

**PRE- KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT**  
**UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO**  
**BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA**

1. There are several causes of dementia?
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
2. Alzheimer's Disease is a normal part of growing old.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. What are the common symptoms of dementia?
  - a. Difficulty with remembering recent events.
  - b. Problems with judgment.
  - c. Difficulty doing daily tasks.
  - d. Difficulty recognizing common objects.
  - e. All of the above.
  - f. a and c only.
  
4. Which of the following are behavioral symptoms seen in the majority of people who are experiencing dementia?
  - a. Wandering
  - b. Confusion
  - c. Angrily hitting other residents
  - d. Asking the same thing repeatedly
  - e. All of the above
  - f. a, b, and d only
  
5. Behavioral symptoms of dementia, such as wandering and shouting, are...
  - a. caused by changes in the brain and have little other meaning.
  - b. often attempts by the individual to communicate needs or discomfort.
  - c. are often done by the resident to annoy staff.
  - d. All of the above.
  
6. Music can be an effective approach to calming agitated residents.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
7. When dementia residents elope from (exit) the facility unattended, they are likely to--
  - a. Respond when you call to them.

- b. Hide in any available places.
  - c. Be found within a half-mile to a mile from the facility.
  - d. Move in the direction of their dominant hand.
  - e. All of the above.
  - f. b, c, & d only.
8. If a resident with dementia is insisting he wants to go home and is becoming increasingly agitated, what is the best way to respond?
- a. Tell him where he is and that this is his home now.
  - b. Ask the nurse for medication to calm him.
  - c. Sit with him and encourage him to tell you about his home and slowly change the subject to another topic.
  - d. Ignore the behavior.
9. Which of the following are general rules for reducing the likelihood of behavioral and psychological symptoms in residents with dementia.
- a. Make certain they are wearing their glasses and/or hearing aids if needed.
  - b. Be flexible with meals and sleep.
  - c. Provide regular and structured activities.
  - d. Give the resident time to adapt and respond.
  - e. All of the above.
10. Giving a resident significant attention only when they are displaying an undesirable behavior may make that behavior worse.
- a. True
  - b. False