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SCHOOL OF NURSING, MIDWIFERY & PARAMEDICAL SCIENC  
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MAIN EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: NCN 414

COURSE TITLE: ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE

DATE: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023      Time: 3pm to 6pm

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

All questions are compulsory

DURATION: 3 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

Please turn over.

6. Which of the following has been found to be useful on improving dyspnoea:

- A. Breathing training
- B. Walking aids
- D. Chest wall vibration
- E. All of the above.

7. The most validated pain intensity scale is known as the:

- A Visual analogue scale
- B Faces scale
- C Visual rating scale
- D. Numeric scale

8. The inability to swallow may indicate to a palliative patient and family that:

- A The need to change the diet to soft foods and liquids
- B Additional fluids with solid diet to aid swallow and digestion are needed
- C The patient is entering the end-of-life phase of their illness
- D Discussion should now take place around other methods of feeding

9. The main reason Oral candidiasis needs treatment is because:

- A It is painful and impacts on the quality of life
- B It can reduce dietary intake
- C It may become a systemic infection if left untreated
- D All the above

10. Which of the following is an example of nociceptive pain?

- A. L5 sciatic pain;
- B. Chemotherapy-induced paraesthesia;
- C. Post-herpetic neuralgia;
- D. Colic from subacute intestinal obstruction

11. The mainstay of pain management at the end of life is:

- A. Radiotherapy
- B. Psychological interventions
- C. Pharmacotherapy
- D. Communication

- C. "We have shared so much that it is hard to realize that I will be alone."
  - D. "I don't feel guilty about leaving him to go to lunch with my friends."
17. A palliative care nurse is visiting with a dying patient. During the interaction, the patient is silent for some time. What is the best response?
- A. Recognize the patient's need for silence, and sit quietly at the bedside.
  - B. Try distraction with the patient.
  - C. Change the subject, and try to stimulate conversation.
  - D. Leave the patient alone for a period.
18. A 67-year-old woman was recently diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Before the diagnosis, she was very active in her neighborhood association. Her husband is concerned because his wife is staying at home and missing her usual community activities. Which common end-of-life (EOL) psychologic manifestation is she most likely demonstrating?
- A. Peacefulness
  - B. Decreased socialization
  - C. Decreased decision-making
  - D. Anxiety about unfinished business
19. A nurse administers the wrong medication to a patient. As a result, the patient suffers an injury that requires a longer hospital stay. The patient can sue the hospital under the doctrine of which of the following?
- A) Battery
  - B) False imprisonment
  - C) Vicarious liability
  - D) Statute of limitations
20. A nurse may be convicted of false imprisonment for which behavior?
- A) Putting the patient in fear of being harmed
  - B) Touching the patient without his/her consent
  - C) Putting a patient in restraints to prevent him from leaving
  - D) Yelling and screaming at the patient for trying to get out of bed without assistance