Automotive Electrical and Engine Performance 8th Edition Chapter 9 – On-Board Diagnosis Quiz A

- 1. What is the primary purpose of OBD-II diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs)?
- a. Monitoring air-fuel mixture during ignition cycles
- b. Ensuring proper catalytic converter functionality
- c. Identifying emission-related faults and enabling repairs
- d. Preventing engine misfire during driving
- 2. What is the difference between a Type A and Type B OBD-II DTC?
- a. Type A codes store information for emissions compliance tests, while Type B codes are unrelated to emissions.
- b. Type A codes illuminate the MIL on the first fault trip, while Type B codes require two consecutive fault trips.
- c. Type A codes are manufacturer-specific, while Type B codes are generic SAE codes.
- d. Type A codes monitor catalytic converters exclusively, while Type B codes handle all other engine components.
- 3. Which component does the comprehensive component monitor (CCM) typically check?
- a. High voltage circuits in EV systems
- b. Sensors and actuators for open circuits and rationality
- c. Engine compression under load conditions
- d. Evaporative system integrity during vehicle startup
- 4. What happens when the PCM detects an engine misfire that could damage the catalytic converter?
- a. The MIL flashes, and a DTC is stored for misfire type A.
- b. The MIL turns on steady, indicating a fuel system fault.
- c. The PCM shuts off the ignition system to prevent further damage.
- d. A freeze-frame is recorded with coolant and RPM data.



- 5. How does the exponentially weighted moving average (EWMA) monitor ensure system reliability?a. By measuring battery voltage changes over multiple tripsb. By smoothing performance data through averaging multiple test cycles
- c. By verifying rationality between multiple oxygen sensors
- d. By testing a system multiple times under cold-start conditions
- 6. What is the primary function of the fuel trim monitor in OBD-II systems?
- a. To ensure proper operation of the ignition system
- b. To monitor oxygen sensor output under dynamic loads
- c. To track short-term and long-term fuel adjustments for maintaining emissions compliance
- d. To monitor fuel pressure stability across multiple injectors
- 7. What is a common cause of an evaporative emissions monitor failure?
- a. Faulty upstream oxygen sensor
- b. Loose gas cap or deteriorated vapor lines
- c. Malfunctioning idle air control valve
- d. Insufficient engine coolant temperature
- 8. When does the oxygen sensor heater monitor typically activate?
- a. During a cold start when engine temperature is below 86°F
- b. After detecting a misfire on multiple trips
- c. When the vehicle reaches operating temperature
- d. After the catalytic converter monitor completes its cycle
- 9. How many warm-up cycles are required for a DTC to automatically clear after repairs are completed?
- a. 20
- b. 40
- c. 80
- d. 10



10. Which diagnostic trouble code (DTC) represents a catalyst efficiency failure in Bank 1?

- a. P0300
- b. P0420
- c. P0171
- d. P0456



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Correct Answers:

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. b
- 4. a
- 5. c
- 6. d
- 7. b
- 8. a
- 9. b
- 10. c

