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- (a) chemical element with the symbol S
- (b) a long chain of carbon atoms with a carboxyl group (COOH) at the end
- (c) alkaline-earth metal with the chemical symbol Mg also needed as a trace element in the body
- (d) an instrument that records and/or shows digital information

Q2 n. eyebrow

- (a) supercilium
- (b) enzyme that breaks down a carbohydrate
- (c) capability to carry out intercourse
- (d) binary compound; salt or ester of hydriodic acid

Q3 n. vision problems

- (a) blood vessel with walls only one cell thick
- (b) the use of contraceptive methods to stop pregnancy; contraception
- (c) mild painkilling drug
- (d) eyesight difficulties

Q4 adj. itchy

- (a) refers to a voice that is croaky and unable to produce a full range of sound
- (b) relating to the the lower part of the abdomen
- (c) pertaining to cells with a single set of chromosomes that aren't paired
- (d) affected with the urge to scratch

Q5 n. reaction

- (a) an involuntary action; an automatic response
- (b) a rearrangement in the structures of atoms or molecules to form new products
- (c) carbohydrates which are soluble because of the presence of -OH groups
- (d) indication that bodily functions change; usually associated with a particular disease

Q6 n. hallucinogen

- (a) the removal of hydrogen from a molecule
- (b) drug which affects the central nervous system and cause people to see or experience unusual things outside the range of normal perception
- (c) an unpleasant sensation; suffering of the body or mind
- (d) rigidity of death

Q7 n. ritonavir

- (a) compartment of a mitochondrion enclosed by the inner membrane
- (b) three covalent linkages connecting two atoms
- (c) a protease inhibitor applied in treating HIV; trade name: Norvir
- (d) a bone cell that helps destroy bone

Q8 n. alkali metal

- (a) process in which organic compounds, particularly carbohydrates are broken down by enzymes to produce energy; anaerobic chemical reaction being related to the breakdown of energy-rich compounds like carbohydrates and sugar
- (b) metal in the left-hand side of the periodic table
- (c) this is the pressure of the blood against the arterial walls
- (d) blood loss due to vessel wall damage

Q9 n. enthalpy

- (a) illness due to thiamine deficiency
- (b) the total heat content of a system
- (c) group 1V element with the chemical symbol Si
- (d) isolation

Q10 n. wavelength

- (a) anything causing damage to the body
- (b) digestive tract in mammals
- (c) the distance between two successive peaks or troughs of a waveform
- (d) a substance that has an effect on the body

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