

181 Myringoplasty Reading: ANSWER KEY

- 1) The tragus is a small lobe of skin in the back of the ear.
 - a) true
 - b) **false lines 39-40**

- 2) Which of the following sometimes occurs both before and after the surgery?
 - a) **tinnitus lines 25-26**
 - b) nausea
 - c) facial nerve injury
 - d) pressure

- 3) Which of the following is true concerning fasting?
 - a) Prior to surgery, the patient fasts to avoid vertigo.
 - b) The patient fasts both before and after the surgery.
 - c) The patient fasts before the surgery, but it is only advised post-surgery.
 - d) **Although the patient can eat and drink after the surgery, it is contraindicated prior to the surgery. Lines 28-30**

- 4) Which of the following statements concerning the actual procedure is true?
 - a) **A graft is created from tissue taken from another part of the ear. Lines 39-41**
 - b) The incision is made in one of three places.
 - c) A special endoscope is used to view the inside of the ear.
 - d) The perforation is filled with an absorbent sponge.

- 5) Infections are both the cause and result of perforated eardrums.
 - a) **true lines 2-4**
 - b) false

- 6) Which is the correct order of steps during the procedure itself?
 - a) graft created, patient anesthetized, gel placed under eardrum, patch placed
 - b) patient anesthetized, first sponge applied, second sponge applied, graft placed
 - c) **structures viewed, incision made, gel sponge, applied graft attached paragraph 3**
 - d) patient anesthetized, incision made, sterile patch applied, gel sponge placed

- 7) Although fasting for six hours prior to the surgery is required, the patient continues to take medications as advised by the doctor.
- a) **true lines 28-31**
 - b) false
- 8) Live tissue grafts are one of several types of graft that the surgeon can use.
- a) **true lines 38-39**
 - b) false
- 9) Which of the following statements about myringoplasty is false?
- a) **Most cases of tympanic perforation require myringoplasty. line 11**
 - b) The procedure can be performed on infants as well as the elderly.
 - c) Some patients with perforations may have already undergone an ear operation.
 - d) An alternative name for “eardrum” is “tympanic membrane.”
- 10) Which is **not** a cause of tympanic perforation?
- a) a foreign object in the ear
 - b) diving
 - c) a cold
 - d) **discharge lines 10-11**
- 11) Myringoplasty surgery is required to heal the perforation.
- a) true
 - b) **false (most cases heal spontaneously)**
- 12) Which of the following is allowed during the two-week period following the surgery?
- a) sneezing with the mouth closed
 - b) going back to work
 - c) drinking from a straw
 - d) **eating normally line 51**
- 13) Myringoplasty is **not** performed when the patient has an ear infection.
- a) **true lines 16-19**
 - b) false

- 14) The word “rupture” in line 6 most closely means _____.
- a) pressure
 - b) expansion
 - c) **breakage**
 - d) swelling
- 15) The word “reconstruction” as used in line 19 refers to the patient’s _____.
- a) hearing
 - b) **graft**
 - b) stitches
 - c) eardrum
- 16) “Candidate” in line 22 most closely means one who is _____ the surgery.
- a) interested in
 - b) desirous of
 - c) **suitable for**
 - d) agreeable to
- 17) The word “graft” in lines 39 and 42 most closely refers to a _____.
- a) sample
 - b) **patch**
 - c) hole
 - d) repair
- 18) “It” in line 25 refers to the patient’s _____.
- a) **tinnitus**
 - b) perforation
 - c) eardrum
 - d) hearing