

Dental Materials II: Mid-Term Exam Version 2.2 February 19, 2007

1. The term "MRT", as it refers to the behavior of elastic impression materials, means:

- a. Minimum Removal Time
- ☒ b. Mouth Removal Time
- c. Marginal Retention Time
- d. Minimum Reaction Temperature
- e. Mean Removal Time

2. Which of the following statements concerning gypsum-bonded investments is false?

- ☒ a. Can be safely heated well above 700 degrees C.
- b. Contains calcium sulfate hemihydrate as a binder.
- c. Contains quartz or cristobalite as refractory components.
- d. Can be used in hygroscopic and thermal expansion techniques.
- e. Is a suitable investment for Type III gold high-noble alloy.

3. Which statement concerning the particles of the refractory filler of an investment material is false?

- a. The refractory particle size should be uniform. ^T
- b. The refractory particle size should not be greater than 75 microns. ^T
- ☒ c. The refractory particles always react chemically with the refractory binder. _F
- d. The refractory particles have a major effect on the smoothness of the mold surface.
- e. Increasing the proportion of refractory filler increases thermal expansion.

4. An advantage of phosphate-bonded investments is high "green" strength, which means:

- a. The investment changes color to a green tint at a critical strength.
- b. The investment has a high strength at the precise end of working time.
- ☒ c. The pre-fired strength of the investment acquired by chemical reaction at room temperature.
- d. The strength of the investment after the wax burn-out process.
- e. None of the above.

5. According to O'Brien, the desired accuracy of a cast dental restoration is:

- a. 10%
- b. 5%
- c. 1%
- d. 0.5%
- ☒ e. 0.1%

6. Expansion of an investment material is intended to compensate for:

- ☒ a. Wax and Alloy Shrinkage
- b. Only Wax Shrinkage
- c. Casting Ring Shrinkage
- d. Flow Behavior of Molden Alloy
- e. None of the Above

7. Gypsum bonded investments can be used with both hygroscopic and thermal expansion techniques: True or False?

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

8. Which of the following statements concerning phosphate-bonded investments is not correct (i.e., incorrect):

- a. Contains ammonium phosphate ^T
- b. Contains Silica ^T
- c. Contains Magnesium Oxide ^T
- ☒ d. Contains Calcium Sulfate Hemi-Hydrate
- e. Commonly used as an investment for casting PFM ceramic gold and crown and bridge alloys.

9. True or False: High strength stone gives the lowest linear setting expansion of any of the gypsum-based plaster or dental stone materials.

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

10. In a gold-based alloy, palladium does which of the following?

- a. increases tarnish F
- ☒ b. increases melting temperature
- c. produces darkening F
- d. reduces hardness F
- e. none of the above

11. According to hardness, the Type III dental alloys can be described as:

- a. soft I
- ☒ b. medium II
- ~~medium-hard~~ III hard
- c. extra-hard IV
- ☒ e. none of the above

12. By definition, high-noble alloys:

- a. contain a minimum of 50 wt% tin
- ☒ b. must have a noble metal content of at least 60 wt%, of which at least 40 wt% is gold
- c. must have a noble metal content of at least 60 wt%, of which at least 35 wt% is platinum
- d. consist of 10 wt% gold, 10 wt% silver, and 80 wt% copper
- e. none of the above

13. Noble alloys:

- a. have to contain (by definition) at least ²⁵15 wt% noble metal F
- b. are not suitable for porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) indications F
- c. are brittle and can fracture readily F
- d. do not contain palladium F
- ☒ e. none of the above

14. Best applications of phosphate-bonded investments include:

- a. Alloys based on gold, platinum, and palladium for PFM restorations;
- ? → b. Type II and Type III gold castings;
- c. Alloys based on cobalt-chromium or nickel chromium for PFMs;
- ☒ d. a and c
- e. a, b, and c.

15. Ethyl silicate-bonded investments are used primarily for certain base-metal removable partial denture alloys, as well as casting of nickel-based alloys: True or False?

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

16. Analyze the following two statements concerning ethyl silicate-bonded investments:

Statement 1: Low setting expansion (contraction) renders refractory partial denture models that may be articulated against stone models. γ

Statement 2: The investment is more refractory, which results in a smoother casting. γ

- a. Statements 1 & 2 are both false.
- ☒ b. Statements 1 & 2 are both true.
- c. Statement 1 is true; statement 2 is false.
- d. Statement 1 is false; statement 2 is true.

17. The current ADA approach to the classification of dental casting alloys involves which criteria?

- a. color & composition
- ☒ b. composition & physical properties
- c. cost & color
- d. physical properties & color
- e. none of the above

18. Which one of the following statements is characteristic of a high strength die stone?

- a. The set material contains a high percentage of uncombined water (i.e., ~20%) after setting.
- ☒ b. Powder is produced by a wet calcination process. γ low expansion
- c. The set material has a lower density than plaster. γ
- d. The materials has a higher water/powder ratio than regular stone. γ
- e. None of the above.

19. The approximate expansion requirement of a full crown, in percentage expansion, during the casting process, is:

- a. 0.2%
- b. 1.0%
- c. 10%
- ☒ d. 2.00%
- e. 5%

20. The sum total of expansion due to the contribution of the investment material, includes:

- a) setting expansion;
- ☒ b) hygroscopic expansion, setting expansion, thermal expansion
- c) wax expansion;
- d) none of the above
- e) a & c

21. The basic components of a dental investment material include:

- a) a refractory
- b) a binder
- c) water
- ☒ d) all of the above
- e) none of the above

22. By definition, base-metal alloys contain less than ____ wt% noble metals.

- a. 10
- b. 15
- ☒ c. 25
- d. 30
- e. none of the above

23. Which of the following element(s) is/are classified as noble?

- a. Gold, and platinum ✓
 - b. Silver *tarnishes*
 - c. Palladium ✓
 - d. All of the above
 - e. (a) and (c)
- PIP ROR & Gold*

24. Which element(s) generally serves/serve as hardening element(s) in alloys with high gold content?

- a. Copper
- b. Silver
- c. Palladium
- d. Platinum
- e. All of the above ✓

25. Which element is added to gold casting alloys specifically as a grain refiner?

- a. Zinc
- b. Copper
- c. Iridium
- d. Silver
- e. Kryptonite *sure*

26. A significant and well-known difficulty with Palladium-Silver alloys is:

- a. low elastic modulus
- b. high sag tendency
- c. "greenish" discoloration of porcelain
- d. poor clinical working characteristics
- e. poor tarnish and corrosion resistance

27. A transformation-toughened, yttrium-stabilized, zirconia (zirconium oxide) material is best characterized or classified as:

- ☒ a. A polycrystalline ceramic;
- b. A particle filled glass;
- c. A predominantly glassy material;
- d. A porcelain glaze or enamel material;
- e. None of the above.

28. True or false: The feldspathic porcelains belong to a family called alumino-silicate glasses.

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

29. The porcelain glass filler, leucite, has a refractive index close to that of the feldspathic glasses: True or false.

- ☒ a. True
- b. False

30. The range of shrinkage that occurs during the firing of porcelain is approximately:

- ☒ a. 30% - 40%
- b. 5% - 10%
- c. 1% - 5%
- d. 70% - 80%
- e. 0.1% - 2%

31. The leucite ceramic phase of a dental porcelain material offers which of the following property benefits?

- a) It raises the coefficient of thermal expansion of the feldspar porcelain. T
- b) It produces a phase within the dental porcelain which can ~~not~~ be etched with hydrofluoric acid. F *match metal*
- c) Possesses a refractive index similar to the feldspathic, glassy phase. T
- d) a, b & c
- ☒ e) a & c

32. The first firing of the porcelain applied to a porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) crown is termed the:

- a) glaze bake
- b) sinter bake
- ☒ c) bisque or biscuit bake
- d) powder bake
- e) none of the above

33. Dental porcelain enamels, which have a predominantly vitreous structure, are characterized by: *amorphous*

- ☒ a) physical property behavior typical of a glass; T
- b) strength higher in tension than compression; F
- c) a high resistance to crack propagation; F
- d) presence of a definite melting point; F
- e) none of the above.

34. The major categories of dental ceramics, according to Kelly, are:

- a) Predominantly glassy materials;
- b) Particle filled glasses;
- c) Polycrystalline ceramics;
- ☒ d) All of the above;
- e) a & c

35. The process which increases the density of a powdered mass by bonding at points of contact, and which often includes the introduction of heat, is:

- a. fusing
- b. condensing
- c. melting
- ☒ d. sintering
- e. none of the above

36. The addition of metallic oxide compounds, such as tin, _____, and iron, to gold alloy; facilitates the formation of an oxide layer which are critical to optimal porcelain-alloy bond strengths. The missing compound in the above sentence is:

- a. platinum
- b. iridium
- ☒ c. indium
- d. criptonium
- e. none of the above

37. In comparing contemporary all-ceramic systems; injection-molded, high-leucite porcelain (i.e., Empress by Ivoclar) possesses one distinct advantage over the sintered alumina slip cast system (Vita In-Ceram):

- a. a significantly higher flexural strength
- ☒ b. ability to be etched and bonded to tooth structure
- c. superior marginal fit
- d. superior biocompatibility
- e. none of the above

38. In terms of its setting behavior or mechanism, tray or border-molding compound would be characterized as a thermoplastic material. True or False?

☒ a. True

b. False

39. Agar (reversible hydrocolloid) has significantly higher physical properties than alginate (irreversible hydrocolloid). True or False?

~~☒ a. True~~

☒ b. False

similar

?
*what do you mean higher
better?
depends on application*

40. In comparing the physical properties of various impression materials; pick the most accurate statement:

a. Polyether impression materials have the greatest flexibility of all elastomers;
F stiffest

b. Addition silicones have low elastic recovery (poor resistance to permanent deformation);
F

c. Polysulfide impression materials have relatively low (poor) tear strength;
F

☒ d. Polyether have low flexibility compared to other elastomeric impression materials;
T stiff / no undercuts

e. None of the above

41. True or False: The addition of a surfactant to addition silicone impression materials improves their surface wetting or hydrophilic properties.

☒ a. True

b. False

silane