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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS & 15 MINUTES**

- i. Ensure that your question paper and answer sheet option type match
- ii. Write your SERIAL NUMBER and EXAMINATION NUMBER on both the question paper & answer sheet
- iii. Shade the most appropriate option (a-d) on the template provided using 2B pencil
- iv. Submit both question paper and answer sheet at the end of the examination
- v. On no account should the question paper or part of it be taken out of the hall
- vi. Phones, Calculators & Smart Devices are not allowed

**QUESTIONS 1-200**

**ATTEMPT ALL**

**TYPE A**

1. Which of the following holistically captures pharmacists' role in health care?  
(a) Distribution (b) Clinical Pharmacy (c) Pharmaceutical Care **(d) Total Pharmacy care**
2. How many components are there in pharmaceutical care philosophy as espoused by Hepler and Strand?  
(a) **Four** (b) Three (c) Two (d) One
3. Pharmacists' responsibility in pharmaceutical care is to:  
(a) Counsel patients (b) Dispense medications  
(c) Identify common symptoms **(d) Resolve drug therapy problems**
4. The most beneficial outcome of drug therapy to the patient is:  
(a) **Clinical** (b) Economic (c) Humanistic (d) Process
5. "Length of stay" in a care facility is an example of which outcome?  
(a) Clinical **(b) Economic** (c) Humanistic (d) Process
6. Which of the following outcomes in malaria therapy may result in resistance development?  
(a) **Clinical cure** (b) Parasitological Cure (c) Radical Cure (d) None of the options
7. The "cornerstone" step in the provision of pharmaceutical care is to:  
(a) **Establish professional relationship** (b) Collect patient data  
(c) Identify drug therapy problems (d) Document activities
8. Data collected through patient interview is often described as:  
(a) Inaccurate (b) Accurate **(c) Subjective** (d) Objective
9. One of the following is regarded as a novel pharmaceutical care behavior:  
(a) **Monitor patient outcomes** (b) Obtain patient symptom information  
(c) Make a recommendation (d) Obtain patient medication history
10. Which of the following components of quality is the most important to the patient?  
(a) Structure (b) Process **(c) Outcome** (d) Structure and Process

11. Process criteria in pharmaceutical care are divided into:  
(a) Structure and Process (b) **Technical and Interpersonal**  
(c) Subjective and Objective (d) Manual and Computerized.
12. Pharmacoeconomics provides evidence for health care decisions in terms of:  
(a) Clinical efficacy (b) Patient Safety  
(c) Medication Effectiveness (d) **Value for money**
13. Effectiveness of medicinal products is determined in:  
(a) Laboratory evaluation (b) Clinical trial (c) **Real world** (d) Post-marketing surveillance
14. Which of the following is not correct regarding drug therapy problems:  
(a) **Medical problem** (b) Negative outcome  
(c) Amenable to detection (d) None of the options
15. Drug related needs of patients include the following **EXCEPT**:  
(a) Appropriate indication (b) Effectiveness (c) Safety (d) **Treated indication**
16. An asthmatic patient was given propranolol for palpitations. The potential drug therapy problems are:  
(a) Unnecessary drug therapy and untreated indication  
(b) **Wrong drug and adverse drug reaction**  
(c) Inappropriate adherence and dosage too high  
(d) Wrong drug and non-adherence
17. Pharmacists communicating with patient should **NOT**:  
(a) Appear relaxed (b) Use gestures  
(c) **Use 100% eye contact** (d) Be positioned at patients' eye level
18. "How do you take your antihypertensive medication?" Is an example of:  
(a) **Open ended question** (b) Close ended question  
(c) Leading question (d) Direct question
19. Pharmacist-patient communication should avoid this question type:  
(a) Open ended (b) Close ended (c) **Leading** (d) Probing
20. The procedure used to evaluate structures lying 4-5 cm under the skin is called:  
(a) Inspection (b) Palpation (c) **Percussion** (d) Auscultation
21. Beta-blocker induced bradycardia is physically assessed using:  
(a) Inspection and Palpation (b) Auscultation and Percussion  
(c) **Palpation and Auscultation** (d) Percussion and Palpation
22. One of the following is a direct method of assessing adherence:  
(a) Pill count (b) **Urine assay** (c) Refill record (d) Measurement of health outcome
23. Patient adherence is an example of intermediate:  
(a) **Clinical outcome** (b) Humanistic outcome (c) Economic outcome (d) None of the options
24. Strategies to improve adherence include the following **EXCEPT**:  
(a) Promote self-efficacy (b) Empower patients (c) **Fear tactics** (d) Telephone call

25. The first stage in developing collaboration between pharmacists and physicians is:  
(a) **Professional awareness** (b) Professional recognition  
(c) Exploration and trial (d) Commitment to collaboration
26. Characteristics of the pharmaceutical care product include the following except:  
(a) Inconsistent (b) Intangible **(c) Inventoried** (d) Inseparable
27. When marketing pharmaceutical care, which of the following Ps is in addition to those encountered in the marketing of pharmaceuticals?  
(a) Promotion **(b) Position** (c) Product (d) Place
28. Factors necessitating individualized pharmaceutical care in the elderly include the following **EXCEPT**:  
(a) Multiple diseases (b) Polypharmacy **(c) Adherence** (d) Physiological changes
29. Off-label medication use is:  
(a) Applicable to children only **(b) Unlicensed indication**  
(c) Due to pediatric formulary (d) All of the options
30. Patient-focused intervention in hypertension includes the following **EXCEPT**:  
(a) Education (b) Adherence promotion **(c) Dosage adjustment** (d) Low salt diet
31. Which of these interventions is beneficial in congestive heart failure?  
(a) Moderate smoking (b) Moderate alcohol **(c) Moderate exercise** (d) All of the options
32. Dyspnea experienced in heart failure is due to:  
(a) Left ventricular hypertrophy (b) Right ventricular hypertrophy  
**(c) Pulmonary edema** (d) Peripheral edema
33. Medications with known evidence to improve survival in cardiac failure include the following **EXCEPT**:  
(a) ACEIs (b) Spironolactone **(c) Digoxin** (d) None of the options
34. All patients with a suspected acute myocardial infarction should be given aspirin to:  
(a) Reduce chest pain **(b) Dissolve thrombus**  
(c) Reduce myocardial oxygen (d) All of the options
35. Long term glycemic control is monitored with:  
(a) **Glycosylated hemoglobin** (b) Blood pressure  
(c) Fasting blood glucose (d) Fasting lipid profile
36. Which of the following may be an additional drug therapy in diabetes care?  
(a) Insulin (b) Metformin **(c) Lisinopril** (d) Acarbose
37. Which of the following drugs may lower serum phenytoin level?  
(a) Cimetidine **(b) Carbamazepine** (c) Metronidazole (d) Fluconazole
38. Some antihypertensive agents affect potassium levels. Which option is wrongly matched?  
(a) Lisinopril → hyperkalemia (b) Losartan → hyperkalemia  
**(c) Enalapril → hypokalemia** (d) Hydrochlorothiazide → hypokalemia

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