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FIRST PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION-GENERAL NURSE TRAINING

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JUNIOR GENERAL NURSING THEORY PAPER

Time allowed: \_\_\_\_\_ Two Hours  
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IMPORTANT;-

Read your questions very carefully.

Answer only what is asked as no marks will be given for irrelevant material.  
ALL questions to be answered.

1. Miss A. is admitted to your ward on a stretcher for observation following a minor accident.
- (a) How will you prepare the bed for her admission?  
(Do not describe in detail how to make a bed) -(5 marks)
  - (b) Her belongings are to remain in hospital.  
How will you take care of:-
    - (i) her clothes: -(3 marks)
    - (ii) her valuables? -(3 marks)
  - (c) Describe in detail how you would:-
    - (i) take and record her admission temperature  
by the oral route; -(7 marks)
    - (ii) assist her in the use of a badpan and collect  
a specimen of urine for routine ward testing. -(4 marks)
  - (d) Doctor has left orders for Mist. A.P.C. 15 mls to be  
given P.R.N.
    - (i) what does P.R.N. mean? -(1 mark)
    - (ii) Sister tells you to give Miss A. the mixture  
ordered above.  
List the important points in carrying out this  
order. -(7 marks)

-(30 marks)
2. (a) A patient passes 8 ounces of urine; how would you  
record this in millilitres? -(2 marks)
- (b) How would you prepare 1½ litres of Dettol 1-20 from  
pure Dettol? (Show working.) -(5 marks)
  - (c) How many millilitres in one litre? -(1 mark)
  - (d) How many milligrammes in one gramme? -(1 mark)
  - (e) How many pounds in one kilogramme? -(1 mark)
- (10 marks)
3. A patient is allowed nourishing fluids only.
- (a) What is his normal daily fluid requirement? -(1 mark)
  - (b) Describe how you can vary the taste and colour of milk  
drinks. -(4 marks)
  - (c) Give two (2) other types of fluids which may be given. -(2 marks)
  - (d) How can you as the junior nurse ensure that your  
patient takes the required amount of fluid daily? -(4 marks)
  - (e) (i) What information would be recorded on the fluid  
chart? -(3 marks)
  - (ii) When should this information be recorded? -(1 mark)
- (15 marks)

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4. Describe how you would make your patient comfortable in the following positions, and state a procedure or condition which would necessitate your patient being nursed in each of them:-
- (a) Lateral; -(4 marks)
  - (b) prone; -(4 marks)
  - (c) recumbent; -(3 marks)
  - (d) modified Fowler's -(4 marks)
- (15 marks)
5. What do you understand by:-
- (a) cyanosis;
  - (b) oedema;
  - (c) stridor;
  - (d) melaena;
  - (e) haematemesis? -(10 marks)
6. (a) What observations would you make regarding sputum? -(4 marks)  
(b) How would you obtain a specimen of sputum for bacteriological examination? -(6 marks)
- (10 marks)
7. Meal service to patients is an important part of total nursing care. As a first year student nurse, what are your responsibilities in preparation for this service with regard to:-
- (a) yourself; -(2 marks)
  - (b) the ward and its environment; -(3 marks)
  - (c) the patient? -(5 marks)
- (10 marks)
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