

COSMETOLOGY STATE BOARD PRACTICE EXAM 9 (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. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the removal of visible soil and debris from implements before disinfection?

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

2. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the process that destroys many pathogenic organisms on nonporous tools but not all spores?

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

3. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the complete destruction of all microbial life, including bacterial spores?

- A. disinfection
- B. sterilization
- C. dehydration

D. ventilation

4. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a microorganism that can cause disease?

A. pathogen

B. pigment

C. surfactant

D. catalyst

5. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an object that can carry disease-causing organisms?

A. follicle

B. papilla

C. cuticle

D. fomite

6. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an infection acquired by contact with contaminated blood or body fluids?

A. contact dermatitis

B. chemical burn

C. bloodborne infection

D. pressure urticaria

7. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a practice that reduces the number of disease-causing organisms to a safe level?

A. sterilization

B. oxidation

- C. sanitation
- D. massage

8. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a written record that identifies hazards and safer handling information for a product?

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

9. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a product label warning that a material can catch fire easily?

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

10. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a client condition that requires postponing service and referral when appropriate?

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

11. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a reaction in which the immune system responds to a substance?

- A. neutralization

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

12. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a small preliminary test used to identify possible sensitivity to a cosmetic product?

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

13. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the outermost protective layer of the skin?

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

14. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the skin layer containing blood vessels, nerves, and glands?

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

15. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the oily substance produced by sebaceous glands?

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

16. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the gland that produces perspiration?

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

17. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the pigment that gives skin and hair much of their natural color?

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

18. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a protein that forms much of hair, skin, and nails?

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

19. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the repeating structural unit of the nervous system?

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

20. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a muscle tissue that is attached to bones and controlled voluntarily?

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

21. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the body system that transports blood, nutrients, and oxygen?

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

22. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the body system that controls and coordinates body functions?

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

23. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the hair structure that supplies nutrients to growing cells?

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

24. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the tube-like depression in the skin that surrounds the hair root?

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

25. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the portion of hair that projects above the scalp?

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

26. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the innermost layer of the hair shaft, often absent in fine hair?

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

27. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the middle hair layer that provides strength and contains pigment?

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

28. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the outer, overlapping protective layer of the hair shaft?

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

29. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a hair growth phase in which new cells are actively produced?

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

30. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the brief transitional phase between active growth and resting?

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

31. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the resting phase of the hair-growth cycle?

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

32. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: hair's ability to stretch and return without breaking?

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

33. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: hair's ability to absorb moisture or chemical products?

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

34. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the number of hair strands per square inch on the scalp?

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

35. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the natural diameter of an individual hair strand?

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

36. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the direction in which hair naturally grows from the scalp?

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

37. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a hair pattern that forms a circular arrangement from a central point?

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

38. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a haircutting guideline that does not move and produces a uniform result?

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

39. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a haircutting guideline that moves as each new section is cut?

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

40. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the angle at which hair is held away from the head when cutting?

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

41. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the act of combing hair away from its natural fall before cutting?

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

42. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a method used after a haircut to check balance by combing in the opposite direction?

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

43. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a cutting technique that removes bulk by cutting into the ends?

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

44. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a cutting technique that creates a solid, even edge?

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

45. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the use of thinning shears to remove bulk without greatly changing length?

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

46. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a haircut form that builds weight with shorter exterior layers?

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

47. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a haircut in which the hair is cut at a consistent length throughout?

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

48. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a haircut in which interior hair is shorter and exterior hair remains longer?

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

49. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the temporary breaking of hydrogen bonds by water or heat during styling?

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

50. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a shaping technique that uses a heated iron to form curls or waves?

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

51. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the practice of testing a heated iron before placing it on hair?

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

52. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the procedure of combing small sections backward toward the scalp to build support?

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

53. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the procedure of combing hair toward the scalp to create a smooth cushion?

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

54. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a section of hair molded into an S pattern with fingers and a comb?

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

55. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a curl formed by winding hair around the finger and securing it with a clip?

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

56. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the base of a curl that is positioned directly over its subsection?

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

57. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the chemical process that creates new pigment or removes natural pigment?

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

58. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the chemical process that adds hydrogen or removes oxygen?

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

59. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a color service used to make hair lighter by dispersing natural pigment?

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

60. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a preliminary procedure used to determine how hair will react to a color formula?

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

61. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a consultation factor that describes the degree of lightness or darkness of hair color?

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

62. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the balance of warm or cool color reflected in the hair?

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

63. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a color product that deposits pigment but generally does not lighten natural hair?

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

64. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the process of returning hair to a natural-looking pH after a chemical service?

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

65. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a chemical service that changes the natural wave pattern by rearranging side bonds?

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

66. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a chemical service that reduces curl pattern by rearranging side bonds?

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

67. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the test curl used during a permanent-wave service to assess curl formation?

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

68. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the process of applying a protective cream around the hairline before a chemical service?

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

69. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the nail structure that produces new nail cells?

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

70. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the visible hardened keratin portion of the natural nail?

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

71. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the skin beneath the nail plate that supports its growth?

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

72. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the pale, half-moon area at the base of the natural nail?

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

73. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the living skin at the base of the nail plate?

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

74. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the nonliving tissue that adheres to the natural nail plate?

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

75. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the area under the free edge that helps seal the nail bed?

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

76. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an implement surface that can be cleaned and disinfected when not porous?

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

77. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an item intended for one client and then discarded?

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

78. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the practice of using clean items only after hands have been washed or sanitized?

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

79. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the transfer of harmful organisms from one person or object to another?

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

80. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the step that should occur before disinfecting a reusable implement?

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

81. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a massage movement involving light, continuous stroking?

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

82. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a massage movement involving kneading or squeezing of tissues?

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

83. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a massage movement made with light tapping or percussion?

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

84. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a massage movement involving deep rubbing in a circular motion?

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

85. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a cosmetic product that softens and smooths the skin?

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

86. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a cosmetic product that produces a tightening or drying effect on skin?

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

87. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a product that attracts and holds moisture in the skin?

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

88. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the removal of excess dead cells from the skin surface?

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

89. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a temporary hair-removal method that removes hair from below the skin surface?

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

90. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a temporary hair-removal method that cuts hair at the skin surface?

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

91. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the client-analysis method of visually and manually assessing skin before a facial?

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

92. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a skin condition characterized by excessive oil production?

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

93. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an abnormal absence of pigment in skin or hair?

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

94. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the general term for an abnormal growth of hair?

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

95. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the general term for hair loss?

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

96. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a hair condition in which the shaft splits at the ends?

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

97. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: an infestation of the hair and scalp by head lice?

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

98. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a fungal infection of the scalp that requires referral?

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

99. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: a client-service document used to record consultation findings and service details?

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

100. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the professional process of discussing client needs, history, and desired results before service?

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

101. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the protective covering placed around a client before a service?

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

102. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the practice of maintaining a clean, orderly, hazard-free workstation?

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

103. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the part of a cosmetology service focused on explaining home-care recommendations?

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

104. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the professional behavior of protecting a client's personal information?

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

105. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the service principle of obtaining client agreement after explaining a procedure and possible results?

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

106. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the principle of stopping a service when a client reports burning or unusual discomfort?

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

107. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the business practice of following the licensing rules in the jurisdiction where services are performed?

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

108. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the safest response when a state rule conflicts with a general study-guide statement?

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

109. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the procedure of discarding a contaminated single-use item immediately?

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

110. Which cosmetology term, condition, or professional procedure is correctly identified by this description: the safest way to remove a contaminated reusable implement from a workstation?

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

Cosmetology State Board Practice Exam 9: Answer Key and Explanations

- 1. B** — 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. C** — 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. B** — 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. D** — 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. C** — 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.
- 7. C** — Sanitation is correct because it means a practice that reduces the number of disease-causing organisms to a safe level. 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.

8. D — Safety data sheet is correct because it means a written record that identifies hazards and safer handling information for a product. 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.

9. B — Flammable is correct because it means a product label warning that a material can catch fire easily. 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.

10. A — Contagious infection is correct because it means a client condition that requires postponing service and referral when appropriate. 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.

11. C — Allergy is correct because it means a reaction in which the immune system responds to a substance. 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.

12. B — Patch test is correct because it means a small preliminary test used to identify possible sensitivity to a cosmetic product. 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.

13. D — 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. A — 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. B — 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. C — 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. D — 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. B — 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. C — 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. C — 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. A — 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. C — 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. B — 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. D — 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. A — 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. B — 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. D — 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. C — 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. A — 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. B — 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. D — 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. C — 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. D — 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. B — 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. A — 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. B — 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. D — 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. C — 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. C — 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. D — 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. B — 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. A — 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. C — 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. A — 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. D — 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. B — 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. D — 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. A — 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. D — 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. A — 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. C — 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. D — 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. A — 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. B — 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. C — 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. A — 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. D — 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. A — 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. C — 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. D — 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. C — 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. A — 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. B — 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. B — 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. A — 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. D — 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. C — 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. A — 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. C — 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. B — 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. A — 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. B — 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. B — 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. D — 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. A — 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. C — 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. D — 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. B — 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. A — 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. C — 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. D — 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. A — 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. B — 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.