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Repeat Paper \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions:**

You are expected to answer **four (4)** 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 3 hours

No. of Answer books 4

**Requirements:**

Handout \_\_\_\_\_

MCQ \_\_\_\_\_

Statistical Tables \_\_\_\_\_

Graph Paper \_\_\_\_\_

Log Graph Paper \_\_\_\_\_

Other Material \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Emer Duffy is now para 1 and she has been admitted from the operating theatre to the postnatal ward following a caesarean section for prolonged labour. Emer was 41/40 gestation and has been delivered of a healthy baby boy.

Critically discuss the role of the midwife in the post operative/postpartum care of Emer over the next four days. (100 marks)

2. It is likely that almost all postnatal breastfeeding problems can be prevented if the baby is able to feed effectively and efficiently from the beginning (Inch 1999).

Discuss the common breastfeeding problems that may occur for the woman in the postnatal period. (100 marks)

3. In the Confidential enquiry into Maternal and Child Health (2000-2002) there were 8 deaths related to puerperal infection.

Define puerperal infection and analyse the role of the midwife in caring for women with puerperal infection. (100 marks)

4. The acknowledgement of domestic violence and abuse as a serious social issue has taken place only within the past 50 years (Alexander et al., 2000). "While the situation for all women who have to leave their home in search of a violence-free life is difficult, traveller women experience additional dilemmas which make it more difficult for them to access help and support..." (Traveller Health; A National Strategy 2002-2005: 55).

Critically discuss the role of the midwife in the care of traveller women who are at risk of violence during pregnancy, and the childbearing period. (100 marks)

5. Postnatal depression (PND), although sometimes difficult to define and recognise, was described in a classic study by Pitt in 1968 as: 'what lies between the extreme of severe puerperal psychosis, with the risk of suicide and infanticide, and the trivial weepiness of the blues'. (In Bick et al., 2002: 129).

Critically discuss the role of the midwife in the identification of women at risk of PND and their subsequent midwifery care. (100 marks)