe
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- 7 The valve between the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery is the:
- A - Tricuspid valve
  - B - Aortic valve
  - C - Pulmonary valve
  - D - Mitral valve
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- 8 What is the main function of the erythrocytes?
- A - Responsible for transport of  $O_2/CO_2$  between the body's tissue and lungs
  - B - Secrete pulmonary surfactant
  - C - To fight infection
  - D - Plasma membrane of the erythrocyte
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- 9 The protruding structure known commonly as the Adam's apple is the:
- A - epiglottis
  - B - thyroid
  - C - trachea
  - D - larynx
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- 10 Which statement may be used to define a bronchiole
- A - their walls contain smooth muscle but no cartilage.
  - B - they are the airways that branch from the left and right primary bronchi.
  - C - they are kept open by "C" shaped rings of cartilage.
  - D - their walls have supporting cartilage between smooth muscle.
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- 11 The acinus does NOT contain:
- A - Respiratory bronchioles
  - B - Terminal bronchioles
  - C - Alveolar ducts
  - D - Alveolar sacs
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- 12 Airway generations 0 to 16 are known as the:
- A - Transition zone
  - B - Alveolar zone
  - C - Conducting zone
  - D - Respiratory zone
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- 13 What is the structure located between the two pleural sacs and is the central component of the thoracic cavity:
- A - Ribcage
  - B - Mediastinum
  - C - Diaphragm
  - D - Hilum
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- 14 Bony ridges on the lateral walls of the nasal cavity that increase surface area are known as:
- A - conchae
  - B - nostrils
  - C - nares
  - D - nasal septa
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15 The microscopic hairs that prevent foreign materials from entering your lungs are known as:

- A - vellus
- B - bronchus
- C - cilia
- D - lanugo

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16 The primary cause of airflow limitation in patients with emphysema is:

- A - Loss of lung elastic recoil
- B - Bronchospasm
- C - Thickening of the airway walls
- D - Decreased compliance

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17 A young, previously healthy patient has the arterial blood gas results below: On the basis of this information, it would be most appropriate to conclude that the patient

pH	7.15	
P <sub>a</sub> CO <sub>2</sub>	75	mmHg
P <sub>a</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	70	mmHg
HCO <sub>3</sub>	25	mEq L <sup>-1</sup>

- A - Is hypoperfusing
- B - Has a respiratory acidosis
- C - Has a metabolic acidosis
- D - Is severely hypoxaemia

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18 During quiet breathing, at the start of inspiration the intrapleural pressure is about - 4 cmH<sub>2</sub>O (relative to atmospheric pressure). As inspiration proceeds, intrapleural pressure reaches approximately:

- A - -8 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- B - +1 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- C - -1 cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- D - +6 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

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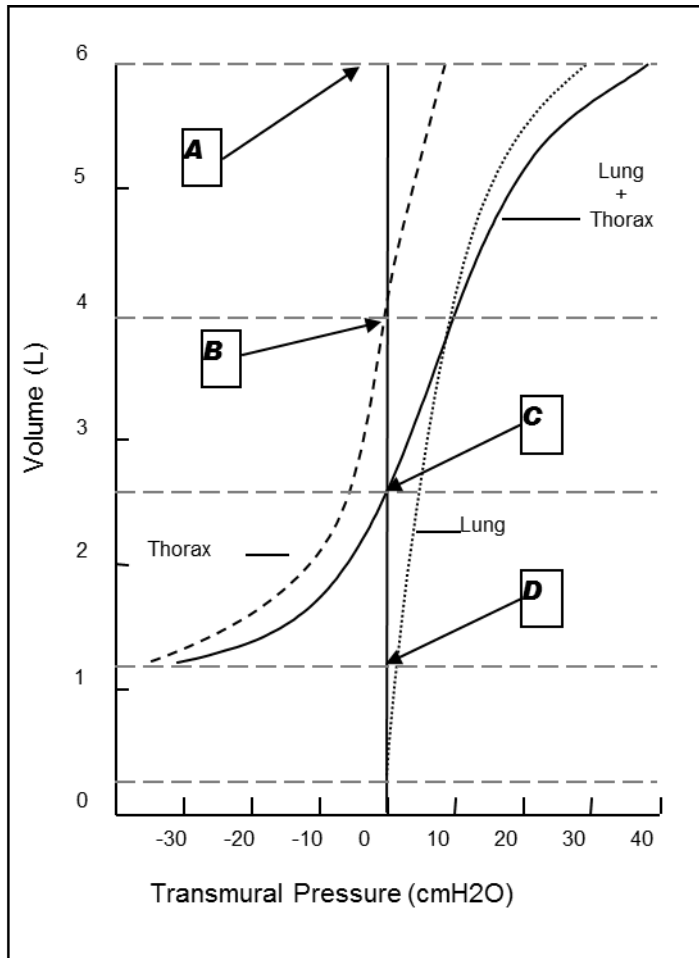
19 In the upright position, the perfusion of the lung is:

- A - Greatest in the apical regions
  - B - Greatest in the basal regions
  - C - Inversely related to alveolar ventilation
  - D - Uniform throughout the lung
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- 20 Which of the following formulas is correct?
- A -  $VC = IRV + VT$
  - B -  $VA = \text{Respiratory Rate} \times (VT - VD)$
  - C -  $VC = IRV + ERV$
  - D -  $IRV = VC - VT$
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- 21 Which statement best describes the relationship between the pH of blood and its oxygen carrying capacity at a given  $P_{O_2}$ ?
- A - The oxygen carrying capacity of blood at pH 7.0 is greater than at pH 7.4
  - B - The oxygen carrying capacity of blood at pH 7.0 and at pH 7.4 are equal.
  - C - pH affects only the position of the oxyhaemoglobin dissociation curve, not the oxygen content of blood
  - D - The oxygen carrying capacity of blood at pH 7.4 is greater than at pH 7.0
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- 22 In a standing normal individual, the unevenness of pulmonary blood flow from the lung apex to the base results mainly from:
- A - Pulmonary capillary anatomy
  - B - Gravity
  - C - Ventilation distribution
  - D - Pleural pressure gradient
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- 23 Hyperventilation may be defined as:
- A - A minute ventilation that causes a decrease in  $P_{aCO_2}$
  - B - A minute ventilation greater than  $10 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
  - C - Respiratory rate greater than  $30 \text{ breaths min}^{-1}$
  - D - All of the above
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- 24 According to the Bronsted-Lowry theory an acid is a compound that
- A - Releases  $H^+$  when it dissociates
  - B - Releases  $OH^-$  when it dissociates
  - C - Combines with  $H^+$
  - D - Increases the pH of the solution
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25 In the figure provided which arrow indicates functional residual capacity



26 The therapeutic use of oxygen may aid in accomplishing which of the following?

1. decrease the work of breathing
2. decrease myocardial work
3. prevent ARDS
4. increase the patient's respiratory rate

A - 1 and 2

B - 1 and 4

C - 2 and 3

D - 1, 2, 3 and 4

27 The mechanism responsible for transporting the greatest amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the blood is:

A - Bicarbonate

B - Carbamino compounds

C - Dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>

D - Carboxyhaemoglobin



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- 28 Lung surfactant
- A - Facilitates CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion through alveolar membranes
  - B - Facilitates O<sub>2</sub> diffusion through alveolar membranes
  - C - Increases surface tension of the alveolar membrane
  - D - Decreases the likelihood of alveolar collapse during expiration
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- 29 Pulmonary compliance is increased in:
- A - Pulmonary edema
  - B - Sarcoidosis
  - C - kyphoscoliosis
  - D - Emphysema
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- 30 Administration of 100% O<sub>2</sub> will improve hypoxaemia that is caused by all the following EXCEPT
- A - Poliomyelitis
  - B - Right to left shunt
  - C - Bronchial obstruction by tumor
  - D - Interstitial pneumonia
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- 31 Functional Residual Capacity contains:
- A - Expiratory reserve volume and residual volume
  - B - Inspiratory reserve volume and tidal volume
  - C - Vital capacity and residual volume
  - D - Tidal volume and residual volume
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- 32 Given the following what is the VD/VT ratio:
- Barometric pressure 747 mmHg  
 $P_{aCO_2} = 40 \text{ mmHg}$   
 $\dot{V}_{CO_2} = 240 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$   
 $\dot{V}_E = 6 \text{ L min}^{-1}$   
Breathing Frequency = 12 min<sup>-1</sup>
- A - .35
  - B - .30
  - C - .28
  - D - .32
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33 A patient's arterial blood gas results are below:

pH	7.49
P <sub>aCO<sub>2</sub></sub>	46 mmHg
P <sub>aO<sub>2</sub></sub>	70 mmHg
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	34 mmol L <sup>-1</sup>
BE	11 mmol L <sup>-1</sup>

- A - Compensated metabolic acidosis
- B - Uncompensated metabolic alkalosis
- C - Partially compensated metabolic alkalosis
- D - Compensated respiratory acidosis

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34 Transport of O<sub>2</sub> by the blood is facilitated by

- A - Haemoglobin
- B - The poor solubility of nitrogen in water
- C - Active transport of O<sub>2</sub> into the red cells
- D - Carbonic anhydrase in serum

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35 What volume would the lung be at if the elastic recoil pressure of the lung and the recoil pressure of the thorax were equal and opposite?

- A - Total Lung Capacity
- B - Functional Residual Capacity
- C - Residual Volume
- D - Minimum Lung Volume

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36 The medullary respiratory centre is most sensitive to which parameter of the cerebrospinal fluid?

- A - P<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>
- B - P<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>
- C - PH
- D - Bicarbonate ion

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37 The residual volume of the lungs:

- A - Is the volume of air that remains in the lungs after expiring the resting tidal volume of air
- B - Increases in atelectasis
- C - Is less than 750 mL in the adult
- D - Is generally greater at age 75 than at age 45

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38 The static recoil pressure of an air-filled lung is greater during:

- A - Inflation than deflation
  - B - Zero air than airflow
  - C - Airflow than zero flow
  - D - Deflation than inflation
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- 39 Compared to the rate of diffusion of oxygen, the rate of diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> across the alveolar-capillary membrane is:
- A - 2 times greater
  - B - 20 times greater
  - C - 210 times greater
  - D - The same
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- 40 Which of the following should increase the P50 of the oxyhaemoglobin dissociation curve?
- A - Acidosis
  - B - Hypercapnia
  - C - Increased blood levels of 2, 3 - DPG
  - D - All of the above
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- 41 A mercury (Hg) barometer is approximately 1 m tall, the density of Hg is approximately 13.5 times that of water. To build a water barometer it would have to be how tall?
- A - 13.5m
  - B - 2m
  - C - 6.25m
  - D - 1m
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- 42 A patient's vital capacity measured in a spirometer at ambient temperature (24° C) pressure saturated (ATPS) is 3.00L. When adjusted to BTPS conditions, the corrected vital capacity is approximately:
- A - 3.45 L
  - B - 2.85 L
  - C - 2.70 L
  - D - 3.25 L
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- 43 A sample of gas at 80 kPa has a volume of 30 L. What will its volume be, at constant temperature, at a pressure of 20 kPa?
- A - 60 L
  - B - 120 L
  - C - 48 L
  - D - 80 L
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- 44 Which of the following best describes Gay-Lussac's law
- A - The pressure of a fixed amount of a gas at fixed volume is directly proportional to the gas' absolute temperature.
  - B - The volume occupied by an ideal gas is proportional to the number of moles at fixed temperature and pressure.
  - C - The volume of a fixed amount of a gas at fixed pressure is directly proportional to its temperature.
  - D - The total pressure of a mixture of gases or vapours is equal to the sum of the partial pressures of its components
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- 45 A dry calibration gas is 20.1% O<sub>2</sub>, 4.5% CO<sub>2</sub> and balance N<sub>2</sub>. If this gas is then saturated with water vapour in an environment heated to 37°C what will be the PO<sub>2</sub> if the barometric pressure is 755 mmHg.
- A - 142.3 mmHg
  - B - 134.0 mmHg
  - C - 151.8 mmHg
  - D - 153 mmHg
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- 46 To calculate temperature in Kelvin using the ideal gas law, what variables must be known?
- A - Number of moles and pressure
  - B - Volume and number of moles
  - C - Volume, number of moles and pressure
  - D - Volume and pressure
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- 47 At sea level the boiling point of any liquid is when its vapour pressure is
- A - 101.3 kPa
  - B - 50 kPa
  - C - 150 kPa
  - D - 202.6 kPa
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- 48 At an altitude of 3000 metres (barometric pressure = 523 mmHg) the P<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> of the air would be approximately:
- A - 110 mmHg
  - B - 21 mmHg
  - C - 159 mmHg
  - D - 88 mmHg
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- 49 A CO<sub>2</sub> analyser, to be used for expired breath analysis, is calibrated using a 5.00% CO<sub>2</sub> mixture with a water vapour absorber in the sample line. If the barometric pressure is 747 mmHg and the analyser is set to read partial pressure, the analyser should be adjusted to read which of the following?
- A - 37 mmHg
  - B - 31 mmHg
  - C - 40 mmHg
  - D - 35 mmHg
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- 50 In a measurement of FRC by helium dilution, the original and final He concentrations were 10 and 6% respectively and the spirometer volume was maintained at 5.0L. What was the volume of the FRC (ATP)?
- A - 3.0 L
  - B - 3.3 L
  - C - 3.6 L
  - D - 4.0 L
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- 51 When setting up a system for measuring helium dilution FRC using a He analyser, which of the following components MUST be used?
- 1 - water absorber
  - 2 - CO<sub>2</sub> absorber
  - 3 - O<sub>2</sub> analyser
  - 4 - CO<sub>2</sub> analyser
- A - 2 and 4
  - B - 1 and 2
  - C - 3 and 4
  - D - 2 only
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- 52 What is the main purpose of a regulator on a gas cylinder?
- A - Decrease cylinder or supply pressure to a fixed pressure
  - B - To ensure the gas complies with regulations
  - C - To reduce fire risk
  - D - To monitor the amount of gas released
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- 53 Which of the following problems can faulty electrical equipment cause?
- A - Electrical shock
  - B - Fire
  - C - Explosion
  - D - All of the above
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- 54 Why should one wait 10-15 minutes after a helium dilution test before repeating it on a patient?
- A - all the He must be cleared from the patient's lungs
  - B - all He must be cleared from the spirometer and the meter
  - C - a build-up of He in the lungs could be toxic
  - D - the patient must return to normal O<sub>2</sub> consumption
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- 55 During determination of FRC by the helium dilution method, if the patient was turned into the circuit before the end of a normal expiration, the amount of switching error will be:
- A - subtracted from the final calculation of FRC
  - B - added to the final calculation of FRC
  - C - ignored
  - D - multiplied by barometric pressure and added to the final
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- 56 What is the primary reason why water has to be removed from gas prior to analysis in an infrared carbon dioxide analyser?
- A - Water can alter the thermal conductivity of the gas mixture altering the measurement
  - B - Water can absorb infrared light and can therefore interfere with accurate measurement
  - C - Water causes blockages in the sample line
  - D - Water can cause corrosion of the analyser
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- 57 A computer using an 8 bit analogue to digital converter is set for a voltage range of 0 to 10 volts. If it is attached to a spirometer that produces 1 volt for every 2 L of volume displacement, what is the smallest volume increment which the converter can detect?
- A - 80 mL
  - B - 60 mL
  - C - 20 mL
  - D - 40 mL
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- 58 To interface a differential pressure pneumotachometer to a computer, which of the following devices are required?
- 1 - pressure transducer with amplifier
  - 2 - linear potentiometer
  - 3 - A/D convertor
  - 4 - D/A convertor
- A - 1 and 3 only
  - B - 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - C - 2 and 3 only
  - D - 2 and 4 only
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- 59 With respect to the Westgard rules applied to quality control which of the following would NOT demonstrate an out of control condition.
- 1. 1 control measurement  $> \text{mean} + 3 \text{ SDs}$
  - 2. 1 control measurement  $< \text{mean} - 2 \text{ SDs}$
  - 3. 2 control measurements are both  $< \text{mean} - 2 \text{ SDs}$
  - 4. 3 control measurements trend in the same direction (T3)
- A - 1
  - B - 4
  - C - 2
  - D - 3
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- 60 During repeated FVC manoeuvres using an unheated Fleisch pneumotach the recorded dynamic volumes are observed to progressively increase. The most likely explanation for this observation is:
- A - the subject is getting better at performing the manoeuvres with each successive attempt
  - B - condensation on the resistive elements of the pneumotach is increasing it's resistance and therefore overestimating the measured flow
  - C - there is excessive noise in the flow signal
  - D - the pressure transducers are drifting
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- 61 Which of the following analysing devices has a calibration point of zero mmHg on room air?
- A - Clark electrode
  - B - capnography analyser
  - C - nitrogen analyser
  - D - oxygen analyser
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- 62 Carbon monoxide transfer factor will be decreased in emphysema because of:
- A - thickening of alveolar walls
  - B - alveolar-capillary block
  - C - decrease in capillary blood flow
  - D - decrease in surface area of functioning alveoli
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- 63 Which of these groups of drugs is used for asthma treatment?
- A -  $\beta$ -2 - antagonists
  - B - Methylxanthines
  - C - Muscarinic agonists
  - D - All of above
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- 64 During an aerosolised bronchodilator treatment, the patient complains of dizziness and tingling of the extremities. The respiratory scientist should ask the patient to do which of the following?
- A - Cough deeply
  - B - Perform a Mueller manoeuvre
  - C - Performed pursed-lip breathing
  - D - Take slow breaths
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- 65 Salbutamol:
- A - Is a sympathomimetic bronchodilator
  - B - Has a potent effect on cardiac function
  - C - Has the quickest onset of action of all bronchodilators
  - D - Is a bronchodilator of smooth muscle with the same duration of action as isoproterenol
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66 Which of the following is a disadvantage to spacer use for inhaled drug delivery

- A - Propellant may evaporate
- B - Spacers can filter out larger aerosol particles
- C - Aerosol cloud velocity may decrease
- D - Electrostatic charge may reduce the respirable aerosol fraction

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67 Which of the following is NOT a mechanism for aerosol deposition in the lung

- A - Rotational inertia
- B - Impaction
- C - Sedimentation
- D - Brownian Movement

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68 When teaching correct metered dose inhaler technique, patients are instructed to hold their breath at the end of inspiration as this will enhance:

- A - Venous return
- B - Particle stability
- C - Medication delivery
- D - Ciliary action

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69 A baffle is used on a nebuliser to:

- A - entrain room air
- B - break the aerosol into smaller particles
- C - to return oversized aerosol particles to reservoir
- D - heat the gas above room temperature

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70 The results of a patient's lung volume study are below: Which of the following observed results should be recalculated?

	Predicted	Observed
VC (L)	3.00	3.27
FRC (L)	2.55	2.00
IC (L)	1.82	2.42
ERV (L)	1.18	0.85
RV (L)	1.37	1.15
TLC (L)	4.37	5.43
RV/TLC (%)	31	21

- A - TLC and RV/TLC
  - B - RV, TLC AND RV/TLC
  - C - None
  - D - TLC only
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71 In reviewing an expiratory flow-volume curve, the respiratory scientist should use which of the following to evaluate the degree of patient effort?

- A - FEF<sub>50</sub>
- B - FEF<sub>200-1200</sub>
- C - PEF
- D - FEF<sub>25</sub>

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72 The following may precipitate acute asthma;

- A - exercise
- B - aspirin
- C - respiratory infection
- D - all of the above

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73 Which of the following values should be reported for PEF?

	FVC	FEV <sub>1</sub>	PEF
	L	L	L s <sup>-1</sup>
Trial 1	5.46	4.55	8.8
Trial 2	5.2	4.9	4.7
Trial 3	5.45	4.6	9.4
Trial 4	5.38	4.61	10

- A - 10.0 L s<sup>-1</sup>
- B - 4.7 L s<sup>-1</sup>
- C - 9.4 L s<sup>-1</sup>
- D - 8.8 L s<sup>-1</sup>

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74 A rolling seal spirometer is preventing a patient from completely exhaling during a forced vital capacity manoeuvre. The most likely cause for this is;

- A - The rolling seal is not at the appropriate position prior to the patient going onto the mouthpiece
- B - The encoder is sticking.
- C - There is a leak in the tube.
- D - The seal has a leak in it.

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75 A morbidly obese patient (mass >150kg) requires measurement of static volumes. What is the most appropriate action a laboratory can take to accurately measure TLC?

- A - Perform static volumes using conservation of mass technique, i.e. He dilution or N<sub>2</sub> washout.
  - B - Estimate TLC from VA measured during gas transfer assessment.
  - C - Estimate TLC from a slow vital capacity manoeuvre.
  - D - Find a laboratory that has a bariatric whole body plethysmograph.
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- 76 According to ATS/ERS standards, the minimum number of acceptable FVC manoeuvres to be performed is which of the following?
- A - 4
  - B - 5
  - C - 3
  - D - 2
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- 77 A whole body plethysmograph is exhibiting a highly variable leak time during a leak test. The most likely reason for this is;
- A - There is excessive airflow around the box due to air conditioner.
  - B - The leak valve needs to be adjusted.
  - C - The door seal is damaged or contaminated.
  - D - The pressure sensor is faulty.
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- 78 A patient is having difficulty performing spirometry on a rolling seal spirometer. They are on their 6th attempt and after a short time (whilst establishing FRC) they come off the spirometer complaining of a headache and increasing breathlessness. The most likely cause for this is;
- A - The patient is hyperventilating.
  - B - The spirometer has not been flushed between manoeuvres and carbon dioxide is accumulating in the spirometer.
  - C - The patient is experiencing bronchospasm.
  - D - The spirometer has a leak in it.
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- 79 According to ATS/ERS position statement in which position should spirometry normally be performed unless otherwise stated?
- A - Lying
  - B - Standing
  - C - Seated
  - D - Seated or standing
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- 80 A patient who smokes has a CO-Hb of 12% and a  $T_{LCO}$  of 12; if the observed  $T_{LCO}$  value were adjusted for the increased CO-Hb level, the corrected  $T_{LCO}$  would be:
- A - The same
  - B - Cannot be determined without Hb concentration
  - C - Slightly higher
  - D - Slightly lower
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- 81 While breathing CO in 40% oxygen compared to breathing CO in 21% oxygen, the calculated carbon monoxide diffusing capacity will?
- A - Fall
  - B - Remain unchanged
  - C -  $T_{LCO}$  cannot be measured at  $O_2$  concentrations greater than 21%
  - D - Rise
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- 82 Which of the following is not a relative contraindication for spirometry
- A - Brain surgery within 4 week
  - B - Cigarette smoking <30 min
  - C - Clinically unstable pulmonary embolism
  - D - Eye surgery within 1 week
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- 83 Which of the following would most likely prolong He equilibration time?
- A - Emphysema
  - B - Pneumonia
  - C - Sarcoidosis
  - D - Obesity
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- 84 A pre-bronchodilator expiratory flow-volume curve is attempted by a patient who cannot control his cough. An approximation of the curve may be obtained by instructing the patient to do which of the following?
- A - Take a full breath, then expel the air forcefully despite coughing
  - B - Do a forced inspiration first, then a normal expiration
  - C - Breathe in partially, then blow out slowly.
  - D - Blow out forcefully, through pressed lips
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- 85 Why is it important to stress the slow exhalation of air on volume studies such as the VC and ERV.
- A - It ensures that the recording pen will accurately follow the
  - B - Obstructed patients may trap gas if exhalation is fast
  - C - Pneumothorax is prevented
  - D - It is less strenuous on the patient
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- 86 Which of the following is indicated if peak flows of 4.2, 5.6 and 4.8 L s<sup>-1</sup> are obtained from a patient?
- A - Inconsistent patient effort
  - B - Chronic restrictive lung disease
  - C - Severe upper airway obstruction
  - D - Normal peak expiratory flows
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- 87 Regarding the single breath T<sub>LCO</sub> test, the fractional concentration of CO at the beginning of breath holding (F<sub>ACO</sub>) is determined by which of the following?
- A -  $(F_{AHe} / F_{IHe}) \times F_{ICO}$
  - B - Volume inspired divided by  $F_{AHe} / F_{IHe}$
  - C - Estimation of the ratio  $F_{AHe} / F_{IHe}$
  - D - Measurement of CO from an alveolar sample
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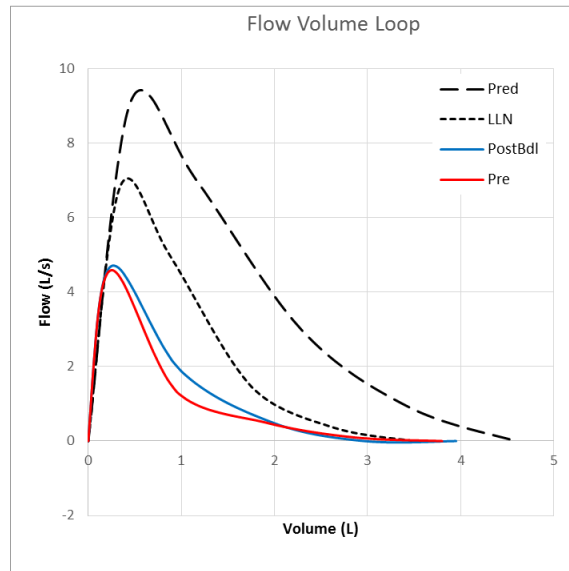


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- 88 In which of the following conditions might respiratory function testing be contraindicated?
- A - Bronchiolitis obliterans
  - B - Vocal cord paralysis
  - C - Tension pneumothorax
  - D - Congestive heart failure
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- 89 Which of the following is **NOT** a relative contraindication for spirometry
- A - Vaping <1hour prior to testing
  - B - Cerebral aneurysm
  - C - Late-term pregnancy
  - D - Severe hypertension
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- 90 A 22 year old pre-operative patient with no history of obstructive lung disease has a vital capacity of 4.6 L and FVC of 3.2 L. The most probable cause for the difference in these data is
- A - Poor patient effort on the FVC
  - B - Restrictive lung disease
  - C - Lung consolidation
  - D - Hyperventilation before surgery
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- 91 Pulmonary function tests in an obese patient will most commonly show:
- A - A reduced ERV
  - B - An increased FRC
  - C - An increased IRV
  - D - A reduced  $FEF_{25-75}$
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- 92 Which of the following is a pathological change common to asthma?
- A - Dilation of bronchial smooth muscle
  - B - Destruction of alveolar septa
  - C - Destruction of pulmonary capillaries
  - D - Epithelial desquamation
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- 93 An adult complains of chest tightness and cough when he jogs in cold weather. These symptoms are consistent with which of the following?
- A - Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
  - B - Cystic fibrosis
  - C - Asthma
  - D - Pulmonary hypertension
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- 94 The gas transfer ( $T_{LCO}$ ) of the lung is usually markedly increased in:
- A - Emphysema
  - B - Intrapulmonary haemorrhage
  - C - Asthma
  - D - Cryptogenic fibrosing alveolitis
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95 Which of the following diseases is usually associated with a restrictive pattern?

- A - Kyphoscoliosis
- B - Asthma
- C - Emphysema
- D - Bronchiolitis

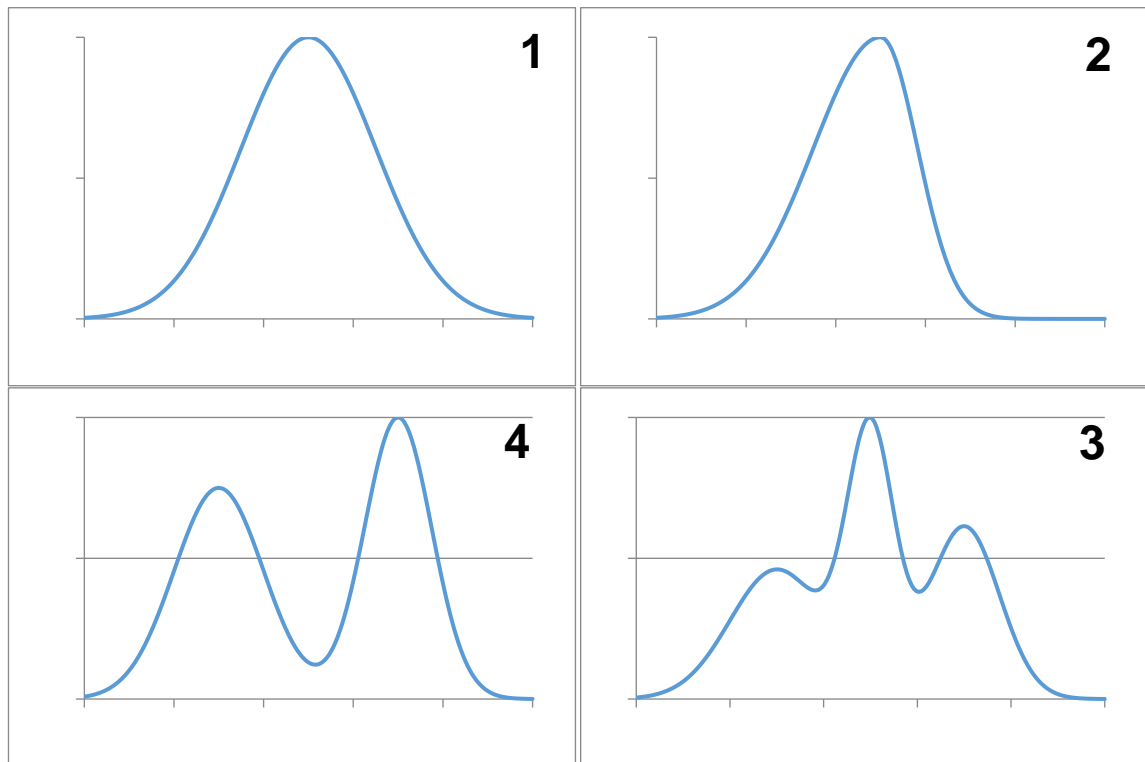
96 The following results are most consistent with:



				Pre Bronchodilator			Post Bronchodilator			
Measure	Unit	Pred	LLN	Meas	%Pred	Z-score	Meas Post Bdl	%Δ Post Bdl	%Pred Post Bdl	Z-score Post Bdl
PEF	L/s	9.15	6.86	4.60	50	-3.26	4.70	2.2	51	-3.19
FEV1	L	3.55	2.68	1.62	46	-3.47	1.60	-1.2	45	-3.50
FVC	L	4.59	3.50	3.80	83	-1.19	3.95	3.9	86	-0.97
FEV1FVC	L/s	0.78	0.66	0.43	55	-4.05	0.41	-5.0	52	-4.22
FEF2575	L/s	2.97	1.46	0.50	17	-3.25	0.50	0.0	17	-3.25
TLCO	mmol/min/kPa	9.11	6.83	4.00	44	-4.25				
KCO	mmol/min/kPa/L	1.42	1.07	0.72	51	-3.54				
VA	L	6.46	5.22	5.50	85	-1.26				

- A - COPD
- B - Elevated hemidiaphragm
- C - Pulmonary fibrosis
- D - Asthma

97 Which figure represents a normal distribution



- A - 3
- B - 4
- C - 1
- D - 2

98 Correct conclusions about a 180cm, 40 years old male subject who has an FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio of 65% include which of the following?

- 1 - his FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio is below normal
- 2 - he has obstructive lung disease
- 3 - he has restrictive lung disease
- 4 - he has a diffusion impairment

- A - 3 only
- B - 1, 2 and 4
- C - 1 and 2
- D - 1 only

99 A patient's flow-volume loop displays a marked decrease in inspiratory flow, with slightly decreased expiratory flow. The most probable explanation is:

- A - Small airways disease
- B - Restrictive lung disease
- C - Vocal cord paralysis
- D - Intrathoracic tracheal tumour



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100 In a normal adult, peak expiratory flow is PRIMARILY dependent upon

- A - Patient effort
- B - Lung compliance
- C - Patient position
- D - Chest wall compliance

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## ANSWER SHEET

1	C	26	A	51	B	76	C
2	A	27	A	52	A	77	C
3	B	28	D	53	D	78	B
4	B	29	D	54	A	79	C
5	D	30	B	55	A	80	C
6	A	31	A	56	B	81	A
7	C	32	B	57	A	82	B
8	A	33	C	58	A	83	A
9	D	34	A	59	B	84	A
10	A	35	B	60	B	85	B
11	B	36	C	61	B	86	A
12	C	37	D	62	D	87	A
13	B	38	A	63	B	88	C
14	A	39	B	64	D	89	A
15	C	40	D	65	A	90	A
16	A	41	A	66	D	91	A
17	B	42	D	67	A	92	D
18	A	43	B	68	C	93	C
19	B	44	A	69	C	94	B
20	B	45	A	70	A	95	A
21	D	46	C	71	C	96	A
22	B	47	A	72	A	97	C
23	A	48	A	73	A	98	C
24	A	49	D	74	A	99	C
25	C	50	B	75	A	100	A