Answer Key to Chapter 11 Learning Activities

1. **Priority Actions**

   - **First** Assess pulse oximetry
   - **Second** Assess lung sounds
   - **Third** Apply oxygen as ordered
   - **Four** Reassess pulse oximetry
   - **Fifth** Institute actions to improve oxygenation
   - **Sixth** Teach oxygen safety

   *(Rationale: Priority of actions includes the gathering of assessment information to reflect the patient’s respiratory condition. Once you have collected information, intervention can be initiated with application of oxygen if needed and subsequent reassessment of the pulse oximetry reading. Additional actions to improve client oxygenation and lung capacity can then be implemented with coughing, deep breathing, and use of incentive spirometry. Finally, once the patient experiences improvement in oxygenation and breathing status, reinforcement of oxygen education and safety measures would be appropriate).*

Answers to interactive elements are given within the interactive element.