

Name ANSWER KEY

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) What do you call the series of involuntary muscle contractions that moves food through the digestive tract? 1) D
A) Cholecystitis B) Duodenum
C) Gastrointestinal Spasms D) Peristalsis
- 2) The detection of a pulsating mass upon palpation of a patient's abdomen should make the EMT suspicious that the patient may be suffering from which of the following? 2) A
A) An abdominal aortic aneurysm B) Gastroenteritis
C) An ulcer D) A hernia
- 3) Your patient is a 34-year-old male complaining of pain "in his right side." He is pale and diaphoretic with a heart rate of 90 per minute, a respiratory rate of 28 per minute, and a blood pressure of 132/80 mmHg. The patient is very agitated and anxious. Which of the following is the appropriate approach to this patient? 3) C
A) Tell the patient that you cannot transport him unless he calms down and lies still.
B) Stay on scene until you determine the cause of his pain.
C) Reassure him that you will make him as comfortable as possible and get him to the hospital for additional care.
D) Insert an oropharyngeal airway.
- 4) Which of the following is a characteristic of referred pain? 4) B
A) It is only felt in hollow organs.
B) It is felt in a location other than the organ causing it.
C) It is caused by psychological stress.
D) It is usually described as "crampy" or "colicky."
- 5) Which of the following is the main focus of the EMT's assessment and history taking of the patient with abdominal pain? 5) C
A) Determining the cause of the pain
B) Determining the possible need for immediate surgery
C) Determining the presence of shock
D) Determining if the patient meets criteria to refuse treatment and transport
- 6) Which of the following is a concern when caring for the patient with abdominal pain? 6) D
A) Airway management B) Shock
C) Patient comfort D) All of the above
- 7) Your patient is a 17-year-old female. She is complaining of pain in her lower abdomen. Assessment reveals that her breath sounds are clear and equal, she has a respiratory rate of 28 per minute, a heart rate of 96 per minute, and a blood pressure of 112/74 mmHg. Which of the following is the most appropriate? 7) B
A) Assist the patient in the administration of her metered-dose inhaler.
B) Provide high-flow oxygen.
C) Have the patient breathe into a paper bag to rebreathe some of her carbon dioxide.
D) All of the above.

- 8) Which of the following is NOT a function of the gastrointestinal system. 8) C
A) Transport food B) Expel waste
C) Break down red blood cells D) Absorb the necessary nutrients
- 9) With the exception of the _____, most abdominal organs are not able to sense tearing sensations. 9) D
A) liver B) colon C) ovaries D) aorta
- 10) Pain that originates in an organ, such as the intestines, is called _____ pain. 10) B
A) parietal B) visceral C) referred D) acute