27 THE COMPUTER AS A SAFETY INFORMATION TOOL

ANSWERS—QUIZ 1

1. a
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13. The three primary styles of participation in an Internet discussion group are daily participation, which is responding to discussion topics on a daily basis; selective participation, which is reading postings daily, but avoiding responding publicly unless an interest arises in a particular issue; and lurking, which is the most common use of e-mail and amounts to reading postings regularly but responding only when you need a specific question answered.
14. One challenge of maintaining a level of safety awareness within an organization when using the computer as a safety information tool is the tendency for individuals and organizations to take safety issues for granted over time. It becomes important for an organization to keep its web site current and updated on a regular basis.
15. By being connected to other management systems within an organization, a safety management system is beneficial to an organization because it can potentially link facility information, financial information, and human resources information.
16. Because web site pages are not well-suited for delivering detailed information on a single page, it is important that pages be designed to be linked in ways that allow information to be delivered to the reader in a useful and logical way. A well-designed web page is most useful when it provides information effectively to its target audience.
17. One advantage to using the Internet as a networking tool is that it provides a convenient way to conduct ongoing and real-time communications with many geographically dispersed colleagues at the same time.
18. Some strategies the safety professional can use to ensure that clear and applicable information is disseminated within an organization includes: online training; developing a reference library within the organization; and by maintaining awareness of the presence and value of the safety program.
19. The SAFETY mailing list started in December 1989 and is the oldest professional safety-related e-mail list on the Internet. Today there is a steady number of about 2,500 e-mail addresses on the list belonging to safety professionals, industrial hygienists, laboratory technicians, librarians, and students, primarily located in the United States. The list creates a wide range of questions and answers to safety-related issues.