MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) The paramedic's general impression is documented in the:  
   A) objective narrative.  
   B) subjective narrative.  
   C) diagnosis section.  
   D) assessment/management plan.  

2) All of the following aspects of documentation apply to computerized report writing EXCEPT:  
   A) subjective paramedic comments.  
   B) check boxes.  
   C) a structured narrative.  
   D) medical terminology and abbreviations.  

3) Use of prehospital care reports for quality improvement is an example of their ______ use.  
   A) medical  
   B) patient care  
   C) administrative  
   D) legal  

4) What is the correct abbreviation for potassium?  
   A) K++  
   B) K--  
   C) K+  
   D) K−  

5) Why should the PCR be completed immediately after the call?  
   A) The information is fresh in your mind.  
   B) The receiving facility demands it.  
   C) You must get back in service.  
   D) The medical control physician must sign it.  

6) The prehospital care report should document all of the following EXCEPT:  
   A) treatments provided.  
   B) subjective opinions.  
   C) objective observations.  
   D) pertinent negatives.  

7) The narrative format that focuses on immediate management of a variety of patient problems is called:  
   A) objective-subjective.  
   B) body systems.  
   C) patient management.  
   D) SOAP.  

8) When using direct patient statements, you should:  
   A) have the patient initial his agreement with them, if his condition permits.  
   B) subjectively interpret and record them.  
   C) have your partner or another witness initial the statement.  
   D) identify the quote with quotation marks.  

9) You are completing your PCR and cannot remember the correct spelling of a medical term. You should:  
   A) use plain English instead.  
   B) make up an abbreviation for the word.  
   C) try to spell the word, even if you are wrong.  
   D) cross out the sentence and indicate an error.
10) When using a patient care report for research or quality assurance, you should block out the:
   A) patient’s identifying information.  
   B) paramedics’ names.  
   C) treatments rendered.  
   D) times.

11) The unofficial language used by a particular group or profession is known as _______ and can be confusing when included on a PCR.
   A) semantics  
   B) terminology  
   C) jargon  
   D) slang

12) Which of the following is the paramedic’s interpretation of the patient’s problem?
   A) Subjective opinion  
   B) Patient complaints  
   C) Chief complaint  
   D) Field diagnosis

13) An accurate prehospital care report includes all of the following EXCEPT:
   A) paramedic opinion.  
   B) proper spelling.  
   C) proper acronyms.  
   D) approved abbreviations.

14) You are allowed to share the information in patient charts with all of the following EXCEPT:
   A) medical professionals providing continuing care.  
   B) third-party billing companies.  
   C) law enforcement officials, in specific situations.  
   D) other paramedics not on the call.

15) "The 45-year-old patient had CP and was complaining of leg and arm pains.” In this example, the abbreviation CP stands for:
   A) chest pain.  
   B) cerebral perfusion.  
   C) cerebral palsy.  
   D) unable to determine.

16) Patient and bystander quotes belong in the _______ section.
   A) objective narrative  
   B) quotation  
   C) subjective narrative  
   D) assessment/management plan

17) In filling out your patient care report (PCR), you want to document that your patient had a laceration to his right hand secondary to a fall. How would you abbreviate “secondary to”?
   A) 2+  
   B) 2°  
   C) 2nd  
   D) 2@

18) A well-written prehospital care report is:
   1. accurate.  
   2. legible.  
   3. unaltered.  
   4. professional.  
   A) 1 and 2 only  
   B) 1, 2, and 4  
   C) all of the above  
   D) none of the above

19) Which of the following best describes why abbreviations and acronyms can cause interpretation problems and confusion?
   A) Nurses use a different set of abbreviations and acronyms.  
   B) Physicians use a different set of abbreviations and acronyms.  
   C) Some abbreviations and acronyms can have multiple meanings.  
   D) They are not universally accepted by all EMS agencies.
20) Which of the following statements is inappropriate for a prehospital care report?
   A) The patient stated, "I feel fine."
   B) The patient’s appearance indicated a lack of self-care.
   C) The patient was intoxicated.
   D) The patient had trouble walking.
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1) A
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2) A
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   Objective: 17

3) C
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4) C
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   Objective: 3

5) A
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   Objective: 22

6) B
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   Objective: 1

7) C
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8) D
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9) A
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   Objective: 2

10) A
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    Objective: 11

11) C
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    Objective: 7

12) D
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    Objective: 8

13) A
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14) D
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15) D
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18) C
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19) C
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20) C
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