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**Question: 1**

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What type of load is the weight of items such as furnishings, people, and equipment?

- A. Live
- B. Dead
- C. Static
- D. Residual

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**Answer: A**

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Explanation:

The weight of items such as furnishings, people, and equipment represents a live load. This means it is a variable load that can change over time and is not permanently fixed to the structure.

Reference:

Fire Protection Handbook (FPH), Chapter 4, Section 4.1: Loads on Buildings

NFPA 101®: Life Safety Code, Chapter 5, Section 5.3: Design Loads

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7: Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

These resources all define live loads as the weight of people, furniture, equipment, and other movable objects that are not permanently attached to the structure.

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**Question: 2**

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What is the background color used from the source to the outlets of a nitrous oxide medical gas system?

- A. Black
- B. Yellow
- C. Blue
- D. Gray/black

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**Answer: C**

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Explanation:

The background color used from the source to the outlets of a nitrous oxide medical gas system is blue. [This is the standard color coding for nitrous oxide cylinders and pipelines in medical gas pipeline systems](#)<sup>12</sup>. [The color coding helps to identify the gas type and prevent accidental misconnections or cross-contamination](#)<sup>3</sup>. [The color coding also indicates the pressure and flow characteristics of the gas system](#)<sup>4</sup>. Reference:

[Colour coding of copper pipes in Medical gas pipeline system according ...](#)

[Doc 177 20 Medical Gas Cylinders Colour Coding - EIGA](#)

[Medical Gas Coding Color Chart & Explanation - Bay Corporation](#)

[Medical gases Health Technical Memorandum 02-01: Medical gas pipeline ...](#)

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**Question: 3**

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In 1979, the phenomenon of convergence cluster formation in human fire behavior was identified in which of the following?

- A. High-rise apartment building
- B. Wood-frame hotel
- C. Large assembly building
- D. University dormitory

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**Answer: D**

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Explanation:

The phenomenon of convergence cluster formation in human fire behavior was identified in 1979 in a university dormitory fire. [This phenomenon refers to the tendency of people to gather in groups near familiar exits or locations during a fire, rather than seeking alternative escape routes](#)<sup>1</sup>. [This can result in congestion, delay, and increased risk of injury or death](#)<sup>2</sup>. The university dormitory fire occurred at the Providence College in Rhode Island, where 10 students died and 40 were injured. The fire started in a trash chute and spread to the upper floors. Many students tried to escape through the main stairwell, which became blocked by smoke and flames. Some students jumped from the windows, while others remained trapped in their rooms. [The fire revealed the lack of fire safety education, fire drills, and fire protection systems in the dormitory](#)<sup>3</sup>. Reference:

[Human Behavior in Fire Emergencies](#)

[Human Behavior in Fire: Understanding Human Behavior for Better Fire Safety Design](#)

[Providence College Dormitory Fire](#)

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**Question: 4**

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Which foam extinguishing agent can be proportioned into final concentrations of 1%, 3%, and 6%?

- A. Film-Forming Fluoroprotein Agents (FFFP)
- B. Low-Temperature Foaming Agents
- C. Protein Foaming Agents (P)
- D. Aqueous Film-Forming Agents (AFFF)

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**Answer: D**

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Explanation:

[Aqueous film-forming agents \(AFFF\) are synthetic foam concentrates that can be proportioned into final concentrations of 1%, 3%, and 6%, depending on the type of fuel and application method<sup>12</sup>. AFFF forms a thin aqueous film on the surface of the flammable liquid, which prevents vapor release and provides rapid fire knockdown and extinguishment<sup>3</sup>.](#) AFFF is suitable for Class B fires involving hydrocarbon fuels such as gasoline, diesel, kerosene, etc. Reference:

[Fire Fighting Foams - Chemguard](#)

[Extinguishing foam: types, operation and application areas](#)

[NFPA 11: Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam]

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### Question: 5

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To be considered a family day-care home, what is the maximum allowable number of clients?

- A. Two
- B. Four
- C. Six
- D. Twelve

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**Answer: C**

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Explanation:

The maximum allowable number of clients for a family day-care home varies by state and territory, but generally ranges from four to six children unrelated to the operator. [A family day-care home is a facility in which a small group of children receive child care services in the provider's own home, such as a house, apartment, or condo unit<sup>1</sup>. To ensure a safe care environment, states and territories use child care licensing regulations to limit the number of children, as well as the number of infants and toddlers, that can receive care in a family day-care home<sup>1</sup>. Some states and territories may also offer certification or registration to help ensure some basic health and safety standards in certain home-based child care programs<sup>1</sup>. To learn more about how your state or territory regulates family day-care homes, you can visit the child care consumer education website and child care resource and referral agency for your state or territory<sup>1</sup>.](#) Reference:

[Family Child Care Homes | Childcare.gov](#)



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