

# UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FINAL EXAMINATION

DECEMBER 2010

COURSE TITLE : ADVANCED MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING 11

COURSE CODE : NUR 510

TIME ALLOCATED : 2 HOURS

MARKS ALLOCATED: 75 MARKS

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY A TOTAL OF 25 MARKS.
4. ONE MARK IS ALLOCATED FOR ONE FACT.

### QUESTION 1

- (a) Nurses are important in critical care and hence the development of the major goals for critical care nursing; identify these goals and describe the nurse actions in achieving these goals. [12]
- (b) Discuss holistic critical care nursing you would provide to a client with stab wound of the chest. [13]

**TOTAL MARKS 25**

### QUESTION 2

- (a) Patients in the critical care unit often experience psychological alterations. In your assessment of a patient, what would be the nursing actions for the following:
- i. Age [2]
  - ii. Coping mechanisms [2]
  - iii. Perception of current illness [2]
  - iv. Interrelationships [2]
  - v. Life-style practices [2]
- (b) Pain management is important in critical care. Identify five (5) drugs used in the management of pain and state two side effects for each drug mentioned. [15]

**TOTAL MARKS 25**

### QUESTION 3

- (a) Discuss the nursing management for a client with acute Myocardial Infection. [15]
- (b) Critical care management of acute respiratory failure includes positioning and preventing desaturation.

Describe the rationale for:

- i. Positioning in a certain way [7]
- ii. Preventing deaturation [3]

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