Pre Test Answers
1. Who determines the year’s Part B Premium amount?
   ✓ Ans: CMS determines the standard premium and SSA determines an individual’s premium.

2. How is the SMI Trust Fund, funded?
   ✓ Ans: 75% of costs come from General Revenues (authorized by Congress) and 25% from the Part B Premiums.

3. In 1966, what was the Part B Premium and what percentage of the Part B costs would it cover?
   ✓ Ans: Premium was $3 and it was projected to cover 50% of costs.
4. In 2018, what is the Part B Premium and what percentage of the Part B costs should it cover?

   Ans: 2018 Standard Premium is $134 and it should cover approximately 25% of Part B costs.

5. When did the Hold Harmless Provision start?


6. The 2015 Part B Premium was $104.90, in 2016 it was $121.80 and in 2017 it was $134. Could someone’s 2018 premium be $111?

   Ans: Yes, due to the application of the Hold Harmless provision.
7. Approximately what percentage of beneficiaries will not pay the 2017 standard Part B Premium?

✓ Ans: Approximately 70% of beneficiaries pay less than $134.

8. If you have a 20% late enrollment penalty, what amount will be added to your premium in 2018 if your premium is $110?

✓ Ans: 2018 late enrollment penalty of 20% adds $26.80 to person’s premium (20% of $134 = $26.80).
9. If it is $134?

✓ Ans.: 2018 late enrollment penalty of 20% adds $26.80 to person’s premium (20% of $134 = $26.80).

10. If it is $187.50?

✓ Ans.: 2018 late enrollment penalty of 20% adds $26.80 to person’s premium (20% of $134 = $26.80).