

VICTORIAN NURSING COUNCIL

COMMENTS OF EXAMINERS FOLLOWING THE NURSES' FINAL EXAMINATION-
GENERAL NURSE TRAINING HELD ON 1ST, 2ND & 3RD JUNE, 1977.

SURGICAL SECTION

- Question 1. (a) Most candidates were not specific enough re reason. High proportion stated what would be done rather than why. Stated - necessary as a life-saving measure.
- (b) Fairly well answered. Many stated "patient would die" if did not have the operation. Some failed to include ancillary help.
- (c) Many stated "to have a DRY bowel". Fairly well answered. Some candidates referred to "not giving oil because of ANASTOMOSIS". Actual nursing care poor.
- (d) Reference to "the anus". Care of drain tube neglected. Some answered quite well, others poorly, Some poor re observations and suction being used.
- (e) Variable answers, fairly satisfactory. ? diet should have been here.
- (f) Well answered.

- Question 2. (a) Mostly well answered.
- (b) Variable, better description of "pain" and many candidates failed to indicate that this could be an acute surgical emergency, e.g. blood loss and the signs and symptoms related.
- (c) ? students confused "objectives" of treatment with actual treatment.

- Question 3. (a) (b) & (c) Most candidates answered well.
- (d) & (e) Support omitted.

- Question 4. (a) Many candidates mentioned "haematemesis and melaena" as clinical features. Some students confused rigidity with distension.
- (b) Vagotomy - satisfactorily answered. Pyloroplasty - not well answered. Reasons not well understood.
- (c) Mostly well answered.
- (d) Well answered.

- Question 5. (a) Very poorly answered.
- (b) Very poorly answered.
- (c) Mostly well answered.

- Question 6. (a) Observations fairly well answered, significance of these not well answered.
- (b) (i) Some students "tactless" re handling of patient, i.e. "general approach".
- (ii) Students omitted involving others in help given.

- Question 7. Other than (c) (ii) question well answered. Standard of wound care was not good.

- Question 8. General care quite good. Question answered quite well.

- Question 9. All question reasonably well answered.
- (a) (iii) Confused re "coning" of brain.

General Comment: It is considered that the general standard of expression and setting out of paper still needs considerable improvement. Far too many abbreviations are used, etc! etc! etc! and so on and so forth.