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Exam(s)	Higher Diploma in Midwifery
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Module(s)	Midwifery Studies IX
Paper No.	
Repeat Paper	
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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. Grace O'Malley was a normal birth at 32/40 weeks gestation. Her mother Jean went into spontaneous pre-term labour with no diagnosed cause for this. The baby had low Apgar Scores at 1 and 5 minutes and has a provisional diagnosis of respiratory distress syndrome. Following stabilisation in the delivery room the baby was transferred for further assessment and care to the Special Care Baby Unit.

Critically discuss the care of Baby Grace from admission to the Special Care Baby Unit until 48 hours of age. (100 Marks)

2. Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) continues to be the leading cause of death in babies aged four weeks to one year (ISIDA Report, 2000). The occurrence of SIDS among Traveller families in 1999 was twelve times the national average (8.8 versus 0.7 per 1000 live births) (Traveller Health: A National Strategy 2002-2005).

Critically discuss Sudden Infant Death Syndrome with specific reference to Traveller families (100 Marks)

3. Baby Jamie Duggan was born at full term with a cleft lip and palate. He is otherwise an active healthy baby.

a) Critically discuss cleft lip and palate in relation to baby Jamie's care. (50 Marks)

b) Analyse the role of the midwife in meeting the informational and support needs of baby Jamie's parents. (50 Marks)

4. Small for gestational age is a neonatal diagnostic term for full term babies born below the 10th percentile for birth weight and is also defined as below 2500 grammes (WHO, International Classification of Disease, 1997).

Critically discuss the role of the midwife in the care of a Baby James who is a full term small for gestational age baby. James is a healthy, active baby in every other respect and his mother Roselyn plans on breastfeeding him.

(100 Marks)