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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN CRITICAL CARE NU820
CRITICAL CARE NURSING TWO (NU 825)

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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

Q1. Mr. John Brown, aged 40, is admitted to CCU from the Accident & Emergency Unit, with a diagnosis of anterior myocardial infarction.

Discuss the role of the nurse in the prevention of potential complications during the first 48 hours of John's hospitalisation. (100%)

Q2. Discuss the responsibilities of the ICU nurse in two of the following procedures:

- (a) Administration of intravenous drugs (50%)
- (b) Epidural infusion (50%)
- (c) Cardiac monitoring (50%)

Q3. Critically analyse the role of the ICU nurse in alleviating anxiety in the critically ill patient (100%)

Q4. Ann, a 22-year-old university student, is admitted to ICU following an overdose of paracetamol tablets with evidence of deteriorating levels of unconsciousness.

Discuss the role of the nurse in meeting Ann's needs during the critical stage of her illness (100%)

Q5. Pat, a 25 year old labourer, is admitted to the ICU following the evacuation of a subdural haematoma which resulted from a fall off a ladder.

Critically analyse the responsibilities of the nurse in the prevention of potential neurological problems

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