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# Senior Healthcare Support Worker Maternity 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.

When completed, please leave the **examination answer sheet (EAS)** on the desk.

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

**1**

Why **must** a senior healthcare support worker ensure they always wear the correct personal protective equipment (PPE)?

- A. To avoid cross contamination
- B. To ensure a positive reputation for the setting
- C. To keep equipment costs low
- D. To maintain the cleanliness of the setting

**2**

Which of the following is a **key** requirement of the clinical audit process?

- A. Findings must be kept confidential to prevent any tampering
- B. Findings must be published to ensure the integrity of the setting
- C. They must be based on predetermined criteria to confirm regulatory compliance
- D. They must be completed randomly to accurately assess staff's standard performance

**3**

How do organisational policies ensure that diversity and equality are maintained in a setting?

- A. By focusing on the physical needs of individuals and addressing other needs as a secondary priority
- B. By stipulating that all care plans must be standardised to ensure fairness and neutrality
- C. They require reasonable adjustments to be made so that the holistic needs of individuals are met
- D. They state that reasonable adjustments should only be implemented if staff agree they are required

**4**

What is the **first** step to take when administering intravenous medication?

- A. Ask a colleague to monitor for any reaction to the medication
- B. Clean the area of the skin where medication will be administered
- C. Record the medication administration in the individual's notes
- D. Verify the identity of the individual receiving the medication

**5**

An individual is temporarily incapacitated and unable to consent to a procedure. The appropriate action for a senior healthcare support worker to take is to:

- A. ask a family member to give consent on the individual's behalf as they will act in their best interest
- B. complete the procedure without gaining consent as it is necessary for the individual's health
- C. postpone the procedure and wait for the individual to regain capacity before requesting consent
- D. seek consent from a legally appointed person and inform the individual as soon as possible

**6**

What piece of current legislation guides the actions of senior healthcare support workers when dealing with antibiotics?

- A. The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)
- B. The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations
- C. The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations
- D. The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR)

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

- A. Deep and dull pain that is poorly localised
- B. Deep and dull pain that is well localised
- C. Sharp and intense pain that is poorly localised
- D. Sharp and intense pain that is well localised

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A new individual on the ward is hard of hearing. What is the appropriate way to communicate with them?

- A. Allow the individual to begin all discussions and use their preferred communication methods
- B. Ensure that the appropriate communication aids are available and their preferences are clearly noted
- C. Rely on previous experience with similar individuals to guide communication
- D. Request that a manager is available for support during all communication with them

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How does observing the practice of others support own professional development?

- A. It enhances own understanding through real world experience
- B. It ensures person centred care is promoted for all individuals
- C. It prevents the use of outdated practices
- D. It reduces the need to reflect on own practice

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What action **must** a senior healthcare support worker take when moving equipment?

- A. Adopt a lifting technique based on personal preference
- B. Ensure a colleague is available to support
- C. Lift the load quickly to avoid potential injury
- D. Use appropriate techniques in line with organisational policy

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What is the relationship between duty of care and duty of candour?

- A. Duty of candour ensures individuals are informed of changes to policy while duty of care ensures staff follow organisational policy
- B. Duty of candour ensures staff follow organisational policy while duty of care ensures individuals are informed of changes to policy
- C. Duty of care involves taking actions to prevent harm while duty of candour requires honesty in the event of mistakes
- D. Duty of care requires honesty in the event of mistakes while duty of candour involves taking actions to prevent harm

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Which of the following is an appropriate way to supervise others?

- A. Allowing them to set and monitor their own goals independently
- B. Delegating them routine tasks only
- C. Reassigning responsibilities frequently
- D. Setting clear expectations and holding regular 1-2-1 meetings

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What is the correct technique to use when performing chest compressions on an adult during basic life support?

- A. Press down on the centre of the chest at least 2 centimetres deep at a rate of 100-120 compressions a minute
- B. Press down on the centre of the chest at least 2 centimetres deep at a rate of 150-170 compressions a minute
- C. Press down on the centre of the chest at least 5 centimetres deep at a rate of 100-120 compressions a minute
- D. Press down on the centre of the chest at least 5 centimetres deep at a rate of 150-170 compressions a minute

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Which of the following pieces of information **must** be stored securely?

- A. Communication preferences and contact information
- B. Food preferences and date of birth
- C. Hobbies and medical history
- D. Name and medical diagnosis

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What piece of current legislation governs the use of personal information?

- A. Data Protection Act
- B. Data security policy
- C. Freedom of Information Act
- D. Information governance policy

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How are respiratory infections typically spread compared to gastrointestinal infections?

- A. Gastrointestinal infections are spread through direct contact whereas respiratory infections are spread through bloodborne transmission
- B. Gastrointestinal infections are spread through droplets whereas respiratory infections are spread through faecal-oral transmission
- C. Respiratory infections are spread through direct contact whereas gastrointestinal infections are spread through bloodborne transmission
- D. Respiratory infections are spread through droplets whereas gastrointestinal infections are spread through faecal-oral transmission

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A junior staff member is trying to complete a task that is outside of their competency. What is the appropriate action for a senior healthcare support worker to take?

- A. Encourage the staff member and continue to allow them to develop their skills
- B. Immediately step in to provide guidance to ensure that no harm is caused
- C. Leave the room to avoid receiving any disciplinary action if an accident occurs
- D. Report the staff member to a manager for misconduct and take over the task

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A senior healthcare support worker has reported concerns that an individual is being abused to the designated safeguarding lead. What action **must** the safeguarding lead take?

- A. Arrange a staff meeting to emphasise the importance of maintaining confidentiality
- B. Conduct an investigation and contact the appropriate external agency if required
- C. Monitor the individual for signs of abuse themselves before launching an investigation
- D. Offer support to the worker and individual while an external agency investigates



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Why **must** information about habits and lifestyle choices be obtained from an individual?

- A. To assess their immunisation status and willingness to engage in treatment
- B. To determine if they are able to make decisions without the support of others
- C. To establish if there are any staff members with conflicting religious views
- D. To identify potential future risks and the appropriate treatment actions

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What is the safe practice for the disposal of hazardous materials?

- A. Disposing of them in any bin available according to experience
- B. Pouring them down the sink after use to avoid harm
- C. Storing them after use to prevent improper disposal
- D. Using designated bins according to organisational policy

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What principle of current data protection legislation ensures that data is collected for specified reasons only?

- A. Data minimisation
- B. Data subject rights
- C. Purpose limitation
- D. Storage limitation

22

Partnership working promotes the resilience of staff in a healthcare setting by:

- A. ensuring the whole team has the same targets
- B. promoting mutual support and collective problem solving
- C. reducing the amount of formal training that is provided
- D. simplifying the decision making process

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Which of the following is a **key** benefit of senior healthcare staff delegating routine clinical tasks?

- A. It allows responsibility for mistakes to be shared across the team
- B. It ensures that individuals receive the best quality care
- C. It improves staff motivation and team cohesion
- D. It prevents staff requesting formal training and supervision

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Which of the following is a **key** impact of inadequate cleaning procedures?

- A. Improved recovery time due to immune system resilience
- B. Improved staff morale due to lenient infection control policies
- C. Increased anti-microbial resistance
- D. Increased risk of infection

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Which of the following is a **temporary** factor that affects the ability to provide valid consent?

- A. Acute pain
- B. Cognitive impairment
- C. Language barriers
- D. Substance dependence

**26**

How does the spread of a bacterial infection differ from the spread of a viral infection?

- A. A virus can multiply rapidly whereas bacteria typically needs a host to reproduce
- B. A virus requires exposure to air to survive, bacteria does not
- C. Bacteria can multiply rapidly whereas a virus typically needs a host to reproduce
- D. Bacteria requires exposure to air to survive, a virus does not

**27**

Which of the following techniques is typically appropriate to use during communication with a visually impaired individual?

- A. Body language
- B. Objects of reference
- C. Pictures
- D. Writing

**28**

External factors are often mistaken for mental ill health. Which of the following is a common reason for this?

- A. Bereavement, as it can lead to low self-esteem and severe cognitive impairment
- B. Financial difficulties, as they can lead to worry and sleep disturbances
- C. Relationship issues, as they can lead to temporary withdrawal from social activities
- D. Workplace stress, as it can lead to temporary appetite fluctuations

**29**

Which of the following services is appropriate to contact for advice on employment rights?

- A. Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS)
- B. Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
- C. General Medical Council (GMC)
- D. World Health Organisation (WHO)

**30**

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

- A. Conducting financial audits
- B. Developing infection control procedures
- C. Mentoring junior colleagues
- D. Overseeing the recruitment process

**31**

Which of the following are **all** typical signs that an individual's well-being is deteriorating?

- A. Coordination difficulties, isolation and regular memory loss
- B. Fatigue, sudden weight gain and occasional mood swings
- C. Lack of social activity, gradual weight loss and decreased alcohol use
- D. Temporary changes in mood, increased independency and clumsiness

**32**

When **must** a senior healthcare support worker seek advice about information security?

- A. Before their annual performance review
- B. If they are unsure on how to store data
- C. Only after a data breach occurs
- D. When asked by a manager only

**33**

How do organisational values impact the role of a senior healthcare support worker?

- A. They determine which tasks can be delegated to others
- B. They mandate which departments they can collaborate with
- C. They offer guidance on how to prioritise tasks
- D. They provide specific safeguarding requirements

**34**

Which of the following is **not** a main form of mental ill health?

- A. Anxiety
- B. Body dysmorphic disorder
- C. Borderline personality disorder
- D. Bulimia nervosa

**35**

Which of the following approaches facilitates effective communication with individuals?

- A. Avoiding any physical touch and maintaining distance at all times
- B. Displaying active listening and maintaining appropriate eye contact
- C. Talking loudly and quickly while avoiding eye contact
- D. Using complex language and ensuring open body language

**36**

Which of the following is a changing cause of infection in a healthcare setting?

- A. Antibiotic use
- B. Contaminated surfaces
- C. Decreased use of single-use equipment
- D. Pressure sores

**37**

Which of the following is a **main** benefit of a setting having a defined set of values?

- A. It ensures that a positive reputation is always maintained
- B. It ensures that staff are given detailed personal and organisational goals
- C. It provides guidelines for decision making and promotes consistent care
- D. It provides staff with strict instructions for daily tasks

**38**

Which of the following are **all** examples of **key** principles when developing care plans?

- A. Adaptability, continuity and limited choice
- B. Clear responsibilities, continuity and emphasis on routine
- C. Collaboration, rigid goals and uniformity
- D. Flexibility, specific goals and multidisciplinary involvement

**39**

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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To obtain valid consent, a senior healthcare support worker **must**:

- A. explain the risks and benefits repeatedly until the individual agrees
- B. offer clear and detailed information and request an immediate response from the individual
- C. provide accurate and clear information and give the individual time to make a choice
- D. request that the individual agrees and then provide information

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

**41**

What is the appropriate method for maintaining oral hygiene in newborns?

- A. Giving them a dummy covered in toothpaste
- B. Using a small toothbrush and toothpaste
- C. Wiping the gums with a clean, damp cloth
- D. Wiping the gums with a clean, dry cotton swab

**42**

What physiological state is a thermometer used to measure?

- A. Breathing rate
- B. Height
- C. Pulse
- D. Temperature

**43**

What is the correct procedure for taking a venous blood sample?

- A. Clean the site with antiseptic, apply a tourniquet, insert the needle at a 10-degree angle and collect the blood
- B. Clean the site with antiseptic, apply a tourniquet, insert the needle at a 30-degree angle and collect the blood
- C. Clean the site with antiseptic, insert the needle at a 45-degree angle and collect the blood without applying a tourniquet
- D. Clean the site with antiseptic, insert the needle at a 90-degree angle and collect the blood without applying a tourniquet

**44**

A newborn's body temperature is consistently below 36.5°C. What is the appropriate action for a senior healthcare support worker to take?

- A. Dress the newborn in extra layers
- B. Increase the room temperature and observe the newborn
- C. Report the deviation to the midwife or paediatrician
- D. Wait for 30 minutes and check again

**45**

What is the appropriate way to interact with a newborn baby?

- A. Avoiding talking to the baby
- B. Completing care in a quiet, isolated space
- C. Talking in a soft, calm voice
- D. Using toys to distract the baby



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Which of the following is a **key** step when preparing a birthing pool?

- A. Adding an antiseptic solution to the pool
- B. Confirming that gas and air is available
- C. Ensuring the water is at the correct temperature
- D. Keeping the water at a low level

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What step **must** be taken to ensure that a thermometer is in working order?

- A. Check the thermometer's battery level and replace it if necessary
- B. Clean the thermometer thoroughly with warm water and soap
- C. Place the thermometer in boiling water to test it
- D. Use the thermometer immediately after turning it on

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What is the normal heart rate range for a newborn baby in beats per minute (bpm)?

- A. 60-100 bpm
- B. 80-120 bpm
- C. 120-160 bpm
- D. 160-200 bpm

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What is the **first** action to take when performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a baby who is unresponsive and not breathing?

- A. Begin chest compressions immediately
- B. Call for emergency help and then begin CPR
- C. Check the baby's pulse for at least 30 seconds
- D. Open the baby's airway and then check their pulse

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Which of the following pieces of information **must** be included on the identification bands of newborn babies?

- A. The baby's name and date of birth
- B. The baby's name and birth weight
- C. The mother's surname and their date of birth
- D. The mother's surname and their hospital number

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When checking a newborn's stools, which of the following **must** be reported to a senior member of staff?

- A. Stools that are consistently hard and pellet-like
- B. Stools that are yellow in colour for breastfed babies
- C. Stools that are liquid and frequent for formula fed babies
- D. Stools that vary in colour from green to brown

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What is the normal respiratory rate range for a pregnant woman at rest?

- A. 10-12 breaths per minute
- B. 12-16 breaths per minute
- C. 16-20 breaths per minute
- D. 20-22 breaths per minute

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If an individual requires assistance using the toilet, which of the following is an appropriate way to ensure their dignity and privacy?

- A. Closing the door while offering support
- B. Leaving the door open while they are on the toilet
- C. Speaking loudly while offering support
- D. Standing very close to them while they use the toilet

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What **must** be checked before using a thermometer on a newborn baby?

- A. That it is cleaned and calibrated
- B. That it is warm
- C. That it has not been turned on
- D. That it is cleaned and at room temperature

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Which of the following is a **key** reason for placing a urethral catheter in a mother who has just given birth?

- A. To allow the mother to rest as much as possible
- B. To manage urinary incontinence during postpartum
- C. To manage urinary retention during postpartum
- D. To prevent the mother from having to leave their baby

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Which of the following is a **key** practice when promoting skin to skin contact?

- A. Holding the baby against the parent's bare chest
- B. Placing the baby against the parent's bare stomach
- C. Positioning the baby on their back while holding their hand
- D. Positioning the baby on their stomach while holding their hand

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To maintain the birthing environment, a senior healthcare support worker **must** ensure:

- A. the bed sheets are clean and food is available for the birthing partner
- B. the bed sheets are clean and the number of doctors in the room is limited
- C. the room is clean and stocked with the necessary equipment
- D. the room is kept at a low temperature and pain medication is available

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What is typically considered the normal pulse rate for a pregnant woman?

- A. 30-50 beats per minute
- B. 50-70 beats per minute
- C. 70-90 beats per minute
- D. 90-110 beats per minute

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Which of the following is a security procedure that **must** be followed to maintain the safety of newborns?

- A. Encouraging new mothers to take their babies on walks around the hospital
- B. Ensuring all staff members verify their identification before handling babies
- C. Leaving the nursery unlocked so new mothers can see their babies easily
- D. Using a single entrance to the ward so the babies' visitors can be monitored

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What is the appropriate position for a pregnant woman undergoing an abdominal ultrasound scan?

- A. Fowlers position with their back slightly elevated
- B. Lateral position with their arms raised
- C. Prone position with their legs crossed
- D. Supine position with their head slightly elevated



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