

NURSES FINAL EXAMINATION - GENERAL NURSE TRAINING

7th & 8th July, 1965

SURGICAL NURSINGTime Allowed : Three (3) hours

IMPORTANT: Read the questions carefully, and answer only what is asked as no marks will be given for irrelevant material.

All questions compulsory.

1. An elderly male patient has a benign enlargement of the prostate gland.
 - a) What investigations are likely to be ordered pre-operatively? (5 marks)
 - b) The operation is planned to take place 7 days after admission. Discuss in detail the pre-operative care until the patient reaches the operating room. (10marks)
 - c) The operation will be either:-
 - i) Suprapubic prostatectomy (Freyer's trans-vesical;
 - OR
 - ii) Retropubic (Millin's) (10marks)

Discuss the post-operative care of either (i) or (ii) until the day of discharge.
 - d) What specific complications can follow the operation you have selected? (5marks) 30MARKS
2. A young male patient has been admitted with severe head injuries (he has no other injury). A tracheostomy will be required within 6 hours of admission. Discuss in detail the medical and nursing care during the first 7 days - during which time he is not conscious. (Omit admission details) 20MARKS
3. Twelve hours after thyroidectomy, a patient in your ward has become cyanosed due to a concealed haemorrhage. You are without immediate medical aid. What are your responsibilities in dealing with this emergency? 10MARKS
4. A patient has had an exploration of the common bile duct. Describe the nursing management of the T tube draining the common bile duct. 12MARKS
5. Tabulate the nurse's responsibilities in caring for a patient with a leg in plaster during the first 24 hours. 12 MARKS
6. A young male patient has an amputation of the leg above the knee, following a crush injury.
 - a) What are the nurses responsibilities regarding the prevention of flexion deformity of the hip? (3marks)
 - b) Briefly describe how the nurse can help the patient to face life after this operation. (3marks)6MARKS
7. What is the significance of:-
 - a) bubbling cough and dyspnoea occurring in a patient having intravenous therapy.
 - b) A patient with multiple boils with glycosuria
 - c) haematuria following abdominal injury.
 - d) frequent swallowing within the first 24 hours following tonsillectomy.
 - e) pain in the calf of the leg with a slight rise of temperature following bed rest? 10MARKS