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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY
(NU 805) MIDWIFERY STUDIES II - NORMAL MIDWIFERY CARE

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You are expected to answer a total of THREE (3) questions. Use a separate answer book for each question. All questions carry an equal mark.

Please note you are expected to support your answers by referring to relevant literature and examples from your nursing experience where appropriate.

TIME ALLOWED - 2 HOURS.

Question 1 - compulsory.

1 (a). Define the first stage of labour. (5)

Mrs. Smith is a prima gravida woman in the first stage of labour.
How would the midwife recognise that Mrs. Smith's labour is progressing normally. (25)

What are the signs that the second stage of labour had commenced? (10)

OR

(b) Define the third stage of labour. (5)

Outline the signs of placental separation. (10)

Discuss the care and management of a woman in the third stage of labour following a normal delivery. (25)

Answer two of the following questions

2. The woman's first visit to the antenatal clinic is of prime importance.

Discuss the significance of the information gained during this visit taking all relevant aspects into account. (30)

3. Outline the physiological changes that take place in the uterus in the puerperium. (10)

Discuss the role of the midwife in assessment and examination of a woman on her third postnatal day. (20)

4. What would lead a woman to suspect that she may be pregnant. (10)

How can the midwife help a woman who is pregnant for the first time cope with the physiological adaptation of her body to pregnancy. (20)