

## Continuing Education Questions

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- Which of the following scientists was the first to lecture about the possibility of manipulating atoms?
  - Eric Drexler
  - Theodore Fulton
  - Richard Feynman
  - Buckminster Fuller
- The sixty carbon atoms resembling soccer balls have been termed:
  - Fullerenes
  - Nanodrops
  - Nanocarbs
  - Geodesic spheres
- An application in the military for nanotechnology is:
  - Body armor
  - High speed bullets
  - Food preservation
  - Production of "clean" nuclear energy
- Nanotechnology is defined as technology and research in the range of:
  - 100- 1000 nanometers
  - 10-100 nanometers
  - 1-100 nanometers
  - 1-10 nanometers
- An unfolded nanotube might best be described as resembling
  - a layer of bricks in rectangular array.
  - chicken wire in hexagonal lattices.
  - the inside of a plastic drinking straw.
  - parallelogram-shaped crystals.
- Nanotechnology drug delivery is:
  - less toxic than traditional chemotherapy
  - only administered intravenously
  - not available in the United States
  - only used for asthma treatment
- A nanotechnology FDA approved test for respiratory viruses uses:
  - Quantum dots
  - Magnetic nanoparticles
  - Gold nanoparticles
  - Silver nanoparticles
- A nanotechnology procedure has been developed for which of the following bacteria?
  - Staphylococcus aureus
  - Bordetella pertussis
  - Listeria monocytogenes
  - Clostridium difficile
- Which of the following elements has been used to repair broken bones?
  - Copper
  - Platinum
  - Gold
  - Titanium
- Nanotechnology may provide a means for more efficiently producing:
  - food, energy and a healthier environment.
  - nuclear, conventional and biological weapons.
  - reliable weather engineering, thus stabilizing climate worldwide.
  - fossil fuels and geothermal energy.
- Some scientists believe that nanotechnology will:
  - result in greater reliance upon natural resources.
  - enable construction of nanomachines

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- atom-by-atom.
- C. cause the starvation/over-population predicted by Thomas Malthus.
- D. cause a social upheaval due to the loss of jobs.
12. Nanotechnologists predict that:
- A. energy-saving 'smart paints' can reduce heat loss by reflecting infra-red radiation.
- B. 'green' electricity may be produced from exhaust of military turbine aircraft.
- C. only 'a' is true.
- D. 'a' and 'b' are both true.
13. Which predicted 21<sup>st</sup> century crises will nanotechnology attempt to overcome?
- A. unemployment, a sagging economy, obesity, toxic wastes and infectious diseases
- B. HIV/AIDS, declining atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, global warming, and species extinction
- C. rising medical costs, loss of polar ice, rising sea levels, light pollution, genetic engineering
- D. accelerating industrialization, population growth, starvation, natural resource depletion and environmental deterioration
14. Regarding nanotechnology regulatory agencies, which statement is most accurate?
- A. The U.S. government has established safety of nanomaterials in the environment.
- B. Nanomaterials in food and skin products have been banned by the FDA.
- C. The EPA has recently announced new research into nanomaterial safety.
- D. MSDS's on nanomaterials are well-documented and very thorough.
15. What type of exposure is most likely to potentially put you "at risk" with nanomaterials?
- A. gastrointestinal tract
- B. skin
- C. lungs
- D. eyes and mucous membranes
16. With regard to the ability of nanoparticles to penetrate skin, the data show (at present) that:
- A. many scientists disagree at present on this issue, and there are conflicting data.
- B. nanoparticles can definitely cross the barrier posed by intact skin.
- C. nanoparticles are not able to cross the barrier posed by intact skin.
- D. this point is not significant, since nanomaterials are already present in some cosmetics.
17. The most widely accepted information about safety and documented information for laboratory professionals comes (originally) from:
- A. data in the peer-reviewed scientific literature.
- B. the ASCLS.
- C. the CDC only.
- D. the National Information Library (NIL) on nanotechnology.
18. In what products are nanomaterials already present?
- A. only in materials already present in nature
- B. primarily, in clinical diagnostic kits
- C. only in products such as tennis rackets, bicycle frames and such
- D. in cosmetics, food additives, sports gear, and some clinical diagnostic kits.
19. Which agency was formed by the FDA to evaluate specific problems that may arise from using nanomaterials?
- A. National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety
- B. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- C. Nanotechnology Task Force
- D. Environmental Protection Agency
20. Where can I find the most reliable source of information concerning laboratory safety that is currently accepted about nanomaterial safety?
- A. Material Safety Data Sheets
- B. many official and non-official internet sites
- C. the American Chemical Society
- D. an online journal entitled "Nanowerk"

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