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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2001

SECOND YEAR DIPLOMA IN NURSING

NURSING STUDIES D (NU204)
(GENERAL)

(TOTAL MARKS 1000)

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Attempt FOUR questions – TWO questions from each section.

Please use separate Answer Books for each question.

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SECTION A

Ms. A. Ui Chiardha
Ms. P. O'Connor
Ms. M. Delaney

1. Discuss the nursing management of a surgical wound for the first ten days following surgery. Your answer should draw on literature and clinical experience.
2. Identify **three** unwanted effects of chemotherapy, explaining why each may occur. Referring to the literature and your clinical experience, discuss the nursing management of each unwanted effect.
3. Mary, a 20 year old college student is admitted to your ward. She is confused and agitated and is diagnosed as having meningococcal meningitis. Describe, giving the rationale, the observation and care of this patient during her first 24 hours in hospital.
4. With reference to the literature and your clinical experience, discuss the importance of the neurological assessment of a patient with altered levels of consciousness.

SECTION B

Ms. R. Meally
Ms. F. Farrelly
Ms. L. Mee

5. "No matter what the patients BP or degree of organ damage, lifestyle modifications are the cornerstone of managing hypertension" (Dabrow Woods, 1999, pp. 44). Discuss the above statement. Relevant literature and reference to your clinical experience should support your answer.

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6. Ann Smyth, 37 years of age, has anaemia and neutropenia following a course of cytotoxic chemotherapy for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. Detail the nursing management for this patient with reference to relevant literature and clinical experience.
7. Discuss the nursing care that a patient may require in order to promote ventilation and lung re-expansion following a lobectomy. Support your answer by referring to relevant literature.
8. Discuss, with reference to the literature and your clinical practice, how a nurse may help John Smyth, aged 60 years, adjust psychologically to his newly formed permanent colostomy.

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