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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN CRITICAL CARE NU820
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN NURSING (NU821)

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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. *"The rapidly changing pace of the health service is placing increasing demands and expectations on the profession".*

(The Report of The Commission on Nursing: A blueprint for the future", 1998)

(a) Identify two changes of relevance to the intensive care unit providing a rationale for the changes you identify. (30%)

(b) Evaluate the implications of these two changes for the nurse working in the intensive care unit. (70%)

Q2. (a) Evaluate the impact of technological advances on the role of the nurse in the delivery of care in the intensive care unit. (100%)

Or

(b) Evaluate the implications of the Freedom of Information Act (1997), for intensive care nurses. (100%)

Q3 Evaluate the impact of The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (1989), for both intensive care nurses and their patients. (100%)

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Q4. “... *communication is both one of the most demanding and difficult aspects of a nurse’s job, and one which is frequently avoided or done badly, although being central to nursing care*” (Fielding and Llewelyn, 1987).

Discuss the relevance of the above 1987 statement for today's nursing practice and suggest how effective communication can be ensured in an intensive care unit. (100%)

Q5. With reference to the literature and your experience of critical care nursing evaluate the benefits of adopting a holistic approach to patient care (100%)

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