

PRACTICE EXAM 2: COSMETOLOGY STATE BOARD THEORY (110 QUESTIONS)

This 110-question practice exam follows the NIC-style Cosmetology Theory blueprint: Scientific Concepts (35%), Hair Care and Services (45%), Skin Care and Services (10%), and Nail Care and Services (10%). Complete it in 90 minutes. State-specific licensing rules and passing standards may differ; consult your state board and current Candidate Information Bulletin.

1. Which term best identifies a capable of destroying bacteria?
 - A. virucidal
 - B. fungicidal
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4. During theory review, which term means a effective against tuberculosis bacteria?
 - A. emollient
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5. Which term best identifies a not readily penetrated by liquids?

- A. nonporous
- B. porous
- C. absorbent
- D. disposable

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- A. nonporous
- B. metallic
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- A. processing time
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- A. client record
- B. safety data sheet
- C. service ticket
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9. Which term best identifies a single-use hand barriers for contamination control?

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- C. safety goggles
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11. Select the term that describes a movement of fresh air that reduces vapor buildup.

- A. emulsification
- B. ventilation
- C. sanitation
- D. sterilization

12. During theory review, which term means a fitting tasks and tools to the worker to reduce strain?

- A. disinfection
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13. Which term best identifies a body system that returns tissue fluid to circulation?

- A. digestive system
- B. skeletal system
- C. integumentary system
- D. lymphatic system

14. A cosmetology candidate should recognize which term for a body system that receives and transmits impulses?

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- B. endocrine system
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16. During theory review, which term means a active growth stage of the hair cycle?

- A. catagen phase
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42. A cosmetology candidate should recognize which term for a design lines that suggest movement?

- A. horizontal lines
- B. vertical lines
- C. diagonal lines
- D. parallel lines

43. Select the term that describes a three-dimensional shape or mass of a hairstyle.

- A. line
- B. color
- C. texture
- D. form

44. During theory review, which term means a relationship of one design part to another?

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

45. Which term best identifies a equal visual weight in a hairstyle?

- A. contrast
- B. balance
- C. emphasis
- D. rhythm

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- A. balance
- B. rhythm
- C. proportion
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48. During theory review, which term means a surface quality seen or felt in a design?

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

49. Which term best identifies a cutting tool designed for controlled hair cutting?

- A. tail comb
- B. vent brush
- C. shears
- D. roller

50. A cosmetology candidate should recognize which term for a cutting tool that creates tapered and textured effects?

- A. clipper comb
- B. paddle brush
- C. round brush
- D. razor

51. Select the term that describes a electric cutting tool commonly used for short hair services.

- A. clippers
- B. diffuser
- C. roller
- D. tail comb

52. During theory review, which term means a small electric tool used to refine outlines?

- A. diffuser
- B. paddle brush
- C. roller
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53. Which term best identifies a blow-dryer attachment that disperses airflow?

- A. flat iron
- B. tail comb
- C. diffuser
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- A. diffuser
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- B. gel
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- A. gel
- B. wax
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- A. astringent
- B. clay mask
- C. enzyme peel
- D. cleansing milk

90. A cosmetology candidate should recognize which term for a exfoliant that uses enzymes to loosen surface cells?

- A. enzyme exfoliant
- B. astringent
- C. emollient
- D. mask

91. Select the term that describes a mask commonly used to absorb excess oil.

- A. cream mask
- B. eye gel
- C. clay mask
- D. cleansing milk

92. During theory review, which term means a equipment that provides warm moist vapor during a facial?

- A. facial steamer
- B. magnifying lamp
- C. microphone
- D. nail dryer

93. Which term best identifies a lighted device used to examine the skin closely?

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- C. pH scale
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101. Which term best identifies a product used to improve enhancement adhesion?

- A. nail primer
- B. cuticle oil
- C. hand lotion
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- C. nail polish
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104. During theory review, which term means a enhancement formed from monomer liquid and polymer powder?

- A. acrylic enhancement
- B. gel polish
- C. nail lacquer
- D. cuticle oil

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