

Essential Assessment

Infection Control: Laundry

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Please return your completed assessment to your coordinator. Thank you.

Part A

Select if the statement is TRUE or FALSE.

1. When collecting bed linen, the towels should be wrapped inside the larger sheets.
True False
2. Trolleys used to store clean linen should never carry dirty laundry or be stored in dirty areas.
True False
3. Used, heavily soiled and infectious laundry should be collected together in one laundry bag.
True False
4. Heavily soiled or infectious laundry should be placed into a leak proof water-soluble bag to prevent leakage and minimise the spread of infection.
True False
5. Any water-soluble bags and their contents can go directly into the washing machine, as the soluble bag will dissolve during the wash.
True False

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Part B

Select the *MOST CORRECT* answer from the options below each question.

1. Used laundry may be separated into:
 - A. resident clothing
 - B. delicate items
 - C. bed linen and towelling
 - D. all of the other answers

2. The washing process consists of five key factors:
 - A. Time, Temperature, Colour, Distribution and Water Level
 - B. Texture, Temperature, Contamination, Dip and Load Weight
 - C. Time, Temperature, Chemicals, Dip and Load Weight
 - D. Time, Texture, Chemicals, Distribution and Water Level

3. Transmission-based precautions, such as donning a mask, goggle or gown, may be required when there is a:
 - A. high risk of infection
 - B. confirmed infectious outbreak
 - C. risk of direct contact with blood or bodily fluids
 - D. all of the other answers

4. Heat or thermal disinfection relies on a time-temperature ratio, such as:
 - A. 65°C for not less than ten minutes
 - B. 55°C for not less than ten minutes
 - C. 65°C for not less than three minutes
 - D. 55°C for not less than three minutes

5. What does ozone disinfection use to effectively achieve disinfection?

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- A. heat
- B. oxygen and electricity
- C. chemicals
- D. all of the other answers

Part C

Select the **MOST CORRECT** word or phrase to complete the sentence.

1. Bed linen shaken before it is placed in the skip.
 - A. should be
 - B. should not be
 - C. can be

2. To minimise the spread of infection, laundry bags should be
 - A. filled to capacity
 - B. filled half-way
 - C. filled to three quarters

3. Dirty laundry items should remain in the dirty area, at a temperature, and washed as soon as possible.
 - A. warm
 - B. cool
 - C. hot

4. For optimum results, the washing machine should be
 - A. filled half-way
 - B. filled to capacity
 - C. two thirds full

5. Laundry items that have been placed in a water-soluble bag reopened before being placed in the washing machine.

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- A. should be
- B. can be
- C. should not be

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