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Senior Healthcare Support Worker Theatre Support Mock Multiple-Choice Test

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This examination consists of **60 multiple-choice** questions.

Part A is the core multiple-choice questions, this contains 40 questions worth a total of **40 marks**. Part B is the pathway multiple-choice questions, this contains 20 questions worth a total of **20 marks**.

You must achieve **16 marks** for Part A and **8 marks** for Part B

The exam is worth **60 marks**, with a Pass being **24 marks**, and Distinction **45 marks**.

The duration of this examination is **90 minutes**.

You are **NOT** allowed any assistance to complete the answers.

You must use a pencil to complete the answer sheet - pens must **NOT** be used.

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EXAMINATION ANSWER SHEET (EAS) INSTRUCTIONS:

For each question, fill in **ONE** answer **ONLY**.

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You must mark your choice of answer by shading in **ONE** answer circle only.

Please mark each choice like this:

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01 ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D **DO NOT** partially shade the answer circle
ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY

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ANSWER COMPLETED INCORRECTLY

All candidates **MUST** sign the Examination Answer Sheet (EAS) in the bottom right-hand corner of the page before leaving the examination room.

Part A is comprised of the following **40 core questions**.

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Which of the following is a **main** form of mental ill health?

- A. Burnout
- B. Insomnia
- C. Schizophrenia
- D. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

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The **main** purpose of audits in healthcare settings is to:

- A. assess and improve the quality of care
- B. collect and analyse financial data
- C. confirm the working order of equipment
- D. monitor staff sickness levels

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Senior healthcare support workers ensure that individuals are moved according to agreed ways of working by:

- A. completing all moving tasks independently
- B. encouraging the use of the same techniques on all individuals
- C. observing staff and offering support where required
- D. reviewing and updating safety policies monthly

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Which of the following pieces of information **must** be collected when compiling an individual's history?

- A. Current conditions and medication
- B. Next of kin and the gender of their children
- C. Religion and sexuality
- D. Wound and job history

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Which of the following is a **benefit** of delegating complex clinical tasks?

- A. It ensures individuals receive timely care
- B. It facilitates teamwork and continuous improvement
- C. It reduces accountability if errors occur
- D. It removes the need for formal training and development

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Which of the following is a **main** responsibility of a senior healthcare support worker?

- A. Offering emotional support
- B. Prescribing new medication
- C. Promoting person centred care
- D. Supporting individuals with physical therapy

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Which of the following is a **common** method used to assess cognitive function?

- A. Nutrition monitoring
- B. Physical fitness tests
- C. Sleep observations
- D. Structured interviews

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Which of the following pieces of equipment is commonly used during basic life support?

- A. Automated external defibrillator (AED)
- B. Blood pressure cuff
- C. Nasal cannula
- D. Suction device

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Which of the following is a responsibility of a senior healthcare support worker in protecting individuals from abuse?

- A. Completing investigations into abuse allegations
- B. Disciplining staff members suspected of abuse
- C. Making all decisions for vulnerable individuals
- D. Reporting concerns to the safeguarding lead

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Which of the following actions promotes effective communication?

- A. Avoiding eye contact to prevent individuals becoming uncomfortable
- B. Speaking loudly to avoid misunderstandings
- C. Using active listening to ensure individuals feel valued
- D. Using complex language to build trust

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Duty of candour is effectively implemented by:

- A. being transparent about mistakes
- B. keeping care information confidential
- C. providing equal care to all individuals
- D. tailoring care to an individual's preferences

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What is the appropriate source for information about a senior healthcare support worker's role and responsibilities in protecting individuals from abuse?

- A. Conversations with colleagues
- B. Local safeguarding policy
- C. Medical forums
- D. Modern slavery helpline

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Which of the following methods of non-verbal communication is appropriate when communicating with a visually impaired individual?

- A. Body language
- B. Physical gestures
- C. Symbols
- D. Touch

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Which of the following is a benefit of effective communication?

- A. It facilitates the development of positive relationships
- B. It guarantees a fast decision-making process
- C. It increases staff retention levels
- D. It reduces the need for written records

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Individuals have a legal right to request that their information is not shared and must be informed that, if they make this choice, it may affect their care or treatment. Where is this typically stated?

- A. Clinical audit code of practice
- B. Communication policy
- C. Confidentiality code of practice
- D. Cybersecurity policy

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Professional boundaries are necessary to:

- A. ensure that care is focused on the needs of individuals
- B. provide staff with increased control over care decisions
- C. reduce the mental toll of receiving long-term care
- D. standardise the delivery of care across all individuals

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Which of the following is a barrier to effective supervision?

- A. An adaptive management style
- B. High confidence levels
- C. Regularly changing shift patterns
- D. Weekly feedback meetings

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The **main** reason for moving and positioning individuals and equipment according to legislation and agreed ways of working is to:

- A. avoid injury to the individual and others
- B. decrease the risk of malpractice claims
- C. increase the satisfaction and morale of individuals
- D. maintain a positive reputation

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What is the **key** reason for ensuring the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE)?

- A. To meet organisational guidelines
- B. To prevent the spread of infection
- C. To prevent unnecessary waste
- D. To reduce costs

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An individual is displaying signs of depression and anxiety. The appropriate service to refer them to is:

- A. a financial advisor
- B. occupational therapy
- C. the drug misuse service
- D. the psychological therapies service

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Which of the following is typically a sign of neuropathic pain?

- A. A burning sensation in the affected area
- B. Aching joints during activity
- C. Cramping when moving
- D. Dull pain in the affected area

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Which of the following are **common** symptoms of bipolar disorder?

- A. Difficulty expressing feelings and aggression
- B. Low social interactions and constant sadness
- C. Periods of high energy and reduced sleep
- D. Periods of low energy and intense tiredness

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An individual who has limited speech needs to have their wound re-dressed. What is the appropriate way to establish consent?

- A. Ask if they are happy to proceed and observe their non-verbal response
- B. Explain what is going to happen and hand them a consent form to sign
- C. Rely on previous consent as the wound has been dressed previously
- D. Request that a family member provides consent on their behalf

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Which of the following ways of working promotes duty of care?

- A. Providing care in line with an individual's choice and opinions without intervention
- B. Providing care that ensures dignity and respects individual choice
- C. Providing care that focuses only on improving physical health
- D. Providing standardised care to all individuals in line with organisational policies

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A senior healthcare support worker receives a call from someone asking for information on an individual. They explain that they are not allowed to give information to a third party. This is stated in the current:

- A. Care Act
- B. General Data Protection Regulation
- C. Human Rights Act
- D. Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations

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A healthcare support worker feels that they are being discriminated against. Which of the following organisations is appropriate to contact for support and guidance?

- A. Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS)
- B. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- C. The Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- D. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

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A new healthcare worker is struggling to understand their role and responsibilities. The appropriate way to support their development is to:

- A. assign them additional tasks
- B. encourage them to work independently
- C. offer them clear guidance and regular feedback
- D. reduce their workload and remove targets

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Which of the following is an appropriate method for ensuring high standards of hand hygiene?

- A. Observing staff during handwashing without intervention
- B. Offering structured training on the correct handwashing procedure
- C. Providing verbal feedback only when mistakes are observed
- D. Putting a note up in the staff room to inform staff of the correct procedure

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What is the appropriate way to store chemicals?

- A. According to manager instructions
- B. According to personal preference
- C. With clear labelling in a designated, locked storage area
- D. With clear labelling in an unlocked cupboard accessible to all staff

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A setting is due to have a clinical audit. During this, a senior healthcare support worker **must**:

- A. ask all staff to only speak about the setting positively
- B. delegate all related tasks to other staff members
- C. keep all information about individuals confidential
- D. provide timely access to information when requested

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An individual on the ward is unable to mobilise and needs to be moved as they are uncomfortable. The appropriate action to take is to:

- A. ask the individual to attempt to move themselves to promote independence
- B. move the individual alone to prevent them becoming distressed
- C. wait until a colleague is available to help move the individual
- D. wait until a family member is available to help move the individual

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Which of the following factors impacts an individual's capacity to provide valid consent?

- A. The opinions of their family members
- B. The time taken to explain the procedure
- C. Their ability to complete physical tasks independently
- D. Their ability to understand information

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Which of the following actions demonstrates proper task delegation procedure?

- A. Assigning the task based on a staff member's training needs
- B. Assigning the task to a staff member based on their preferences
- C. Ensuring that the staff member completes the task immediately
- D. Ensuring that the staff member is trained to complete the task

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Being decisive and confident about actions, demonstrating calmness under pressure and showing positive leadership to others are **all** characteristics associated with:

- A. a role model
- B. a support worker
- C. an authoritarian
- D. an individual needing support

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An individual with severe hearing problems and learning disabilities is becoming increasingly anxious and is struggling to understand a complex procedure that has been explained to them by a specialist. What is the appropriate way to support them?

- A. Ask the individual's carer to explain the details of the procedure to them
- B. Contact the specialist and ask them to explain the procedure again
- C. Provide the individual with a leaflet that outlines the procedure
- D. Reassure the individual and work with their carer to describe the procedure clearly

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Why can the transition from childhood to adulthood be mistaken for mental ill health?

- A. It causes hormonal changes that result in a total lack of social awareness
- B. It causes hormonal changes which can cause emotional instability
- C. It leads to aggressive and anti-social behaviour
- D. It leads to increased independence and confidence

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Which of the following is an appropriate method for establishing consent?

- A. Explaining the risks and benefits repeatedly until the individual agrees
- B. Offering clear and detailed information and requiring an immediate response
- C. Providing accurate and clear information and giving time to make a choice
- D. Requesting that the individual agrees and then providing information

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Low mood, feeling hopeless and becoming socially withdrawn are often associated with depression. Depression is classified as:

- A. a mood disorder
- B. a personality disorder
- C. a psychotic disorder
- D. an eating disorder

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Which of the following types of information **must** all be stored securely?

- A. Communication preferences, hobbies and contact details
- B. Diagnosis, home address and care plan
- C. Dietary needs, visitor names and home address
- D. Marital status, hobbies and preferred appointment times

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Which of the following is a **rare** cause of infection?

- A. Chlamydia
- B. Clostridium difficile
- C. Leprosy
- D. Staphylococcus aureus

Part B is comprised of the following **20 pathway questions**.

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What is the correct method for applying skin preparation agents?

- A. In a circular motion from the incision site outwards
- B. In a horizontal line from the incision site outwards
- C. Poured directly onto the surgical site
- D. Spread across the entire surgical area

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What is the typical effect of anaesthesia on an individual's breathing rate?

- A. It causes an irregular breathing rate
- B. It has no effect on the breathing rate
- C. It increases the breathing rate
- D. It slows the breathing rate

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The **main** reason for performing a pregnancy check during a pre-operative check is to:

- A. confirm if the individual has any specific dietary requirements
- B. ensure that the anaesthetic plan is appropriate
- C. ensure that the healthcare team are aware of the surgery plan
- D. establish how to improve the individual's comfort

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The **key** reason for using colour coded containers for clinical specimens is to:

- A. identify the type of specimen and ensure correct handling
- B. indicate the importance and storage requirements of the specimen
- C. inform staff what testing is required
- D. reduce the risk of cross contamination

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At the end of a procedure, a senior healthcare support worker notices that there is a swab missing. This **must** be reported to the:

- A. anaesthetist
- B. recovery nurse
- C. surgeon
- D. theatre manager

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What is the purpose of retractors?

- A. To close incisions
- B. To cut through tissue
- C. To improve visibility
- D. To stabilise bones

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What is the **key** reason for recording an individual's fluid output?

- A. To assess the effectiveness of anaesthesia
- B. To assess the risk of digestive issues
- C. To monitor blood sugar levels
- D. To monitor for any signs of infection

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What action **must** be taken during the Time Out step of the Steps to Safer Surgery checklist?

- A. Confirm the individual's blood pressure and weight
- B. The ward nurse confirm consent with the individual
- C. The individual's identity, the procedure and the surgical site confirmed with the surgical team
- D. The risks, benefits and recovery procedure related to the surgery confirmed with the individual

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Which of the following is a **key** factor that affects the placement of haemostatic instruments?

- A. The accessibility of the site
- B. The length of the procedure
- C. The preferences of the surgical staff
- D. The type of anaesthetic used

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What is the appropriate way to maintain an individual's dignity when moving them onto the operating table?

- A. Asking the individual to move independently
- B. Covering the individual with a gown or sheet
- C. Ensuring that the most senior staff member completes the move
- D. Requesting multiple staff members to assist with completing the move

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How does the use of disposable items effect the cost of surgical procedures?

- A. The use of disposable instruments does not affect the overall costs of surgery
- B. The use of disposable instruments only effects the cost of long procedures
- C. It increases overall costs as disposable items need to be replaced frequently
- D. It reduces overall costs as disposable items do not need to be sterilised

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Specimen labels **must** be attached to the:

- A. body of the container
- B. bottom of the container
- C. lid and body of the container
- D. lid and bottom of the container

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What is a sphygmomanometer used to measure?

- A. Blood pressure
- B. Body temperature
- C. Oxygen saturation
- D. Pulse

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Which of the following is a common **neurological** reaction to anaesthesia?

- A. Delirium and optic nerve damage
- B. Involuntary muscle spasms
- C. Loss of feeling in limbs
- D. Persistent headaches and confusion

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What instrument is used to hold tissue in place?

- A. Clamps
- B. Forceps
- C. Mayo scissors
- D. Scalpel

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Which of the following factors affects fluid input during recovery?

- A. The amount of blood lost during surgery
- B. The individual's physical fitness levels
- C. The position of the individual during recovery
- D. The temperature of the recovery room

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During surgery, swabs **must** be counted a **minimum** of:

- A. 2 times
- B. 3 times
- C. 4 times
- D. 5 times

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What is the **main** role of a circulating nurse within the surgical team?

- A. To complete pre-operative checks
- B. To ensure instruments are accounted for and sterile
- C. To monitor an individual's physiological state
- D. To prepare individuals for surgery and discharge

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What is the correct way to place an individual in the lithotomy position?

- A. On their front with their legs bent
- B. On their side with their legs straight
- C. With their arms elevated and legs shoulder width apart
- D. With their legs elevated and hips and knees aligned

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Which of the following actions prevents the sterile field being compromised?

- A. Ensuring the sterile field is within arm's reach of non-sterile staff
- B. Keeping non-sterile items at the edge of the sterile field
- C. Reaching across the sterile field to access non-sterile instruments
- D. Using a non-sterile cover to protect the sterile field



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