Excavation Quiz

1. Every excavation job is different, with different potential hazards depending on conditions.
   a. True b. False

2. Cave-ins are a deadly hazard of excavation work.
   a. True b. False

3. Tools and other materials should be kept as near to the edge of a trench as possible for easy access.
   a. True b. False

4. Steps, ramps, or ladders must be provided to enter and exit most excavations—footholds in the rock or soil are not sufficient.
   a. True b. False

5. Fire is not a hazard of excavation work.
   a. True b. False

6. You should contact power, water, and gas utility companies after digging a trench to let them know you are working near underground utility lines.
   a. True b. False

7. Sloping the sides of an excavation and providing supports for the sides are the two main ways to prevent cave-ins.
   a. True b. False

8. A reflective vest can be an important item of PPE when working around an open excavation.
   a. True b. False

9. OSHA requires a “competent” person to inspect an excavation site daily before starting to work.
   a. True b. False

10. If you are working in a trench and you notice a condition that suggests that a cave-in could occur, you should wait until you actually see earth or rock move before reporting it.
    a. True b. False