

Medicines and Health in Africa

Pharmacology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which plant-derived medicine is widely used today to treat malaria in many African countries?

- A) Artemisinin**
- B) Aspirin
- C) Vitamin C
- D) Caffeine

2. What is the name of the professional trained to prepare and dispense medicines in a community?

- A) Engineer
- B) Pharmacist**
- C) Architect
- D) Pilot

3. What is the special mixture of salt, sugar, and water used to treat dehydration called?

- A) Soda pop
- B) Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS)**
- C) Fruit juice
- D) Vinegar

4. Which type of medicine helps the body's immune system recognize and fight germs before you get sick?

- A) Painkillers
- B) Vaccines**
- C) Ointments
- D) Cough drops

5. Why should you always check the expiry date on a bottle of medicine?

- A) To see the price
- B) To know the flavor
- C) To make sure it is still safe to use**
- D) To see who made it

6. Which common medicine is used to help reduce a high fever and treat mild pain?

- A) Paracetamol**
- B) Antivenom
- C) Insulin
- D) Anesthesia

7. What type of medicine is used specifically to kill or stop the growth of harmful bacteria?

- A) Antivirals
- B) Antibiotics**
- C) Vitamins
- D) Sunscreen

8. Where is the safest place to keep medicines at home?

- A) On the kitchen floor
- B) In a locked cupboard away from children**
- C) Under a pillow
- D) In a toy box

9. Quinine, an early treatment for malaria, was originally discovered in the bark of which tree?

- A) Oak tree
- B) Cinchona tree**
- C) Pine tree
- D) Palm tree

10. Which liquid form of medicine is often given to children who have trouble swallowing pills?

- A) Syrup**
- B) Oil
- C) Ink
- D) Glue

11. What part of a medicine label tells you exactly how much of the medicine to take?

- A) The barcode
- B) The brand name
- C) The dose**
- D) The weight of the bottle

12. In many African countries, what color is the cross often used to identify a pharmacy?

- A) Blue
- B) Purple
- C) Green**
- D) Yellow

13. Which tree grown in Africa is known as the 'Miracle Tree' because its leaves are full of vitamins?

- A) Moringa**
- B) Maple
- C) Baobab
- D) Cactus

14. What should you do before taking any medicine to ensure it is used correctly?

- A) Ask a trusted adult or doctor**
- B) Guess the amount
- C) Mix it with soda
- D) Take it in the dark

15. Besides taking medicine, what is a key way to prevent the spread of malaria?

- A) Wearing sunglasses
- B) Using treated bed nets**
- C) Eating more salt
- D) Running fast

16. What does a 'topical' medicine mean?

- A) It is swallowed
- B) It is applied to the skin**
- C) It is inhaled
- D) It is injected

17. The Neem tree, found in many parts of Africa, is traditionally used for what type of care?

- A) Building cars
- B) Skin and dental care**
- C) Making paper
- D) Cooking stews

18. What is the main reason we finish a full course of antibiotics as prescribed by a doctor?

- A) To save money
- B) To make the medicine taste better
- C) To make sure all harmful bacteria are gone**
- D) To grow taller