



Test Your Home. Protect Your Health.

## JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

### Radon Quiz

1. What is Radon?
  - a. Radon is a harmful and invisible radioactive gas
  - b. Radon is a radioactive rock
  - c. Radon is a gas that you use to heat your house
2. If radon is a gas, is it a liquid like gasoline for your car?
  - a. No, it's a gas like oxygen in the air
  - b. Yes
  - c. None of the above
3. What color is radon?
  - a. Green
  - b. White
  - c. No color, it is invisible
4. Can you smell radon like gas from your stove?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Sometimes, very faintly
5. Where do you find radon?
  - a. You buy bottles of it at the store
  - b. It's in the air
  - c. It's only outside under large stones
6. Where does radon come from?
  - a. Outer space
  - b. Through pipes in the house
  - c. From the soil under your house
7. If radon comes from the soil, how does it get into your house?
  - a. Through open windows
  - b. Through small cracks in the basement floor
  - c. Through leaking gas pipes
8. Is radon found all over the world or just in a few spots?
  - a. Radon is found all over the world
  - b. Iowa is the only place you find radon
  - c. It's hard to find radon anywhere, it just isn't there
9. What's wrong with radon? Why is it bad?
  - a. It can cause lung cancer
  - b. It smells awful
  - c. It gives you headaches

10. Is radon as bad for your lungs as cigarette smoking?
  - a. No, smoking is 10 times worse
  - b. No, it's not even close
  - c. Both a & b
11. Since radon is found inside and outside, where is it the most dangerous?
  - a. Radon is only a problem when you take big deep breaths outside
  - b. Radon is not a problem anywhere
  - c. Radon is most dangerous when it collects inside buildings
12. How do you know if you have too much radon in your house?
  - a. Ask your neighbors if they have radon in their homes
  - b. Test for it
  - c. Look for uranium deposits in your yard
13. If you have too much radon, what should you do?
  - a. Sell your house
  - b. Wear a gas mask
  - c. Get rid of it. Draw it out from under your house and blow it into the outside air
14. Do most houses have too much radon?
  - a. No, most houses do not have a problem
  - b. Yes, all houses have way too much radon
  - c. Yes, over half of the houses have too much radon
15. Should you check your house for radon?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Maybe
16. Should you worry a lot about radon?
  - a. No, but ... you should test your home to be sure it doesn't have a radon problem
  - b. No, but ... if your home has too much radon you should get rid of it (the radon not the house!)
  - c. No, but ... be aware of radon, as well as other health risks, and minimize your exposure whenever possible
  - d. All of the above

Check your answers the next page.

**ANSWERS:**

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| 1. a | 7. b  | 13. c |
| 2. a | 8. a  | 14. a |
| 3. c | 9. a  | 15. a |
| 4. b | 10. a | 16. d |
| 5. b | 11. c |       |
| 6. c | 12. b |       |