

VICTORIAN NURSING COUNCIL

Nurses' Act 1958

COMMENTS OF EXAMINERS FOLLOWING
THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION HELD ON
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JUNIOR GENERAL NURSING THEORY

Question 1

Many candidates tended to generalize rather than be specific regarding Miss A's admission.

N.B. Minor accident only

- (b) (i) Very few mentioned soiled clothing, which is quite likely after an accident. The question stated clearly that clothes were to remain in hospital, but many ignored this and sent clothing home with relatives.
- (ii) Some did not receive a receipt or acknowledgement of any kind when handing over valuables for safe-keeping.
- (c) (i) Well answered, with a few exceptions.
- (ii) Many nurses failed to explain to patient that a specimen of urine only was required.
- (d) Shaking, stirring mixture and failure to observe patient's reaction to drug.

Question 2

Satisfactory.

Question 3

(a) Once again, many candidates did not read the question properly, and failed to realise that patient was on fluids only, therefore $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 litres would be required.

(b), (c), (d) and (e): Satisfactory.

Question 4

Some candidates were confused on positions - particularly prone and recumbent. Some failed to realise the necessity for adequate support in certain positions.

Question 5

Very few candidates understood the meaning of "stridor". Otherwise, quite satisfactory.

Question 6

(a) and (b): On the whole fairly well answered.

Question 7

Quite well answered.

GENERAL COMMENTS: The examiners wish to emphasize to nurses that they should read each question very carefully in order to understand the true meaning, and so eliminate irrelevant matter in their answers.