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## Question - 1:

Common Pharmacy Abbreviations part 1:

### Ans:

q - EVERY  
qH - EVERY HOUR  
qAM - EVERY MORNING  
qPM - EVERY EVENING  
qHS - EVERY BEDTIME  
qD - EVERY DAY  
qOD - EVERY OTHER DAY  
qWK - EVERY WEEK  
qMO - EVERY MONTH  
q\_\_\_ - EVERY\_\_\_HOURS

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## Question - 2:

Common Pharmacy Abbreviations part 2:

### Ans:

q\_\_\_H - EVERY\_\_\_HOURS  
BID - TWICE A DAY  
TID - THREE A DAY  
QID - FOUR A DAY  
X\_D - TIMES\_\_\_DAYS  
TDS - 3 TIMES A DAY  
C - WITH  
AC - BEFORE A MEAL  
PC - AFTER A MEAL  
HS - AT BEDTIME

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## Question - 3:

Common Pharmacy Abbreviations part 3:

### Ans:

PRN - AS NEEDED  
UD - AS DIRECTED  
AA - OF EACH  
QS - QUANTITY SUFFICIENT  
GTT - DROP  
TBSP - TABLESPOON  
TSP - TEASPOON  
OZ - OUNCE  
GM - GRAM  
KG - KILOGRAM

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## Question - 4:

Common Pharmacy Abbreviations part 4:

### Ans:

LB - POUND



ML - MILLILITER  
L - LITER  
G - GALLON  
OD - RIGHT EYE  
OS - LEFT EYE  
OU - BOTH EYES  
AD - RIGHT EAR  
AS - LEFT EAR  
AU - BOTH EARS

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### Question - 5:

Common Pharmacy Abbreviations part 5:

#### Ans:

PO - BY MOUTH / ORAL  
SL - SUB-LINGUAL  
NG - NASO GASTRIC  
BUCCAL - CHEEK/GUM  
PR - RECTALLY  
PV - VAGINALLY  
SUPP - SUPPOSITORY  
TAB - TABLET  
CAP - CAPSULE  
IM - INTRA MUSCULAR  
SQ - SUB-CUTANEOUS  
IV - INTRAVENOUS  
IC - INTRA CARDIAC  
INJ - INJECTION  
STAT - IMMEDIATELY

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### Question - 6:

Which types of anti-biotics inhibit growth and reproduction of bacteria, but do not kill bacteria?

- A. Bactericidal
- B. Anti-Bacterial
- C. Hypo-Allergenic
- D. Bacteriostatic

#### Ans:

B. Anti-Bacterial

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### Question - 7:

Dr. I Bawl has been practicing ophthalmology in Mukilteo, WA since 1984. If the first part of his DEA number is:

AB745142\_

What would the last digit be?

- A. 7
- B. 3
- C. 0
- D. 2

#### Ans:

C. 0

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### Question - 8:

Which of the following insulins has the slowest onset time?

- A. Lente
- B. UltraLente
- C. NPH
- D. Regular

#### Ans:

C. NPH

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### Question - 9:

After their shift, a pharmacist and pharmacy tech went next door to a cafe. They began gossiping about how many narcotics and anti-depressant prescriptions they had filled and even mentioned some customers names who received them. They were overheard by several cafe patrons, including one of the (mentioned) customer's housekeeper. Besides their pharmacy's code of ethics, which Federal Act was violated?

- A. CSA
- B. DACA
- C. OBRA
- D. HIPAA



**Ans:**

B. DACA

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**Question - 10:**

In the NDC Number: 00615-6508-39

What do the last two numbers represent?

- A. Package size
- B. Manufacturer
- C. Drug strength
- D. Dosage form

**Ans:**

B. Manufacturer

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**Question - 11:**

When a community pharmacy orders stock from a new wholesaler, which drugs must be ordered using a DEA form 222?

- A. Sch. II only
- B. Sch. II and Sch III only
- C. Sch. II, Sch. III and Sch. IV only
- D. ALL controlled substances

**Ans:**

B. Sch. II and Sch III only

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**Question - 12:**

A pharmacist at an independent compounding pharmacy needs to concoct a batch of "LMAO". The formula calls for:

Drug L - 0.1kilo

Drug M - 5600mg

Drug A - 0.5lb

Drug O - 100grams

After the batch is prepared it will be used to press 600mg tabs. How many whole tabs will be made?

- A. 947
- B. 721
- C. 679
- D. 552

**Ans:**

B. 721

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**Question - 13:**

Which of the following routes of administration is not parenteral.

- A. SQ
- B. SL
- C. IC
- D. IV

**Ans:**

B. SL

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**Question - 14:**

A script is faxed over from Dr. Bryant

which contains the sig:

1ml Neomycin Sulphate 0.5% 1-2gtt OU QID

Which of the following conditions is this order most likely to treat?

- A. Urinary tract infection
- B. Labyrinthitis (inner ear infection)
- C. Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- D. Allergic rhinitis

**Ans:**

A. Urinary tract infection

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**Question - 15:**

Given the name Accupril (Quinapril), this drug is likely a:

- A. ACE inhibitor
- B. A2RB
- C. Beta blocker
- D. Anti-diabetic



**Ans:**

B. A2RB

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**Question - 16:**

If 3 grams of active ingredient are needed to make 1 pint of a suspension, how much active ingredients is needed to make 1 gallon of the suspension?

- A. 50 grams
- B. 18 grams
- C. 24 grams
- D. 30 grams

**Ans:**

B. 18 grams

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**Question - 17:**

A new customer at your retail pharmacy has brought in a script for:

Percocet 2.5mg 1-2 tab Q4.. Which of the following information is NOT required on the patients packaging label.

- A. Prescription number
- B. Patients name
- C. Filling pharmacists name
- D. Prescribing doctors DEA number

**Ans:**

B. Patients name

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**Question - 18:**

You are filling prescriptions at a retail pharmacy. A script is presented for Lopressor 100mg QD X30D DAW. Your pharmacy is currently out of Lopressor . Which of the following may the pharmacist substitute in its place to fill the order.

- A. Toprol
- B. Generic Metoprolol
- C. Propranolol
- D. None of the above

**Ans:**

A. Toprol

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**Question - 19:**

Which of the following drugs is exempt from the locking cap requirements found in the PPPA?

- A. Nitrostat 0.4mg
- B. Chantix 0.5mg
- C. Oxycontin 20mg
- D. Naproxen 250mg

**Ans:**

B. Chantix 0.5mg

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**Question - 20:**

Which route of administration will give the highest blood concentration level in the shortest time.

- A. Sub-Lingual
- B. Transdermal Patch
- C. Vaporizer
- D. Intravenous

**Ans:**

C. Vaporizer

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**Question - 21:**

A patient suffering severe pain is prescribed Vicodin which contains 10mg of Hydrocodone and 660mg of APAP. The script reads:

Vicodin HP

1 TAB QID PRN X10D

How many Grams of Hydrocodone will the be in this order?

- A. .004
- B. .040
- C. .400
- D. 4.00

**Ans:**

C. .400

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**Question - 22:**

Which of the following would a patient be prescribed an albuterol Inhaler for?

- A. Hypertension
- B. Asthma
- C. Smoking Cessation
- D. Post Myocardial Infarction

**Ans:**

B. Asthma

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**Question - 23:**

In a retail pharmacy setting, who may counsel a customer who has questions about a vaccine they are considering?

- A. Licensed pharmacy technician
- B. Licensed pharmacist
- C. Pharmacy cashier
- D. Both A and B

**Ans:**

C. Pharmacy cashier

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**Question - 24:**

If a Tadalafil 10mg/tab has a typical half life of 17.5 hours, how long will it take until the blood concentration of this dosage falls to 25% of its initial strength?

- A. 70 Hours
- B. 52.5 Hours
- C. 35 Hours
- D. 17.5 Hours

**Ans:**

C. 35 Hours

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**Question - 25:**

In a professional pharmacy setting, which agency regulates the majority of pharmacy technician activities and practices?

- A. Food and Drug Administration
- B. State Board Of Pharmacy
- C. Drug Enforcement Agency
- D. Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

**Ans:**

C. Drug Enforcement Agency

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**Question - 26:**

Have you worked in this capacity in the past?

**Ans:**

Technicians work in hospitals and health stores, pharmacies, nursing homes, etc. Work is part or full time, sometimes working irregular hours, weekends, evenings, etc.

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**Question - 27:**

Which are the responsibilities does a technician have which are not directly related to medication?

**Ans:**

Technicians are also charged with administrative duties such as maintaining patient profiles, selling medicine and keeping an up-to-date inventory, answering phones, preparing insurance forms, etc.

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**Question - 28:**

Tell me about storage of drugs?

**Ans:**

Storage is an important issue. Technicians are responsible for maintaining storage conditions, which ensure that drugs are always safe to use.

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**Question - 29:**

Which character traits does the job require?

**Ans:**

Pharmacy technicians must be absolute experts at what they are doing, since there is no room for mistakes when preparing medications according to doctor's orders. They must be professional, careful, and highly detail-oriented.



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**Question - 30:**

How a prescription is filled for a patient?

**Ans:**

The process begins with receiving the prescription and understanding it correctly. Then the necessary ingredients are obtained and mixed accordingly in proper proportions and containers. Tags are also highly technical and require expertise. It is then given to the licensed pharmacist for inspection before being handed to the patient.

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