



Answer Key – Multiple choice

1. Until recently the use of penicillin as a treatment has been

- a. ineffective.
- b. unclear.
- c. effective.**
- d. controversial.

The text states 'For years we've been using antibiotics to clean wounds, cure diseases, and keep ourselves clean. Antibiotics such as Penicillin have had widespread use around the globe since their inception, and **with great success.**'

'For years' in the text is similar to 'Until recently' and 'with great success' means they were **effective**.

2. Some bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus are now

- a. effectively treated by benzyl penicillin.
- b. usually immune to benzyl penicillin.**
- c. usually treated with a combination of different antibiotics.
- d. untreatable.

The reading passage states 'Bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus and Neisseria gonorrhoeae are now almost completely **resistant** to benzyl penicillin, an antibiotic that used to be used effectively against them.

The word '**immune**' is option b the same meaning as '**resistant**'.



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3. People can protect themselves from antibiotic-resistant bacteria by

- a. taking antibiotics regularly.
- b. taking extra antibiotics for viral infections and colds.
- c. asking doctors to prescribe antibiotics whenever they feel ill.
- d. cutting down on their use of antibiotics.**

The reading passage states 'But there are ways that you can fight antibiotic-resistant bacteria and preserve the potency of antibiotics. Keep yourself healthy and clean, good hygiene can prevent infections that lead to the use of antibiotics, and a healthy immune system can help you fend off antibiotic-resistant bacteria if you ever need to. **Try and reduce your use of antibiotics** and don't ask for antibiotics when you don't need them. The overuse of antibiotics will only help bacteria develop a resistance in the long run.'

The question stem is similar to the start of this paragraph in meaning and then the expression '**try and reduce your use of antibiotics**' has the same meaning as '**cutting down on their use of antibiotics**'.



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