

COSMETOLOGY STATE BOARD PRACTICE EXAM 7 (110 QUESTIONS)

This general practice exam contains 110 multiple-choice questions covering sanitation, safety, hair, nails, skin care, and professional practice. Select the single best answer. State laws and practical-exam procedures vary by jurisdiction; use your current state board bulletin as the final authority.

1. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the removal of visible soil and debris from implements before disinfection. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cleaning
- B. sterilization
- C. exfoliation
- D. neutralization

2. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the process that destroys many pathogenic organisms on nonporous tools but not all spores. Which answer is the best match?

- A. sanitation
- B. decontamination
- C. emulsification
- D. disinfection

3. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the complete destruction of all microbial life, including bacterial spores. Which answer is the best match?

- A. disinfection
- B. dehydration
- C. ventilation

D. sterilization

4. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a microorganism that can cause disease. Which answer is the best match?

- A. pathogen
- B. pigment
- C. surfactant
- D. catalyst

5. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an object that can carry disease-causing organisms. Which answer is the best match?

- A. follicle
- B. papilla
- C. fomite
- D. cuticle

6. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an infection acquired by contact with contaminated blood or body fluids. Which answer is the best match?

- A. contact dermatitis
- B. bloodborne infection
- C. chemical burn
- D. pressure urticaria

7. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a practice that reduces the number of disease-causing organisms to a safe level. Which answer is the best match?

- A. sanitation
- B. sterilization

- C. oxidation
- D. massage

8. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a written record that identifies hazards and safer handling information for a product. Which answer is the best match?

- A. consultation card
- B. Safety Data Sheet
- C. service ticket
- D. color formula

9. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a product label warning that a material can catch fire easily. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hypoallergenic
- B. emollient
- C. astringent
- D. flammable

10. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a client condition that requires postponing service and referral when appropriate. Which answer is the best match?

- A. normal porosity
- B. mild dryness
- C. contagious infection
- D. coarse texture

11. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a reaction in which the immune system responds to a substance. Which answer is the best match?

- A. neutralization

- B. oxidation
- C. allergy
- D. emulsification

12. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a small preliminary test used to identify possible sensitivity to a cosmetic product. Which answer is the best match?

- A. strand test
- B. porosity test
- C. elasticity test
- D. patch test

13. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the outermost protective layer of the skin. Which answer is the best match?

- A. epidermis
- B. dermis
- C. subcutis
- D. papillary layer

14. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the skin layer containing blood vessels, nerves, and glands. Which answer is the best match?

- A. epidermis
- B. dermis
- C. cuticle
- D. medulla

15. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the oily substance produced by sebaceous glands. Which answer is the best match?

- A. melanin
- B. keratin
- C. sebum
- D. collagen

16. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the gland that produces perspiration. Which answer is the best match?

- A. sudoriferous gland
- B. sebaceous gland
- C. endocrine gland
- D. lymph gland

17. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the pigment that gives skin and hair much of their natural color. Which answer is the best match?

- A. sebum
- B. keratin
- C. collagen
- D. melanin

18. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a protein that forms much of hair, skin, and nails. Which answer is the best match?

- A. melanin
- B. keratin
- C. sebum
- D. elastin

19. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the repeating structural unit of the nervous system. Which answer is the best match?

- A. neuron
- B. tendon
- C. ligament
- D. artery

20. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a muscle tissue that is attached to bones and controlled voluntarily. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cardiac muscle
- B. smooth muscle
- C. skeletal muscle
- D. epithelial tissue

21. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the body system that transports blood, nutrients, and oxygen. Which answer is the best match?

- A. integumentary system
- B. respiratory system
- C. digestive system
- D. circulatory system

22. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the body system that controls and coordinates body functions. Which answer is the best match?

- A. skeletal system
- B. nervous system
- C. excretory system
- D. respiratory system

23. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the hair structure that supplies nutrients to growing cells. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hair shaft
- B. dermal papilla
- C. cuticle scale
- D. arrector pili

24. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the tube-like depression in the skin that surrounds the hair root. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hair shaft
- B. cortex
- C. medulla
- D. hair follicle

25. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the portion of hair that projects above the scalp. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hair shaft
- B. hair bulb
- C. dermal papilla
- D. root sheath

26. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the innermost layer of the hair shaft, often absent in fine hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cuticle
- B. cortex
- C. medulla
- D. matrix

27. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the middle hair layer that provides strength and contains pigment. Which answer is the best match?

- A. medulla
- B. cuticle
- C. follicle
- D. cortex

28. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the outer, overlapping protective layer of the hair shaft. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cortex
- B. medulla
- C. cuticle
- D. papilla

29. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a hair growth phase in which new cells are actively produced. Which answer is the best match?

- A. anagen phase
- B. catagen phase
- C. telogen phase
- D. exogen phase

30. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the brief transitional phase between active growth and resting. Which answer is the best match?

- A. anagen phase
- B. catagen phase
- C. telogen phase
- D. maturation phase

31. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the resting phase of the hair-growth cycle. Which answer is the best match?

- A. telogen phase
- B. anagen phase
- C. catagen phase
- D. processing phase

32. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving hair's ability to stretch and return without breaking. Which answer is the best match?

- A. porosity
- B. density
- C. elasticity
- D. texture

33. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving hair's ability to absorb moisture or chemical products. Which answer is the best match?

- A. elasticity
- B. density
- C. diameter
- D. porosity

34. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the number of hair strands per square inch on the scalp. Which answer is the best match?

- A. texture
- B. density
- C. porosity
- D. elasticity

35. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the natural diameter of an individual hair strand. Which answer is the best match?

- A. density
- B. texture
- C. porosity
- D. form

36. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the direction in which hair naturally grows from the scalp. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hair density
- B. porosity level
- C. color level
- D. growth pattern

37. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a hair pattern that forms a circular arrangement from a central point. Which answer is the best match?

- A. parting
- B. subsection
- C. whorl
- D. elevation

38. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a haircutting guideline that does not move and produces a uniform result. Which answer is the best match?

- A. stationary guideline
- B. traveling guideline
- C. perimeter line
- D. weight line

39. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a haircutting guideline that moves as each new section is cut. Which answer is the best match?

- A. traveling guideline
- B. stationary guideline
- C. distribution line
- D. design line

40. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the angle at which hair is held away from the head when cutting. Which answer is the best match?

- A. tension
- B. elevation
- C. overdirection
- D. projection

41. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the act of combing hair away from its natural fall before cutting. Which answer is the best match?

- A. elevation
- B. cross-checking
- C. overdirection
- D. slithering

42. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a method used after a haircut to check balance by combing in the opposite direction. Which answer is the best match?

- A. backcombing
- B. shingling
- C. texturizing
- D. cross-checking

43. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a cutting technique that removes bulk by cutting into the ends. Which answer is the best match?

- A. blunt cutting
- B. slide cutting
- C. point cutting
- D. notching

44. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a cutting technique that creates a solid, even edge. Which answer is the best match?

- A. point cutting
- B. blunt cutting
- C. razor cutting
- D. channel cutting

45. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the use of thinning shears to remove bulk without greatly changing length. Which answer is the best match?

- A. texturizing
- B. graduating
- C. layering
- D. beveling

46. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a haircut form that builds weight with shorter exterior layers. Which answer is the best match?

- A. uniform-layer cut
- B. long-layer cut
- C. blunt cut
- D. graduated cut

47. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a haircut in which the hair is cut at a consistent length throughout. Which answer is the best match?

- A. uniform-layer cut
- B. graduated cut
- C. long-layer cut
- D. asymmetrical cut

48. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a haircut in which interior hair is shorter and exterior hair remains longer. Which answer is the best match?

- A. graduated cut
- B. uniform-layer cut
- C. long-layer cut
- D. one-length cut

49. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the temporary breaking of hydrogen bonds by water or heat during styling. Which answer is the best match?

- A. oxidation reaction
- B. neutralization reaction
- C. melanin formation
- D. physical side bond change

50. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a shaping technique that uses a heated iron to form curls or waves. Which answer is the best match?

- A. chemical relaxing
- B. thermal styling
- C. permanent waving
- D. hair lightening

51. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the practice of testing a heated iron before placing it on hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. strand test
- B. temperature test
- C. patch test
- D. porosity test

52. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the procedure of combing small sections backward toward the scalp to build support. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cross-checking
- B. finger waving
- C. backcombing
- D. pin curling

53. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the procedure of combing hair toward the scalp to create a smooth cushion. Which answer is the best match?

- A. backbrushing
- B. backcombing
- C. blow drying
- D. flat ironing

54. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a section of hair molded into an S pattern with fingers and a comb. Which answer is the best match?

- A. pin curl
- B. roller set
- C. braid
- D. finger wave

55. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a curl formed by winding hair around the finger and securing it with a clip. Which answer is the best match?

- A. finger wave
- B. thermal curl
- C. pin curl
- D. spiral braid

56. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the base of a curl that is positioned directly over its subsection. Which answer is the best match?

- A. on-base placement
- B. off-base placement
- C. half-base placement
- D. diagonal placement

57. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the chemical process that creates new pigment or removes natural pigment. Which answer is the best match?

- A. neutralization
- B. oxidation
- C. reduction
- D. emulsification

58. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the chemical process that adds hydrogen or removes oxygen. Which answer is the best match?

- A. oxidation
- B. neutralization
- C. polymerization
- D. reduction

59. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a color service used to make hair lighter by dispersing natural pigment. Which answer is the best match?

- A. filling
- B. depositing
- C. lightening
- D. toning

60. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a preliminary procedure used to determine how hair will react to a color formula. Which answer is the best match?

- A. patch test
- B. strand test
- C. temperature test
- D. tension test

61. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a consultation factor that describes the degree of lightness or darkness of hair color. Which answer is the best match?

- A. tone
- B. intensity
- C. porosity
- D. level

62. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the balance of warm or cool color reflected in the hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. tone
- B. level
- C. density
- D. texture

63. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a color product that deposits pigment but generally does not lighten natural hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. demi-permanent color
- B. bleach
- C. clarifying shampoo
- D. neutralizer

64. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the process of returning hair to a natural-looking pH after a chemical service. Which answer is the best match?

- A. oxidation
- B. reduction
- C. neutralization
- D. emulsification

65. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a chemical service that changes the natural wave pattern by rearranging side bonds. Which answer is the best match?

- A. thermal styling
- B. permanent waving
- C. finger waving
- D. roller setting

66. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a chemical service that reduces curl pattern by rearranging side bonds. Which answer is the best match?

- A. thermal curling
- B. temporary styling
- C. braiding
- D. chemical relaxing

67. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the test curl used during a permanent-wave service to assess curl formation. Which answer is the best match?

- A. patch test
- B. strand test
- C. porosity test
- D. preliminary test curl

68. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the process of applying a protective cream around the hairline before a chemical service. Which answer is the best match?

- A. emulsification
- B. barrier protection
- C. clarifying
- D. backcombing

69. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the nail structure that produces new nail cells. Which answer is the best match?

- A. free edge
- B. nail plate
- C. matrix
- D. hyponychium

70. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the visible hardened keratin portion of the natural nail. Which answer is the best match?

- A. nail plate
- B. matrix
- C. nail bed
- D. cuticle

71. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the skin beneath the nail plate that supports its growth. Which answer is the best match?

- A. nail bed
- B. matrix
- C. free edge
- D. lunula

72. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the pale, half-moon area at the base of the natural nail. Which answer is the best match?

- A. eponychium
- B. hyponychium
- C. lunula
- D. mantle

73. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the living skin at the base of the nail plate. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cuticle
- B. free edge
- C. nail wall
- D. eponychium

74. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the nonliving tissue that adheres to the natural nail plate. Which answer is the best match?

- A. eponychium
- B. cuticle
- C. nail bed
- D. matrix

75. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the area under the free edge that helps seal the nail bed. Which answer is the best match?

- A. lunula
- B. hyponychium
- C. mantle
- D. matrix

76. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an implement surface that can be cleaned and disinfected when not porous. Which answer is the best match?

- A. nonporous surface
- B. absorbent surface
- C. disposable surface
- D. textured surface

77. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an item intended for one client and then discarded. Which answer is the best match?

- A. multiuse implement
- B. nonporous tool
- C. single-use item
- D. service towel

78. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the practice of using clean items only after hands have been washed or sanitized. Which answer is the best match?

- A. dry brushing
- B. double dipping
- C. cross-contamination
- D. standard precautions

79. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the transfer of harmful organisms from one person or object to another. Which answer is the best match?

- A. exfoliation
- B. emulsification
- C. cross-contamination
- D. ventilation

80. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the step that should occur before disinfecting a reusable implement. Which answer is the best match?

- A. thorough cleaning
- B. product mixing
- C. dry storage
- D. client draping

81. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a massage movement involving light, continuous stroking. Which answer is the best match?

- A. petrissage
- B. effleurage
- C. tapotement
- D. friction

82. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a massage movement involving kneading or squeezing of tissues. Which answer is the best match?

- A. effleurage
- B. tapotement
- C. vibration
- D. petrissage

83. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a massage movement made with light tapping or percussion. Which answer is the best match?

- A. effleurage
- B. petrissage
- C. friction
- D. tapotement

84. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a massage movement involving deep rubbing in a circular motion. Which answer is the best match?

- A. effleurage
- B. petrissage
- C. friction
- D. vibration

85. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a cosmetic product that softens and smooths the skin. Which answer is the best match?

- A. emollient
- B. astringent
- C. abrasive
- D. disinfectant

86. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a cosmetic product that produces a tightening or drying effect on skin. Which answer is the best match?

- A. emollient
- B. astringent
- C. humectant
- D. lubricant

87. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a product that attracts and holds moisture in the skin. Which answer is the best match?

- A. astringent
- B. humectant
- C. abrasive
- D. antiseptic

88. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the removal of excess dead cells from the skin surface. Which answer is the best match?

- A. exfoliation
- B. emulsification
- C. neutralization
- D. oxidation

89. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a temporary hair-removal method that removes hair from below the skin surface. Which answer is the best match?

- A. shaving
- B. trimming
- C. bleaching
- D. waxing

90. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a temporary hair-removal method that cuts hair at the skin surface. Which answer is the best match?

- A. waxing
- B. tweezing
- C. shaving
- D. threading

91. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the client-analysis method of visually and manually assessing skin before a facial. Which answer is the best match?

- A. strand test
- B. curl test
- C. skin analysis
- D. patch test

92. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a skin condition characterized by excessive oil production. Which answer is the best match?

- A. albinism
- B. anhidrosis
- C. vitiligo
- D. seborrhea

93. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an abnormal absence of pigment in skin or hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. melasma
- B. albinism
- C. seborrhea
- D. hirsutism

94. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the general term for an abnormal growth of hair. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hypertrichosis
- B. alopecia
- C. seborrhea
- D. psoriasis

95. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the general term for hair loss. Which answer is the best match?

- A. hypertrichosis
- B. alopecia
- C. trichoptilosis
- D. canities

96. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a hair condition in which the shaft splits at the ends. Which answer is the best match?

- A. trichoptilosis
- B. pediculosis
- C. canities
- D. monilethrix

97. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving an infestation of the hair and scalp by head lice. Which answer is the best match?

- A. tinea capitis
- B. scabies
- C. impetigo
- D. pediculosis capitis

98. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a fungal infection of the scalp that requires referral. Which answer is the best match?

- A. pediculosis capitis
- B. seborrhea
- C. tinea capitis
- D. alopecia

99. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving a client-service document used to record consultation findings and service details. Which answer is the best match?

- A. Safety Data Sheet
- B. disinfection log
- C. client record
- D. appointment book

100. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the professional process of discussing client needs, history, and desired results before service. Which answer is the best match?

- A. consultation
- B. disinfection
- C. ventilation
- D. neutralization

101. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the protective covering placed around a client before a service. Which answer is the best match?

- A. sectioning
- B. elevating
- C. overdirecting
- D. draping

102. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the practice of maintaining a clean, orderly, hazard-free workstation. Which answer is the best match?

- A. retailing
- B. infection control
- C. marketing
- D. texturizing

103. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the part of a cosmetology service focused on explaining home-care recommendations. Which answer is the best match?

- A. chemical processing
- B. client education
- C. disinfection
- D. appointment scheduling

104. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the professional behavior of protecting a client's personal information. Which answer is the best match?

- A. cross-contamination
- B. exfoliation
- C. confidentiality
- D. ventilation

105. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the service principle of obtaining client agreement after explaining a procedure and possible results. Which answer is the best match?

- A. informed consent
- B. automatic renewal
- C. retail disclosure
- D. color correction

106. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the principle of stopping a service when a client reports burning or unusual discomfort. Which answer is the best match?

- A. product retailing
- B. time management
- C. design balance
- D. client safety

107. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the business practice of following the licensing rules in the jurisdiction where services are performed. Which answer is the best match?

- A. regulatory compliance
- B. chemical neutralization
- C. color balancing
- D. product emulsification

108. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the safest response when a state rule conflicts with a general study-guide statement. Which answer is the best match?

- A. use the oldest textbook
- B. follow the current state rule
- C. follow a coworker's habit
- D. ignore the difference

109. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the procedure of discarding a contaminated single-use item immediately. Which answer is the best match?

- A. reconditioning
- B. disinfection
- C. proper disposal
- D. storage

110. A state-board candidate reviews a service situation involving the safest way to remove a contaminated reusable implement from a workstation. Which answer is the best match?

- A. return it to the clean drawer
- B. leave it on the counter
- C. use it on the next client
- D. place it in a labeled container

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- 1. A** — Cleaning is correct because it means the removal of visible soil and debris from implements before disinfection. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.
- 2. D** — Disinfection is correct because it means the process that destroys many pathogenic organisms on nonporous tools but not all spores. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.
- 3. D** — Sterilization is correct because it means the complete destruction of all microbial life, including bacterial spores. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.
- 4. A** — Pathogen is correct because it means a microorganism that can cause disease. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.
- 5. C** — Fomite is correct because it means an object that can carry disease-causing organisms. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.
- 6. B** — Bloodborne infection is correct because it means an infection acquired by contact with contaminated blood or body fluids. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.
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13. A — Epidermis is correct because it means the outermost protective layer of the skin. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.

14. B — Dermis is correct because it means the skin layer containing blood vessels, nerves, and glands. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

15. C — Sebum is correct because it means the oily substance produced by sebaceous glands. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.

16. A — Sudoriferous gland is correct because it means the gland that produces perspiration. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.

17. D — Melanin is correct because it means the pigment that gives skin and hair much of their natural color. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions,

products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

18. B — Keratin is correct because it means a protein that forms much of hair, skin, and nails. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

19. A — Neuron is correct because it means the repeating structural unit of the nervous system. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

20. C — Skeletal muscle is correct because it means a muscle tissue that is attached to bones and controlled voluntarily. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

21. D — Circulatory system is correct because it means the body system that transports blood, nutrients, and oxygen. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

22. B — Nervous system is correct because it means the body system that controls and coordinates body functions. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

23. B — Dermal papilla is correct because it means the hair structure that supplies nutrients to growing cells. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

24. D — Hair follicle is correct because it means the tube-like depression in the skin that surrounds the hair root. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

25. A — Hair shaft is correct because it means the portion of hair that projects above the scalp. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

26. C — Medulla is correct because it means the innermost layer of the hair shaft, often absent in fine hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions,

products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

27. D — Cortex is correct because it means the middle hair layer that provides strength and contains pigment. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

28. C — Cuticle is correct because it means the outer, overlapping protective layer of the hair shaft. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

29. A — Anagen phase is correct because it means a hair growth phase in which new cells are actively produced. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

30. B — Catagen phase is correct because it means the brief transitional phase between active growth and resting. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

31. A — Telogen phase is correct because it means the resting phase of the hair-growth cycle. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

32. C — Elasticity is correct because it means hair's ability to stretch and return without breaking. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

33. D — Porosity is correct because it means hair's ability to absorb moisture or chemical products. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

34. B — Density is correct because it means the number of hair strands per square inch on the scalp. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

35. B — Texture is correct because it means the natural diameter of an individual hair strand. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or

procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

36. D — Growth pattern is correct because it means the direction in which hair naturally grows from the scalp. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

37. C — Whorl is correct because it means a hair pattern that forms a circular arrangement from a central point. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

38. A — Stationary guideline is correct because it means a haircutting guideline that does not move and produces a uniform result. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

39. A — Traveling guideline is correct because it means a haircutting guideline that moves as each new section is cut. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

40. B — Elevation is correct because it means the angle at which hair is held away from the head when cutting. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

41. C — Overdirection is correct because it means the act of combing hair away from its natural fall before cutting. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

42. D — Cross-checking is correct because it means a method used after a haircut to check balance by combing in the opposite direction. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

43. C — Point cutting is correct because it means a cutting technique that removes bulk by cutting into the ends. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

44. B — Blunt cutting is correct because it means a cutting technique that creates a solid, even edge. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products,

or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

45. A — Texturizing is correct because it means the use of thinning shears to remove bulk without greatly changing length. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

46. D — Graduated cut is correct because it means a haircut form that builds weight with shorter exterior layers. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

47. A — Uniform-layer cut is correct because it means a haircut in which the hair is cut at a consistent length throughout. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

48. C — Long-layer cut is correct because it means a haircut in which interior hair is shorter and exterior hair remains longer. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

49. D — Physical side bond change is correct because it means the temporary breaking of hydrogen bonds by water or heat during styling. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

50. B — Thermal styling is correct because it means a shaping technique that uses a heated iron to form curls or waves. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

51. B — Temperature test is correct because it means the practice of testing a heated iron before placing it on hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

52. C — Backcombing is correct because it means the procedure of combing small sections backward toward the scalp to build support. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

53. A — Backbrushing is correct because it means the procedure of combing hair toward the scalp to create a smooth cushion. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different

structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

54. D — Finger wave is correct because it means a section of hair molded into an S pattern with fingers and a comb. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

55. C — Pin curl is correct because it means a curl formed by winding hair around the finger and securing it with a clip. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

56. A — On-base placement is correct because it means the base of a curl that is positioned directly over its subsection. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

57. B — Oxidation is correct because it means the chemical process that creates new pigment or removes natural pigment. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

58. D — Reduction is correct because it means the chemical process that adds hydrogen or removes oxygen. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

59. C — Lightening is correct because it means a color service used to make hair lighter by dispersing natural pigment. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

60. B — Strand test is correct because it means a preliminary procedure used to determine how hair will react to a color formula. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

61. D — Level is correct because it means a consultation factor that describes the degree of lightness or darkness of hair color. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

62. A — Tone is correct because it means the balance of warm or cool color reflected in the hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products,

or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

63. A — Demi-permanent color is correct because it means a color product that deposits pigment but generally does not lighten natural hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

64. C — Neutralization is correct because it means the process of returning hair to a natural-looking pH after a chemical service. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

65. B — Permanent waving is correct because it means a chemical service that changes the natural wave pattern by rearranging side bonds. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

66. D — Chemical relaxing is correct because it means a chemical service that reduces curl pattern by rearranging side bonds. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

67. D — Preliminary test curl is correct because it means the test curl used during a permanent-wave service to assess curl formation. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

68. B — Barrier protection is correct because it means the process of applying a protective cream around the hairline before a chemical service. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

69. C — Matrix is correct because it means the nail structure that produces new nail cells. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

70. A — Nail plate is correct because it means the visible hardened keratin portion of the natural nail. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

71. A — Nail bed is correct because it means the skin beneath the nail plate that supports its growth. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products,

or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

72. C — Lunula is correct because it means the pale, half-moon area at the base of the natural nail. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

73. D — Eponychium is correct because it means the living skin at the base of the nail plate. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

74. B — Cuticle is correct because it means the nonliving tissue that adheres to the natural nail plate. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

75. B — Hyponychium is correct because it means the area under the free edge that helps seal the nail bed. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

76. A — Nonporous surface is correct because it means an implement surface that can be cleaned and disinfected when not porous. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

77. C — Single-use item is correct because it means an item intended for one client and then discarded. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

78. D — Standard precautions is correct because it means the practice of using clean items only after hands have been washed or sanitized. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

79. C — Cross-contamination is correct because it means the transfer of harmful organisms from one person or object to another. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

80. A — Thorough cleaning is correct because it means the step that should occur before disinfecting a reusable implement. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different

structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

81. B — Effleurage is correct because it means a massage movement involving light, continuous stroking. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.

82. D — Petrissage is correct because it means a massage movement involving kneading or squeezing of tissues. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

83. D — Tapotement is correct because it means a massage movement made with light tapping or percussion. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

84. C — Friction is correct because it means a massage movement involving deep rubbing in a circular motion. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

85. A — Emollient is correct because it means a cosmetic product that softens and smooths the skin. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

86. B — Astringent is correct because it means a cosmetic product that produces a tightening or drying effect on skin. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

87. B — Humectant is correct because it means a product that attracts and holds moisture in the skin. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

88. A — Exfoliation is correct because it means the removal of excess dead cells from the skin surface. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

89. D — Waxing is correct because it means a temporary hair-removal method that removes hair from below the skin surface. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different

structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

90. C — Shaving is correct because it means a temporary hair-removal method that cuts hair at the skin surface. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

91. C — Skin analysis is correct because it means the client-analysis method of visually and manually assessing skin before a facial. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

92. D — Seborrhea is correct because it means a skin condition characterized by excessive oil production. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

93. B — Albinism is correct because it means an abnormal absence of pigment in skin or hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

94. A — Hypertrichosis is correct because it means the general term for an abnormal growth of hair. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

95. B — Alopecia is correct because it means the general term for hair loss. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions. This distinction helps protect clients and maintain consistent service standards.

96. A — Trichoptilosis is correct because it means a hair condition in which the shaft splits at the ends. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

97. D — Pediculosis capitis is correct because it means an infestation of the hair and scalp by head lice. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

98. C — Tinea capitis is correct because it means a fungal infection of the scalp that requires referral. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions,

products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

99. C — Client record is correct because it means a client-service document used to record consultation findings and service details. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

100. A — Consultation is correct because it means the professional process of discussing client needs, history, and desired results before service. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

101. D — Draping is correct because it means the protective covering placed around a client before a service. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

102. B — Infection control is correct because it means the practice of maintaining a clean, orderly, hazard-free workstation. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

103. B — Client education is correct because it means the part of a cosmetology service focused on explaining home-care recommendations. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

104. C — Confidentiality is correct because it means the professional behavior of protecting a client's personal information. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

105. A — Informed consent is correct because it means the service principle of obtaining client agreement after explaining a procedure and possible results. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

106. D — Client safety is correct because it means the principle of stopping a service when a client reports burning or unusual discomfort. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

107. A — Regulatory compliance is correct because it means the business practice of following the licensing rules in the jurisdiction where services are performed. The other choices are related

cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

108. B — Follow the current state rule is correct because it means the safest response when a state rule conflicts with a general study-guide statement. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

109. C — Proper disposal is correct because it means the procedure of discarding a contaminated single-use item immediately. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.

110. D — Place it in a labeled container is correct because it means the safest way to remove a contaminated reusable implement from a workstation. The other choices are related cosmetology terms, but they identify different structures, conditions, products, or procedures. Read the defining words in the stem carefully. Choosing the precise term supports safe care, clear communication, and reliable decisions.