Handout 4.9: EAL exam howlers

Statements 1–14 are reproduced exactly as they were written by the pupils, including spelling and grammatical errors.

Analysis

- A. Lack of understanding of vocabulary items
- B. Lack of understanding of content
- C. Understanding but inaccuracy of expression

		A	В	C
1.	$\rm H_2O$ is hot water, and $\rm CO_2$ is cold water.			
2.	When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.			
3.	Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.			
4.	Blood flows down one leg and up the other.			
5.	Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration.			
6.	Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes the perspire.			
7.	A super saturated solution is one that holds more then it can hold.			
8.	The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.			
9.	The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.			
10.	A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.			
11.	Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa.			
12.	Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.			
13.	Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives.			
14.	Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.			

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