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1. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Most exam pass marks that are set at 50% are largely based on historical practice and tradition rather than validated standard setting methods.

2. What is the name of a new standard setting method used to determine the pass mark of an exam that takes account of student performance?

- A. Hofstee method
- B. Contrasting groups method
- C. Cohen's method

3. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Quantitative literacy differs from mathematics in that it is embedded in a specific context, and data analysis and interpretation play a prominent role.

4. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

University lecturers who are experts in their discipline may not explicitly recognise the quantitative demands of the discipline.

5. Which one of the following statements is true?

- A. The quantitative literacy demands of first-year medical students often exceed the level achieved by school leavers
- B. The quantitative literacy needs of first-year medical students is adequate
- C. There is no need for quantitative literacy skills for first-year medical students

6. Which learning strategies may be useful in decentralised learning programmes in rural settings?

- A. Case-based learning
- B. Lectures
- C. Self-directed learning from a prescribed textbook

7. Which university adopted a Primary Health Care lead theme for curriculum transformation in 1994?

- A. University of the Free State
- B. Stellenbosch University
- C. University of Cape Town

8. Which one of the following statements is true?

- A. Service learning is widely practised in South Africa
- B. Implementing service learning is challenging in South Africa
- C. A significant part of service learning is classroom-based lectures

9. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Key phases of learning include the activation of prior experience, demonstration of skills, application of skills and the integration of these skills into real-world activities.

10. What does the term 'blended learning' mean?

- A. A combination of lectures and tutorials
- B. A combination of lectures and self-directed learning
- C. A combination of face-to-face teaching and online learning activities

11. Which one of the following statements is true?

- A. Blended learning is not significantly limited by information technology in South Africa
- B. Blended learning is not suitable for use in South Africa
- C. Blended learning may address the overcrowded tertiary learning environment in South Africa

12. Which one of the following statements is true?

- A. Communication between non language-concordant health care workers (HCW) and patients adversely affects patient and staff satisfaction
- B. Patients do not appreciate attempts of HCW to address them in their preferred language of communication
- C. Improved language skills of HCW cannot be achieved in a short course, e.g. a 10-week course comprising 120-minute sessions

13. How many South African medical schools offer an extra language course for non-indigenous African language speakers?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 5

14. Are culture-specific models of disease common reasons for misunderstandings in the primary care setting in South Africa?

- A. Yes
- B. No

15. Do 'writing support groups', 'writing retreats' and 'writing courses' have an impact on the academic output of departments in South African universities?

- A. Yes
- B. No

16. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

The measurement of research output is an important gauge of university productivity and stature in South Africa.

17. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Most medical students are able to use the academic discourse appropriate to their level of training by the time they are final-year students.

18. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

There is an apparent diversity of discourse use between students of similar academic backgrounds, i.e. students who achieve similar scores in the end-of-year examinations.

19. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Clinical supervisors who teach health sciences students benefit from short-course education about the principles of adult learning and effective teaching strategies.

20. True (A) or false (B) – click on the correct answer:

Self-reported confidence levels of medical students' or junior doctors' ability to perform basic procedures are a reliable benchmark of actual clinical competence.

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