1. True (A) or false (B):
It is estimated that South Africa has the second-highest incidence of tuberculosis (TB) in the world.

2. True (A) or false (B):
Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is increasing in many developing countries.

3. True (A) or false (B):
Standard care of IBD primarily involves use of antipsychotic drugs.

4. True (A) or false (B):
Smoking is regarded as a risk factor for acquiring TB.

5. True (A) or false (B):
TB reactivation is significantly suppressed by corticosteroids.

6. True (A) or false (B):
In the South African context a study has recommended that IBD patients should be screened actively and monitored for TB when immunosuppressive medications are used.

7. True (A) or false (B):
South Africa has an excellent performance regarding maternal and perinatal outcomes.

8. True (A) or false (B):
The maternal and perinatal outcomes have improved considerably over the past 12 years.

9. True (A) or false (B):
Concerns have been raised about the quality of training of health professionals by academic facilities.

10. True (A) or false (B):
The practice of regularly rotating nurse professionals results in poor levels of competence.

11. True (A) or false (B):
The integration of midwifery as a subset of the comprehensive nursing training programme has had a devastating effect on current maternal services.

12. True (A) or false (B):
Expanding the use of the Perinatal Education Programme as in-service training could significantly improve the quality of maternity services.

13. True (A) or false (B):
The World Health Organization endorsed Xpert MTB/RIF (Xpert) as a first-line diagnostic for TB patients.

14. True (A) or false (B):
Xpert’s short turnabout time and simplicity make its point-of-care (POC) use possible.

15. Which one of the following is NOT correct? The motivation for POC technology for testing for HIV, CD4, TB, etc. is to:
(a) Provide same-day results
(b) Hasten treatment initiation
(c) Avoid loss to follow-up
(d) Acquire much larger funding.

16. True (A) or false (B):
TB testing, outside of the laboratory, requires emphasis on infection control and biosafety.

17. True (A) or false (B):
Positioning Xpert instruments at POC in the clinic has management and cost implications beyond the purchase of the instrument and consumables.

18. True (A) or false (B):
The vast majority of TB suspects were found to be Xpert positive.

19. True (A) or false (B):
Severe falciparum malaria remains the leading cause of paediatric anaemia in sub-Saharan Africa.

20. True (A) or false (B):
Current findings support the hypothesis that immune response to P. falciparum rather than the cumulative parasite burden may be the primary factor responsible for the development and promotion of severe malaria anaemia in holo-endemic regions.

We are pleased to announce that effective from this month, the number of CEUs per test has been increased to 5.

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