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SURGICAL NURSING

SECTION B

Important:—

Read the questions very carefully.

Answer only what is asked as no marks will be given for irrelevant material.

ALL questions are compulsory.

1. A young man admitted with acute appendicitis and peritonitis has had immediate surgery. Describe the following aspects of his post-operative care:—

- (a) Immediate post-anaesthetic care, i.e. recovery room care. —[4 marks]
 - (b) Care of wound and drain tube. —[4 marks]
 - (c) Hydration and nutrition. —[6 marks]
- [14 marks]

2. Briefly describe important points in the nursing care of a patient with severe head injury under the following headings:—

- (a) Care of eyes. —[2 marks]
 - (b) Care of ears. —[2 marks]
 - (c) Temperature control. —[2 marks]
 - (d) Prevention of deformity. —[2 marks]
- [8 marks]

3. Allison Turner, aged seven (7) years, is admitted to hospital for tonsillectomy. On admission Allison is upset and apprehensive regarding hospitalization and her sore throat following operation:

- (a) How can Allison's anxiety about her impending operation be reduced? —[4 marks]
 - (b) State the position of the tonsils and their function. —[2 marks]
 - (c) Haemorrhage is the most common post-operative complication of tonsillectomy. What observations would be made in order to detect haemorrhage? —[4 marks]
 - (d) What advice would be given the mother prior to Allison's discharge from hospital? —[5 marks]
- [15 marks]

4. A 40-year-old married woman is admitted for modified radical mastectomy.

- (a) Describe her care under the following headings:—
 - (i) psychological care, pre and post-operatively, —[6 marks]
 - (ii) position post-operatively, —[3 marks]
 - (iii) exercises required in post-operative period. —[4 marks]
 - (b) List four (4) specific complications associated with the operation of modified radical mastectomy. —[2 marks]
- [15 marks]

5. Mrs. Barnes is to have a cholecystectomy and choledochostomy after investigations have revealed that she has gall stones.

- (a) What investigations may reveal the presence of gall stones? —[1 mark]
 - (b) Describe the specific care of the T-tube post-operatively including indications for its removal. —[6 marks]
 - (c) How can nursing care be used to avoid respiratory complications in this patient? —[3 marks]
 - (d) Give two (2) complications (other than respiratory) which can occur after this operation. —[1 mark]
- [11 marks]

6. A patient requires a blood transfusion due to blood loss following surgery.

- (a) State three (3) specific complications which can result from a blood transfusion. —[1½ marks]
 - (b) Describe the precautions which should be taken to prevent these complications occurring. —[5½ marks]
- [7 marks]