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ACCESS COURSE FOR REGISTERED NURSES 1AU1

ISSUES FOR NURSING PRACTICE (NUI06)

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- **Please answer a total of three (3) questions.**
- **Use a separate answer book for each question.**
- **All questions carry an equal mark.**
- **Support your answers with reference to the literature and your nursing experience as appropriate.**

Time Allowed: Two (2) hours.

1. Discuss the implications of the Nursing Education Forum's recommendations in relation to nursing/midwifery practice.
(100%)
2. Using the attached Decision Making Framework as outlined in the Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Document (An Bord Altranais, 2000), describe the action you would pursue in the following scenarios:
 - (a) You are a staff nurse working on a medical unit and you are instructed to give IV medication via a central line. You are anxious as you have not performed the task before and you are unsure if you are competent to carry out the task. (50%)
 - (b) You are the senior staff nurse on duty with a junior staff nurse. At 6 p.m. a client returns to the unit following a gastroscopy. Shortly afterwards, the client begins to vomit large amounts of fresh blood. The junior staff nurse notifies the doctor on call. Due to an emergency in another location, she informs you the

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doctor will be delayed by 10 minutes. The client's blood pressure is 50/10 MMHg. The client has a cannula in situ, however, an intravenous infusion is not in progress and intravenous fluids have not been prescribed.

(50%)

3. Discuss the implications of the Report of the Commission on Nursing: A Blueprint for the Future for nursing/midwifery practice.
(100%)
4. "Task orientated hospital workers threaten the role of the nurse" (English and Lindsay 1993). Debate the relevance of this statement for your nursing and midwifery practice.
(100%)
5. Within Ireland it is evident that the role of the nurse has evolved and changed in recent years. Identify two (2) major changes examining the implications for nursing and midwifery practice.
(100%)

END

Nurse/Midwife Scope of Practice Decision-Making Framework

CONSIDER THE NURSING/MIDWIFERY ROLE/FUNCTION

