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1. True (A) or false (B):

Children are able to consent independently to a range of health-related interventions.

2. True (A) or false (B):

A court may award partial parental responsibilities and rights to an interested party such as a grandparent when the person with full responsibilities is prepared to share these rights and obligations.

3. True (A) or false (B):

The biological father of a child is automatically the legal guardian of the child.

4. True (A) or false (B):

Placental blood is considered to be biological waste.

5. True (A) or false (B):

Ownership of umbilical cord blood is sometimes debatable; since the umbilical cord is embryologically derived from the fetal allantois, it may be considered property of the child.

6. True (A) or false (B):

The Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act provides that in respect of statutory sexual assault it is a defence that both the accused were children under the age of 16 years and the age difference between them was not more than 2 years at the time of the alleged offence.

7. True (A) or false (B):

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa defines the child's best interests.

8. True (A) or false (B):

Healthcare worker strikes are rare and a new occurrence limited to the developing world.

9. True (A) or false (B):

Regulations governing healthcare worker strikes in South Africa are drawn from the Constitution and the Labour Relations Act No. 66 of 1995.

10. True (A) or false (B):

Healthcare workers in South Africa currently do not have a right to strike.

11. True (A) or false (B):

Medical male circumcision is now legally mandatory in South Africa.

12. True (A) or false (B):

Recently the Medical Protection Society (MPS) has experienced a 30% increase in the frequency of medical negligence claims in South Africa.

13. True (A) or false (B):

Effective peer review is essential to quality medical practice.

14. True (A) or false (B):

Caesarean delivery is not viewed as a process alternative, but as an outcome or quality endpoint.

15. True (A) or false (B):

Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV is not accessible to victims of sexual assault, where a charge is not laid.

16. True (A) or false (B):

Compulsory HIV testing of alleged sex offenders is illegal.

17. True (A) or false (B):

Section 27 of the Constitution provides that everyone has the right of access to health care services, and there is an obligation on the state to take reasonable legislative and other measures within available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of these rights.

18. True (A) or false (B):

Chapter 8 of the National Health Act, 2003, which deals with the 'Control of use of blood, blood products, tissue and gametes in humans', is not yet in operation despite the National Health Act having been promulgated more than 8 years ago.

19. True (A) or false (B):

Legally, an embryo or fetus is regarded as part of the mother and is not an independent bearer of rights.

20. True (A) or false (B):

Currently, medical education and practice do not emphasise the scientific method to address illness and suffering.

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