1. Which statement best describes Alzheimer’s disease (AD)?
   a. A slow process that evolves over time and can be cured.
   b. A slowly evolving process that causes deterioration of brain tissue and a resultant loss of cognitive and motor function.
   c. A curable disease that has little effect on function.
   d. A disease that primarily affects younger adults in the prime of life.

2. Which of the following therapies or approaches has shown some benefit for cognitive function in patients with dementia?
   a. Surgery.
   b. Genetic testing to alter genome sequencing.
   c. Both pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions.
   d. Those that require multiple medications and frequent dosing regimens.

3. The 2011 diagnostic criteria developed by the National Institute of Aging and the Alzheimer’s Association focuses on updates related to all of the following EXCEPT:
   a. A conceptual distinction between pathology and symptoms
   b. Biomarker validation and standardization
   c. Preclinical signs and symptoms
   d. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)

4. Which of the following describes what acetylcholinesterase inhibitors provide?
   a. An adequate supply of ACh at the nerve synaptic junction to allow for improved performance in cognition and function.
   b. A period of rest during the afternoon hours.
   c. Family and patient lifestyle changes
   d. A decrease in the signs and symptoms of AD

5. Overall effectiveness of a drug treatment plan may be complicated by each of the following EXCEPT?
   a. Adherence
   b. Renal and liver functions
   c. Family and patient lifestyle changes
   d. A decrease in the signs and symptoms of AD

6. Underlying the premise for effective treatment for AD is the concept of:
   a. Early diagnosis and treatment
   b. Treating all patients older than 80 for dementia
   c. Neurodegenerative processes only occur after age 85
   d. Physiologic processes cannot be altered

Evaluation
1. I can describe the underlying pathology associated with the development of Alzheimer’s disease.
   a. Strongly agree
   b. Agree
   c. Neutral
   d. Disagree
   e. Strongly disagree

2. I can explain the purposes of the classes of medications used to treat Alzheimer’s disease and list the most common adverse side effects.
   a. Strongly agree
   b. Agree
   c. Neutral
   d. Disagree
   e. Strongly disagree

3. I can discuss the principal associated with the use of multiple medication classes to treat behavioral symptoms associated with Alzheimer’s disease.
   a. Strongly agree
   b. Agree
   c. Neutral
   d. Disagree
   e. Strongly disagree

4. The objectives relate to the overall goal of the article.
   a. Strongly agree
   b. Agree
   c. Neutral
   d. Disagree
   e. Strongly disagree

5. The article is well-written and logically organized, and defines terms adequately.
   a. Strongly agree
   b. Agree
   c. Neutral
   d. Disagree
   e. Strongly disagree

6. Current research shows improvement in AD symptoms and progression of the disease when which of the following approved medications are used in combination?
   a. Rivastigmine and aspirin
   b. Reglan and donepezil
   c. Memantine with a ChEI
   d. Memantine and warfarin

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