

Vitiligo Listening Questions (181) – KEY

- 1) Vitiligo is a common disease that affects the skin.
 - a) true
 - b) **false** (*only affects 2% of world's population*) **lines 5-6**

- 2) Which of the following statements about vitiligo is true?
 - a) **The disease affects any type of skin.** (*all races*) **lines 6-7**
 - b) In vitiligo, smooth white patches called melanocytes form on the skin.
 - c) The disease is characterized by normal pigmented skin.
 - d) Teenagers rarely suffer from the condition.

- 3) Which of the following statements is false?
 - a) Vitiligo appears to be linked with diabetes.
 - b) **The disease is more common among darker skinned people.** (*more visible, not more common*) **lines 7-8**
 - c) Both genders have an equal chance of developing the disease.
 - d) The affected part of the skin is lighter in color than the non-affected part.

- 4) Which of the following is *not* listed in the text as an example of a possible trigger?
 - a) **having undergone a divorce** (*certainly a possible trigger but not listed*) **lines 16-18**
 - b) having another serious disease
 - c) having a bad sunburn
 - d) having been in an accident

- 5) Which of the following statements about the cause of vitiligo is correct?
 - a) It is believed that the immune system releases poisons that destroy the melanocytes.
 - b) If a person has the gene for vitiligo, he will probably develop the disease in childhood.
 - c) **Vitiligo is considered by some to be an autoimmune disorder.** **lines 22-23**
 - d) Stress has little effect on the occurrence of the disease.

- 6) How many forms of the disease are described?
 - a) two
 - b) three
 - c) **four** (*generalized, universal, mucosal, focal*)
 - d) five

- 7) The form of the disease in which symptoms are localized to one area is known as focal vitiligo.
 - a) **true** (*as in the word "focus"*) **lines 33-34**
 - b) false

- 8) The most common form of the disease is known as _____.
- a) systemic vitiligo
 - b) **generalized vitiligo** lines 24-25
 - c) universal vitiligo
 - d) mucosal vitiligo
- 9) Which of the following statements about symptoms is false?
- a) The size of the patches of depigmentation changes.
 - b) The hands and feet may have depigmentation.
 - c) The area around the belly button is an area of possible involvement.
 - d) **The eyes are not affected.** lines 29-30
- 10) Blood is drawn from the patient order to _____.
- a) determine the presence of depigmentation
 - b) detect antibodies to mutated genes
 - c) check thymus function
 - d) **see if the thyroid gland is working properly** (*thyroid function*) lines 40-42
- 11) Which of the following is not listed in the text as a typical treatment for the condition?
- a) creams that protect the skin from the sun
 - b) surgery (*skin transplantation*)
 - c) **dietary changes** (*only one case – not generally advised*)
 - d) psychological counseling
- 12) Although a variety of treatment options are available for sufferers of vitiligo, they will never be able to entirely recover from the condition.
- a) **true** (*disease is incurable*) line 45
 - b) false