THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024 – SEMESTER II

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN NURSING
NGU6307 FORENSIC NURSING – LEVEL 6
FINAL EXAMINATION
DURATION: THREE HOURS

DATE: 23RD OCTOBER 2024 TIME: 1.30 PM - 4.30 PM

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Part B Short Answer Questions (SAQs) (50 marks)

Question 01

A 7-year-old child is brought into the emergency department by her grandmother. Upon examination, as the forensic nurse you observe multiple bruises in various stages of healing on child's arms and legs. Your observations help you to suspect this child as an abused child.

1.1 List main **four (04)** types of child abuse. (02 Marks)

1.2 State **two (02)** possible reasons why children do not disclose their abuse incidents. (02 Marks)

1.3 Briefly describe as a forensic nurse how you would interview the child in the above incident. (06 Marks)

Question 02

2.1 Define the term 'sexual assault'. (01 Mark)

2.2 State **two (02)** aspects that should be considered when taking a valid consent for sexual intercourse by an adult male in Sri Lanka. (02 Marks)

2.3 What is a 'grave sexual abuse'? (02 Marks)

2.4 Briefly describe as the forensic nurse how you would establish the rapport with a sexually assaulted patient. (05 Marks)

Question 03

The prevalence of violence in Sri Lanka is a significant concern, with various studies highlighting alarming statistics and trends.

3.1 Define the term 'violence'. (01 Mark)

3.2 List **three (03)** community risk factors of violence. (03 Marks)

3.3 List main **three (03)** levels of violence prevention and briefly describe the role of the forensic nurse in each level. (06 Marks)

Question 04

Benjamin Mendelsohn's victim typology is a foundational framework developed in the 1950s. This typology emphasizes the complex relationship between victims and offenders.

4.1 Who is a victim? (01 Mark)

4.3 List the main **six (06)** types of victims according to the Benjamin Mendelsohn's Victim typology. (03 Marks)

4.4 Briefly describe lifestyle exposure theory in the context of victimization framework.

(06 Marks)

Question 05

5.1 Who is a Forensic Mental Health Nurse (FMHN)? (01 Mark)

5.2 State **four (04)** primary responsibilities of a forensic mental health nurse.

(04 Marks)

5.3 Briefly describe how forensic mental health nursing is different from general psychiatric nursing. (05 Marks)

Part C - Structured Essay Question (01) (SEQ) (30 marks)

Question 01 (30 marks)

Postmortem period can be divided into main three stages. Each postmortem stage its unique features and characteristics. These postmortem changes play a vital role when estimating the 'Time Since Death" of a dead body.

1.1 What is 'Time Since Death'? (02 Marks)

1.2 Explain what changes occur during the early postmortem period. (18 Marks)

1.3 A first year undergraduate student from the Faculty of Health Sciences asked you whether the Estimation of Time Since Death is a reliable process or not? Briefly describe two points that you would like to tell the student. (10 Marks)