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TITLE OF PAPER : ABNORMAL MIDWIFERY
COURSE CODE : MID 121
DURATION : TWO (2 HOURS)
TOTAL MARKS : 75
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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Semester 2 ABNORMAL MIDWIFERY MID 121

Question 1

Mrs Magagula is a gravida 4 para 3. She has been admitted to the labour ward at 41 weeks gestation. She gives a history of draining liquor amnii for the past 48 hours prior to admission. Some of the findings are as follows:

- size of uterus corresponds to gestational age
- position is LOA
- descent is 5/5
- foetal heart rate is 140 beats per minute, clear and regular
- no contractions identified abdominally in 10 minutes
- 3 sanitary pads have been soaked with clear liquor within the past hour

The obstetrician has ordered that Mrs Magagula's labour be induced with pitocin.

- (a) Discuss reasons for the induction of labour

5 marks

- (b) Discuss how the midwife will manage Mrs Magagula during induction of labour

20 marks

Question 2

Mrs Dube, a 30 year old gravida 2 reports to the admission ward at 39 weeks gestation with a history of severe abdominal pain and backache for 5 hours. She has not felt any foetal movements since the onset of the pain and she is not bleeding vaginally. The midwife suspects a concealed placenta abruption.

- (a) Discuss the specific management of Mrs Dube from admission until delivery.

25 Marks

Question 3

Mrs Ginindza delivered at home 2 hours ago. After delivery of the baby, a relative claims that she bled heavily. She is still bleeding and is brought to your care in the maternity ward.

- (a) Discuss additional data that is required in order to arrive at the appropriate diagnoses.

15 Marks

(b) Discuss interventions that a midwife could implement to control post partum haemorrhage. Prioritise your interventions.

10 Marks