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QUESTION 1

MULTIPLE CHOICE

According to the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology health and safety standards, which of the following actions are required by a licensed cosmetologist to properly disinfect a tool that has come into contact with blood or bodily fluids? (Choose two.)

- ☐ **A** Clean the tool with soap and warm water only
- ☒ **B** Completely immerse the tool in an EPA-registered disinfectant for the full contact time listed on the product label
- ☐ **C** Wipe the tool with a dry towel before using it on the next client
- ☒ **D** Use an autoclave or, if not available, a disinfectant approved for bloodborne pathogens, then store the tool in a covered, disinfected container

ANSWER B - D

WHY When tools contact blood or bodily fluids, California regulations require complete disinfection using an EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant for the label's full contact time, or sterilization in an autoclave. Simply washing with soap and water or wiping with a towel does not meet the disinfection standard for bloodborne pathogens, and dry storage does not prevent cross-contamination.

QUESTION 2

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Under California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology rules, a cosmetologist must take specific steps before performing a service on a client. Which of the following are required pre-service actions? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Provide a protective drape or cape for the client before beginning any service
- ☐ **B** Refuse service to any client who does not present a photo ID
- ☒ **C** Perform a visual inspection of the client's skin and scalp for signs of infection, open wounds, or contagious conditions before performing the service
- ☐ **D** Ask the client to sign a lifetime service contract before each appointment

ANSWER A - C

WHY California cosmetology regulations require the cosmetologist to drape or cover the client to protect their clothing and skin, and to inspect the skin and scalp for contraindications such as open sores, contagious conditions, or infestations before proceeding. Photo ID is not required for services, and lifetime service contracts are not a regulatory requirement.

QUESTION 3

TRUE FALSE

A California licensed cosmetologist is required by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to display the original, current license at their place of employment in a location visible to the public.

- ☒ **A** True
- ☐ **B** False

ANSWER A

WHY True. California Business and Professions Code and Board regulations require every licensed cosmetologist to display the original, current license in a conspicuous place at the workstation or place of business so it is visible to the public.

QUESTION 4

SINGLE CHOICE

Which level of decontamination removes virtually all microorganisms, including bacterial spores, and is considered the highest standard of instrument processing?

- ☐ A Sanitization
- ☐ B Disinfection
- ☒ C Sterilization
- ☐ D Cleansing

ANSWER C

WHY Sterilization is the highest level of decontamination and destroys all forms of microbial life, including bacterial spores, typically through autoclaving. Disinfection eliminates most pathogenic microorganisms but not necessarily spores, sanitization reduces microorganisms to a safe level, and cleansing is simply the removal of dirt and debris.

QUESTION 5

SINGLE CHOICE

Under the California Cosmetology Act, a licensed cosmetologist is authorized to perform which of the following services?

- ☒ A Hair coloring, hair cutting, chemical waving, and nail services within the established scope of practice
- ☐ B Diagnosis and treatment of scalp diseases
- ☐ C Prescription of topical medications for hair loss
- ☐ D Performance of invasive medical procedures such as injections

ANSWER A

WHY California law defines cosmetology as the practice of arranging, beautifying, cleansing, coloring, or otherwise treating the hair, scalp, nails, and skin within a defined scope. Diagnosing or treating medical conditions, prescribing medication, and performing invasive procedures fall outside the cosmetology scope of practice.

QUESTION 6

SINGLE CHOICE

Before applying a chemical haircolor service that involves an aniline derivative or a known allergen, a California cosmetologist should first:

- ☐ A Proceed with the service because patch tests are optional in California
- ☒ B Perform a predisposition (patch) test according to the manufacturer's directions and record the result before proceeding
- ☐ C Apply the product only on the ends of the hair to test the reaction
- ☐ D Wait until the client requests a patch test before doing one

ANSWER B

WHY California health and safety regulations require a cosmetologist to perform a patch (predisposition) test following the manufacturer's directions prior to applying any aniline derivative product or other potential allergen, to protect the client from adverse reactions. Skipping or delaying the test violates safe practice standards.

QUESTION 7

SINGLE CHOICE

California regulations require that all harmful substances in a cosmetology establishment must be stored:

- ☐ A In any unlocked cabinet convenient to the stylist
- ☒ B In labeled, closed containers away from heat sources and in a manner that prevents contamination or accidental ingestion
- ☐ C In open containers on the workstation so they are easy to reach
- ☐ D Mixed together to save space

ANSWER B

WHY California requires that hazardous or harmful products be stored in properly labeled, closed containers in a safe area away from heat, contamination, and reach of clients. Open, unlabeled, or mixed storage creates safety and health hazards and is not permitted.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

If a cosmetologist in California observes a client with a suspected contagious or communicable condition (such as a fungal infection of the scalp), the cosmetologist must:

- ☐ A Continue the service but wear gloves
- ☒ B Refuse the service and refer the client to a physician, then properly disinfect any tools or surfaces that may have been exposed
- ☐ C Treat the condition themselves using over-the-counter products
- ☐ D Ignore the condition and finish the appointment quickly

ANSWER B

WHY A cosmetologist must refuse to perform services on a client showing signs of a contagious or communicable disease and must refer the client to a qualified medical professional. The cosmetologist must also properly disinfect all instruments and surfaces to prevent the spread of infection. Self-treatment by a cosmetologist is outside the scope of practice.

QUESTION 9

SINGLE CHOICE

California health and safety standards require that electrical appliances and equipment in a cosmetology establishment be:

- ☐ A Used near water without any precautions
- ☒ B Inspected for frayed cords, broken plugs, or damage, and unplugged when not in use or before cleaning
- ☐ C Stored while plugged in to keep them ready for use
- ☐ D Used without regard to manufacturer instructions

ANSWER B

WHY California regulations require that all electrical equipment be maintained in safe working condition, kept away from water hazards, and unplugged before cleaning or when not in use. Damaged cords or plugs can cause electrical shock or fire and must be repaired or removed. Manufacturer instructions and safety standards must be followed.