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VICTORIAN NURSING COUNCIL

REGISTRATION EXAMINATION - (GENERAL NURSES)

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COMMENTS OF EXAMINERS - SURGICAL SECTION.

- Question 1. (a) Generally well answered, although some confusion with perineal drain and tissue drain.
(b) Very well answered in most papers.
- Question 2. Still some confusion regarding changes in blood pressure and pulse rate in impending cerebral compression.
- Question 3. (a) Lacking in physiology regarding reasons for underwater seal drainage.
(b) Well answered.
(c) Well answered.
(d) Basically knowledge was quite good, but organization of answers rather poor.
(e) Too much emphasis placed on physiotherapist alone, without the nurse being involved.
- Question 4. (a) Confusion between the indications of haemolytic reaction and allergic reaction.
(b) Emotional support and observations of patient were omitted by many candidates.
(c) Answers lacked clarity with regard to sequence of events.
- Question 5. (a) (i)
(ii)
(iii) Lack of understanding of physiology.
(iv)
(v)
(b) Reasonably well answered.
- Question 6. (a) Well answered in most instances but some candidates did not mention nursing activities to prevent infection.
(b) Again most candidates answered this part of the question well, but there was some confusion in type and amount of drainage amongst certain candidates.
(c) Not well known by the majority of students.
- Question 7. (a) Candidates lost sight of the fact that the patient had to be observed for 24 hours, in some cases observations were carried out for 4 hours only.
(b) Not sufficient explanation given to the mother regarding the instructions prior to discharge.
- Question 8. (a) Well known.
(b) Well known.
(c) (i) Promotion of adequate drainage was omitted in a number of instances.
(ii) Well known.
(iii) Reasonable answers by most candidates.

- Question 9. (a)
 (b) Difficulty with expressing the differences between these
 (c) three questions.

General Comments

There was a lack of understanding of physiology in answers where this was required.

The attention of Nurse Educators is drawn to the increasing use of unauthorized and largely unintelligible abbreviations in candidates answers. This practice should be discouraged.