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**Instructions:**

You are expected to answer **three (3)** questions.  
Use a separate answer book for each question.  
All questions carry an equal mark.  
You are expected to support your answers by referring to relevant literature.

Duration	2 hours
No. of Answer books	3

**Requirements:**

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
Log Graph Paper	
Other Material	

No. of Pages	1
Department(s)	Centre for Nursing Studies

1. "During labour and delivery, measures can be taken to avoid situations, known to predispose to vertical transmission of HIV" (Fraser and Cooper, 2003, p.385)

Critically discuss the above statement.

(100 Marks)

2. Marie McDonagh, gravida 2, para 1 has just been diagnosed as being in the second stage of labour at 39 weeks gestation. Since spontaneous rupture of the membranes two hours ago, the fetal heart has been continuously monitored (CTG) as there was a trace of meconium visible in the liquor. A sustained fetal bradycardia of 90-100 bpm has been noted since diagnosis of the second stage of labour.

Critically discuss the management of fetal bradycardia during the second stage of labour, and the midwifery care Marie will receive until delivery of her infant.

(100 Marks)

3. Aoife Murray, a 34 year old, para 4, gravida 5, has just been admitted to the Labour Ward with regular uterine contractions at 39 weeks gestation. Following admission, a spontaneous rupture of the membranes occurs. On immediate vaginal examination, a cord prolapse is diagnosed.

Critically discuss the role of the midwife in the care of Aoife following this diagnosis.

(100 Marks)

4. "Postpartum haemorrhage is defined as excessive bleeding from the genital tract occurring any time from the birth of the child to the end of the puerperium" (Sweet, 2002, p.703)

Critically discuss the management and midwifery care of Fiona Burke, para 1, who has had a postpartum haemorrhage with an estimated blood loss of 1,000mls, forty minutes post delivery of a 4,200g baby boy. The third stage of labour was actively managed and the placenta and membranes were complete.

(100 Marks)