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# SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (UPGRADING)

NURU 241: TRAUMA, EMERGENCY AND PERI- OPERATIVE CARE NURSING

STREAMS: BSC NURSING Y2S2 TIME: 2 HOURS

## DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 29/09/2021

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Do not write anything on the question paper.

- 2. Mobile phones and any other reference materials are NOT allowed in the examination room.
- 3. The paper has three sections. Answer ALL the questions.
- 4. All your answers for Section I (MCQs) should be on one page.
- 5. Number ALL your answers and indicate the order of appearance in the space provided in the cover page of the examination answer booklet.
- 6. Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely

## **SECTION A: Multiple choice questions (10 marks)**

- 1. The nurse is preparing a client for surgery. What is the most effective method for obtaining an accurate blood pressure reading from the client?
  - A. Obtain a cuff that covers the upper one third of the client's arm
  - B. Position the cuff approximately 4 inches above the antecubital arm
  - C. Use a cuff that is wide enough to cover the upper two thirds of the client's arm
  - D. Identify the Korotkoff sounds, and take a systolic reading at 10 mmHg after the first sound
- 2. Which of the following items on a client's presurgery laboratory results would indicate a need to contact the surgeon?
  - A. Platelet count of 250,000/cu.mm
  - B. Total cholesterol of 325 mg/dl
  - C. Blood urea nitrogen (BUN)) 17 mg/dl
  - D. Hemoglobin 9.5 mg/dl
- 3. To prevent complications of immobility, which activities would the nurse plan for the first postoperative day after a colon resection?

- A. Turn, cough, and deep breathe every 30 minutes around the clock
- B. Get the client out of bed and ambulate to a bedside chair
- C. Provide passive range of motion three times a day
- D. It is not necessary to worry about complications of immobility on the first postoperative day
- 4. The nurse is caring for a first day postoperative surgical client. Prioritize the patient's desired dietary progression. Arrange in sequence the dietary progression from 1 to 4: 1. Full liquid; 2. NPO; 3. Clear liquid; 4. Soft
  - A. 1, 2, 3, 4
  - B. 2, 3, 1, 4
  - C. 2, 1, 4, 3
  - D. 4, 3, 2, 1
- 5. Which of the following is the primary purpose of maintaining NPO for 6 to 8 hours before surgery?
  - A. To prevent malnutrition
  - B. To prevent electrolyte imbalance
  - C. To prevent aspiration pneumonia
  - D. To prevent intestinal obstruction
- **6.** The nurse will provide preoperative teaching on deep breathing, coughing and turning exercises. When is the best time to provide the preoperative teachings?
  - A. Before administration of preoperative medications
  - B. The afternoon or evening prior to surgery
  - C. Several days prior to surgery
  - D. Upon admission of the client in the recovery room
- 7. Which of the following drugs is administered to minimize respiratory secretions preoperatively?
  - A. Valium (diazepam)
  - B. Phenergan (promethazine)
  - C. Atropine sulfate
  - D. Demerol (Meperidine)
- **8.** Which of the following is experienced by the patient who is under general anesthesia?
  - A. The patient is unconscious
  - B. The patient is awake
  - C. The patient experiences slight pain
  - D. The patient experiences loss of sensation in the lower half of the body
- **9.** Which of the following is most dangerous complication during induction of spinal anesthesia?
  - A. Cardiac arrest
  - B. Hypotension
  - C. Hyperthermia
  - D. Respiratory paralysis
- **10.** Which of the following postoperative patients is at risk for respiratory complications?
  - A. The obese patient with long history of smoking who had undergone upper abdominal surgery

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- B. The patient with normal pulmonary function who had undergone upper abdominal surgery
- C. An adolescent patient with diabetes mellitus who had undergone cholecystectomy
- D. A football player who had undergone knee replacement surgery
- 11. The patient had undergone spinal anesthesia for appendectomy. To prevent spinal headache, the nurse should place the patient in which of the following positions?
  - A. Semi-Fowler's
  - B. Flat on bed for 6 to 8 hours
  - C. Prone position
  - D. Modified Trendelenburg position
- **12.** The nurse is admitting a patient to the operating room. Which of the following nursing actions should be given highest priority by the nurse?
  - A. Assessing the patient's level of consciousness
  - B. Checking the patient's vital signs
  - C. Checking the patient's identification and correct operative permit
  - D. Positioning and performing skin preparation to the patient
- 13. Activated charcoal does not adsorb the following substances:
  - A Paracetamol
  - B Iron
  - C Amitriptyline
  - D Enteric-coated diclofenac
- 14. The system of 'triage' is based upon which of the following principles?
  - A Treating patients in order of priority
  - B Treating first come first served
  - C Treating the quickest and easiest first
  - D Treating those that complaint the most first
- 15. Which of the following statements regarding emergency oxygen therapy is true?
  - A Oxygen should be used as a treatment for breathlessness
  - B Oxygen therapy should always be prescribed
  - C Non-rebreathe oxygen mask is the delivery device of choice in critical illness
  - D Nasal cannula is the oxygen delivery device of choice in critical illness
- 16. Which of the following is not a feature of life-threatening asthma?
  - A Hypoxia
  - B Hypocapnia
  - C Silent chest
  - D Cyanosis
- 17. Which of the following rhythms require defibrillation?
  - A. Asystole
  - B. Ventricular fibrillations
  - C. Tachycardia
  - D. Sinus bradycardia
- 18. The first principle of emergency care is:
  - A. Triaging

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- B. Airway
- C. Breathing
- D. Circulation
- 19. The most suitable oxygen delivery devise for a patient with severe respiratory distress is:
  - A. Nasal cannula
  - B. Simple face mask
  - C. Venturi mask
  - D. Masks with a reservoir
- 20. The ratio of chest compression to breathing during cardiopulmonary resuscitation is:
  - A. 5:4
  - B. 1:3
  - C. 2:1
  - D. 30:2

## B) SECTION B: Short answer questions (30mks).

- 1. Outline five (5) roles of Trauma and Emergency Nurse (5 marks)
- 2. State five (5) advantages of local Anesthesia (LA) (5 marks)
- 3. Formulate five (5) Nursing Diagnoses Post-anesthesia (5 marks)
- 4. State five (5) factors associated with the extent of wound infection (5 marks)
- 5. State five (5) Clinical manifestations of a patient with Pulmonary Embolism (5 marks)
- 6. State five (5) clinical features of Organophosphate (OP) Poisoning (5 marks)

## C) SECTION C: Long answer questions (20 marks).

- 1. Mrs. Juma 59-year-old farmer has been received from theatre post laparotomy.
  - A. Describe his immediate Post-Anesthesia Care

(15 marks)

B. Formulate five (5) Nursing Diagnoses for Mrs. Juma

(5 marks)