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TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO MIDWIFERY
COURSE CODE : GNS320
DURATION : TWO (2) HOURS
TOTAL MARKS : 75 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
2. **FIGURES IN BRACKETS REFLECT MARKS ALLOCATED TO EACH QUESTION OR PART OF A QUESTION**
3. **ANSWER EACH QUESTION IN A NEW PAGE**
4. **DO NOT OPEN THIS PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

QUESTION 1

1.1 Mention the four (4) phases of the menstrual cycle [2]

1.2 Explain four (4) functions of the cervix. [4]

1.3 Explain clinical importance or relevance of the perineum to the midwife? [2]

1.4 Explain seven (7) abdominal and pelvic changes that a midwife would note on a pregnant woman which would inform him/her that the woman is probably pregnant. [7]

1.5 Explain what "Pseudocyesis" is and what its major causes are? [4]

1.6 Explain why pregnant women experience the following signs and symptoms:

1.6.1 Nausea and vomiting [2]

1.6.2 Bladder irritability [2]

1.6.3 Elevated body temperature [1]

1.6.4 Fullness or heaviness of breasts [1]

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Question 2

2.1 Discuss any 4 functions of the placenta at term. [20]

2.2 List 5 objectives of early ANC booking [5]

Question 3

Describe the current immunization schedule that a new-born has to follow throughout child-hood in Swaziland. Include the dosages and route of administration.

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