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NURSING STUDIES 1986

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for Internal Students of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College

SP483 SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE II

Time allowed - 3 hours

Answer FOUR questions

1. "Patients' misconceived ideas about health and illness are one of the greatest sources of disruption and frustration in the provision of health care." Discuss.
2. How helpful is labelling theory as an explanation of mental illness?
3. How successfully does McKeown's interpretation of historical changes in mortality contribute to supporting his views about the current role of medicine?
4. "It is relatively simple to identify communication as a major source of problems between the patient and the health professional. It is not so easy to explain why such problems arise in the first place." Discuss.
5. "What patients think about the health care that they receive can be of no possible value to the health care provider." Discuss.
6. What would you regard as the most important factors inhibiting further development of a preventive approach to health and illness?

7. In what ways might sociological studies of death and dying aid nurses in their work?
8. Why might it be argued that there is a clash between medical and maternal perspectives on pregnancy and birth?
9. Evaluate the claim that sex differences in mortality and morbidity are an indication of the disadvantaged position of women in modern industrial societies.
10. The health problems of ethnic minorities in Britain are fundamentally problems of poverty, not ethnicity. Discuss.
11. How helpful is the concept of stigma in explaining people's responses to chronic illness?
12. What are the obstacles facing nursing in its attempts to obtain professional status?
13. "Student culture is a mechanism which creates the conditions for considerable deviance from formally stated institutional rules." Is this claim useful in analysing nursing education?

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SP481 NURSING MANAGEMENT

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Answer FOUR questions, THREE from Section A and ONE from Section B.

SECTION A

1. Discuss the concept of professional accountability in nursing.
2. Give an account of the variations of ward-based management styles and comment on factors influencing the running of a ward.
3. "Labelling patients as 'good' or 'bad' merely exploits the disdain in which some patients are held by the nursing staff." Discuss.
4. The last few years have seen an increasing emphasis on patient teaching by nurses. What are the main issues in this development?
5. "Over a long period aspects of nursing practice are boring." Why is it so difficult for the nursing profession to acknowledge this and to do something about it?
6. Consider the view in that nurses' levels of anxiety contribute to failures in nursing practice.

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7. Assess the view that there are currents of opinion within nursing which devalue the more highly qualified nurse.
8. Discuss, giving examples, how a ward's informal organisational practice may counteract any ward sister's formal organisation plan.
9. Examine the factors responsible for much of nursing's apparent reluctance to apply research-based findings in nursing practice.

SECTION B

10. Critically assess the proposal that nursing should become a research based profession.
11. Compare and contrast the relative merits and demerits of qualitative and quantitative research methods for studying nursing.
12. Outline the stages of the research process. Discuss EITHER how you would go about setting up a research project into patient care OR how you would evaluate a piece of completed research.

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SP482 PRINCIPLES IN GERIATRIC NURSING

Time allowed - 2 hours

Answer THREE questions

1. Briefly outline what you understand by the term "an ageing population". Assess the impact of the ageing population on the health and social services provision for the elderly in Britain since the second world war.
2. Discuss some of the problems typically faced by the elderly on retirement. To what extent are these problems a result of society's attitude to old age rather than the physical deterioration associated with the ageing process.
3. "The elderly are conditioned by the norms they acquired earlier in their lives." Discuss the relevance of this statement to the nurse planning the care of elderly patients in a long-stay geriatric hospital ward.
4. Critically assess the claim that geriatric nursing offers nurses an alternative model of care free from medical dominance which traditionally emphasises diagnosis, treatment and cure.
5. To what extent is community care for the elderly a viable alternative to institutional care? Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.

6. Discuss the relative importance of gender, race and class for the elderly and their lay and professional carers.