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1. The current edition of the CPT manual is pocket size and contains approximately 4,000 codes.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

2. The CPT manual is updated by CMS, and this occurs in May of each year.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

3. A circle is used to denote an add-on code in the CPT manual.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

4. There are seven main sections in the CPT manual.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

5. Code range 70010 to 79999 is used to report anesthesia services.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

6. Code range 80047 to 89398 is used to report pathology and laboratory services.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: True

7. The CPT manual is arranged from head to toe and from the trunk outward.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: True

8. The semicolon separates the main term, or common portion, of the CPT code from the additional, or unique portion, of the CPT code.
 - a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: True

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9. The coder will find section-specific guidelines in the introduction of the CPT manual.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

10. For proper code selection, the coder should reference the index and then the main section of the CPT manual.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: True

11. The acronym *CPT* stands for “Common Procedural Terminology.”
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

12. The CPT manual was first published by the American Health Information Management Association.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

13. Anesthesia is the first section of the CPT manual.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

14. When a single code has been located in the index, the coder needs to review the main section of the book.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: True

15. The appendices are located after the index.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANSWER: False

16. A detailed description of each of the modifiers is found in _____ of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: Appendix A

17. *HCPCS* is the abbreviation for _____.

ANSWER: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

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18. The CPT codes are found in the level _____ codes of HCPCS.

ANSWER: I

19. Category II codes are not mandatory and are considered _____ codes.

ANSWER: tracking

20. The last section of CPT reports _____ services.

ANSWER: medicine

21. After the Evaluation and Management section of CPT comes the _____ section.

ANSWER: Anesthesia

22. When a double triangle appears around information in the CPT manual, this means that the text is new or _____.

ANSWER: revised

23. When the plus symbol appears before a code number, this indicates to the coder that the code is considered a(n) _____ code.

ANSWER: add-on

24. The first section that appears in the CPT manual is the _____ section.

ANSWER: Evaluation and Management

25. Appendix _____ is used to list code additions, deletions, and revisions for the current year.

ANSWER: B

26. A summary of CPT add-on codes is found in Appendix _____ of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: D

27. Clinical examples of the CPT codes for Evaluation and Management services are found in Appendix _____ of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: C

28. Appendix E summarizes CPT codes that are exempt from modifier _____.

ANSWER: 51

29. Appendix G of the CPT manual summarizes CPT codes that include _____.

ANSWER: moderate (conscious) sedation
moderate sedation
conscious sedation

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30. A summary of resequenced CPT codes is found in Appendix _____ of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: N

31. List the main sections of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: Evaluation and Management, Anesthesia, Surgery, Radiology, Pathology and Laboratory, Medicine

32. Explain the purpose of the section-specific guidelines

ANSWER: The purpose of the section-specific guidelines is to define items that are necessary to appropriately interpret and report the procedures and services contained in the specific section of the CPT manual.

33. Discuss how the main terms in the index are organized.

ANSWER: The main terms are organized by one of the following criteria:
 Procedure or service
 Organ or other anatomic site
 Condition
 Synonyms, eponyms, and abbreviations

34. Explain the purpose of the modifying terms that appear in the index.

ANSWER: The modifying terms appear in the index to define or clarify the main term further.

35. Describe the information that is contained in Appendix B of the CPT manual.

ANSWER: Appendix B contains the additions, deletions, and revisions of the CPT codes for the current edition of the CPT manual.

36. List the code range used in the CPT manual for radiology services.

ANSWER: 70010 to 79999

37. List the code range used in the CPT manual for surgery.

ANSWER: 10021 to 69990

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For each of the CPT codes listed, state in which section of the CPT the code is located.

- a. Evaluation and Management
- b. Anesthesia
- c. Surgery
- d. Radiology
- e. Pathology and Laboratory
- f. Medicine

38. 99205

ANSWER: a

39. 73218

ANSWER: d

40. 33617

ANSWER: c

41. 90911

ANSWER: f

42. 00542

ANSWER: b

43. 99291

ANSWER: a

44. 26040

ANSWER: c

45. 87184

ANSWER: e

46. 99195

ANSWER: f

47. 42400

ANSWER: c

Match each CPT appendix listed with its description.

- a. Appendix A
- b. Appendix B
- c. Appendix C
- d. Appendix D
- e. Appendix E
- f. Appendix F

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- g. Appendix G
 - h. Appendix H
 - i. Appendix I
 - j. Appendix J
 - k. Appendix K
 - l. Appendix L
 - m. Appendix M
48. Lists codes that are exempt from the use of a 51 modifier
- ANSWER: e*
49. Lists the additions, deletions, and revised CPT codes for the new year
- ANSWER: b*
50. Lists codes in which moderate sedation is considered a bundled service
- ANSWER: g*
51. Lists codes that are exempt from the use of a 63 modifier
- ANSWER: f*
52. Provides an alphabetical index of performance measures
- ANSWER: h*
53. Gives clinical examples for codes found in the Evaluation and Management section of the CPT manual
- ANSWER: c*
54. Provides a summary of crosswalked deleted CPT codes
- ANSWER: m*
55. Provides a listing of add-on codes found throughout the CPT manual
- ANSWER: d*
56. Provides the electrodiagnostic medicine listing of sensory, motor, and mixed nerves
- ANSWER: j*
57. Lists the genetic testing code modifiers
- ANSWER: i*
58. Provides a detailed description of each of the modifiers used with CPT codes
- ANSWER: a*
59. Lists vascular families
- ANSWER: l*
60. Lists products pending FDA approval
- ANSWER: k*