

READING SUB-TEST – PART A

Huntington's disease (HD) | Time allowed: 15 minutes

Read the four texts, A–D, on pages 2–3 and answer Questions 1–20.

Questions 1–7

For each question, decide which text (A, B, C or D) the information comes from. You may use any letter more than once.

In which text can you find information about:

1. why increasing dependence develops as HD progresses? _____
2. why a medicine that was previously useful may later be withdrawn? _____
3. how age at onset can influence the first motor features observed? _____
4. a circumstance that can intensify choreic movements? _____
5. environmental measures used to limit injury in advanced HD? _____
6. the absence of treatment that alters the underlying course of HD? _____
7. how the later course of chorea can differ between individuals? _____

Questions 8–14

Answer each question with a word or short phrase from one of the texts. Each answer may include words, numbers or both. Your answer must be correctly spelt.

8. What should be removed to reduce an entanglement hazard? _____
9. During which period does chorea generally become more severe? _____
10. What are people with HD particularly vulnerable to when medicines are prescribed? _____
11. Which motor disorder involves difficulty starting and maintaining movement? _____
12. Where are choreic movements commonly most evident early in the disease? _____
13. What may be considered when oral intake becomes unsafe or inadequate? _____
14. At what frequency should the purpose of each prescription be reconsidered? _____

Questions 15–20

Complete each sentence with a word or short phrase from one of the texts. Each answer may include words, numbers or both. Your answer must be correctly spelt.

15. If a walking aid no longer permits safe mobility, the patient may need a _____.
16. Choreic movements are not normally present during _____.
17. Protective _____ may be applied to the surroundings or the patient to reduce injury.
18. When HD begins in the first decade of life, _____ is comparatively uncommon.
19. The absence of _____ in some medicines means adverse effects may appear before benefit.
20. A floor mattress may lessen the consequences of _____.

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