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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**FINAL EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2007**

COURSE TITLE: HEALTH ASSESSMENT

COURSE CODE: NUR 420

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 75

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS

**3. ONE MARK ALLOCATED FOR EACH
CORRECT FACT UNLESS OTHERWISE
INDICATED**

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Question 1

Discuss the main methods of collecting information/data from the patient or client.

TOTAL MARKS 25

Question 2

- a) Describe the guidelines used for recording the chief/main complaint, or reason for coming to health facility. 5 marks
- b) A relationship of trust was established during the taking and recording of health history. Describe the activities and conditions the nurse must do to maintain the patient's confidence and put him at ease during a physical examination. 10 marks
- c) You are assessing oxygenation.
- (i) Name the structures involved in oxygenation. 2 marks
 - (ii) Describe specific question you would ask when collecting oxygenation history. 4mark
 - (iii) Describe factors that may increase the risk of impaired oxygenation. 4 marks

TOTAL MARKS 25

Question 3

You are carrying out a physical assessment on an adult patient.

- a) Name the organ you would be assessing with the following instruments.
- (i) Snellen E chart
 - (ii) Otoscope
 - (iii) Percussion hammer
 - (iv) Tuning fork
 - (v) Electro-cardio gram 5 marks
- b) Describe the information you would obtain by use of each of these instruments. 5 marks
- c) The last step in assessment is the formulation of the diagnostic statement. Describe the nursing diagnostic statement. 10 marks
- d) Describe five (5) ways to make auscultation of the abdomen more accurate and give the rationale for each. 5 marks

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