

VICTORIAN NURSING COUNCIL

Nurses Act 1958

Nurses' Final Examination—General Nurse Training

3RD AND 4TH MARCH, 1965

MEDICAL NURSING

Time allowed: Three 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. A woman, 60 years of age, is admitted to the ward in an unconscious state due to cerebral thrombosis. She has a right hemiplegia.
 - (a) What preparation should be made for her admission? —[3 marks]
 - (b) Describe the nursing care in the first 24 hours. —[10 marks]
 - (c) What observations would you make and record? State the reasons for making these observations. —[7 marks]
 - (d) What measures would be taken to rehabilitate this patient after she recovers consciousness? —[5 marks]—[25 marks]
2. Describe the management of a boy, 12 years of age, with severe acute nephritis under the following headings:
 - (a) general nursing treatment and dietary management; —[10 marks]
 - (b) observations and their significance; —[7 marks]
 - (c) complications. —[3 marks]—[20 marks]
3. (a) Why is croup a dangerous disease in young children? —[2 marks]
(b) Why is a warm, moist atmosphere valuable in the treatment of this condition? —[2 marks]
(c) What signs suggest medical attention will be required urgently? —[6 marks]
—[10 marks]4. What instructions should be given to a diabetic patient prior to discharge from hospital? This patient has recently been diagnosed and stabilized on insulin. —[10 marks]
5. State the use of the following drugs and the precautions which should be taken in the administration of each, giving reasons:—
 - (a) digoxin; —[5 marks]
 - (b) dindevan (phenindione); —[5 marks]
 - (c) mersalyl. —[5 marks]—[15 marks]
6. Define and state one cause of:—
 - (a) dysphagia;
 - (b) agranulocytosis;
 - (c) haemoptysis;
 - (d) Koplik's spots;
 - (e) pruritus.—[10 marks]
7. (a) What is the cause, incubation period and methods of spread of infectious hepatitis? —[6 marks]
(b) What type of diet is given in this condition and why? —[4 marks]
—[10 marks]