

Chapter 1 Evolution of Nursing Thought & Action

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. What is the most influential factor that has shaped the nursing profession? 1)

Physicians need for handmaidens

2)

Societal need for healthcare outside the home

3)

Military demand for nurses in the field 4)

Germ theory influence on sanitation

ANS: 3

Throughout the centuries, stability of the government has been related to the success of the military to protect or extend its domain. As the survival and well-being of soldiers is critical, nurses provided healthcare to the sick and injured at the battle site. The physicians handmaiden was/is a nursing stereotype rather than an influence on nursing. Although there has been need for healthcare outside the home throughout history, this has more influence on the development of hospitals than on nursing; this need provided one more setting for nursing work. Germ theory and sanitation helped to improve healthcare but did not shape nursing.

PTS: 1 DIF: Moderate REF: dm 910 KEY: Nursing process: N/A Client need: N/A |

Cognitive level: Recall

2. Which of the following is an example of an illness prevention activity? Select all that apply.

1)

Encouraging the use of a food diary

2)

Joining a cancer support group

3)

Administering immunization for HPV

4)

Teaching a diabetic patient about his diet

ANS: 3

Administering immunization for HPV is an example of illness prevention. Although cancer is a disease, it is assumed that a person joining a support group would already have the disease; therefore, this is not disease prevention but treatment. Illness-prevention activities focus on avoiding a specific disease. A food diary is a health-promotion activity. Teaching a diabetic patient about diet is a treatment for diabetes; the patient already has diabetes, so it cannot prevent diabetes.

PTS: 1 DIF: Moderate REF: p. 18; high-level question, not directly stated in text KEY:

Nursing process: N/A | Client need: HPM | Cognitive level: Application

3. Which of the following contributions of Florence Nightingale had an immediate impact on improving patients health?

1)

Providing a clean environment

2)

Improving nursing education

3)

Changing the delivery of care in hospitals

4)

Establishing nursing as a distinct profession

ANS: 1

Improved sanitation (a clean environment) greatly and immediately reduced the rate of infection and mortality in hospitals. The other responses are all activities of Florence Nightingale that improved healthcare or nursing, but the impact is long range, not immediate.

PTS: 1 DIF: Easy REF: V1, p. 3; student must infer from content | V1, p. 10; student must infer from content

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: SECE | Cognitive level: Application

4. All of the following are aspects of the full-spectrum nursing role. Which one is essential for the nurse to do in order to successfully carry out all the others?

1)

Thinking and reasoning about the clients care

2)

Providing hands-on client care

3)

Carrying out physician orders

4)

Delegating to assistive personnel

ANS: 1

A substantial portion of the nursing role involves using clinical judgment, critical thinking, and problem solving, which directly affect the care the client will actually receive. Providing hands-on care is important; however, clinical judgment, critical thinking, and problem solving are essential to do it successfully. Carrying out physician orders is a small part of a nurses role; it, too, requires nursing assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation. Many simple nursing tasks are being delegated to nursing assistive personnel; delegation requires careful analysis of patient status and the appropriateness of support personnel to deliver care. Another way to analyze this question is that none of the options of providing hands-on care, carrying out physician orders, and delegating to assistive personnel is required for the nurse to think and reason about a clients care; so the answer must be 1.

PTS: 1 DIF: difficult REF: p. 11

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Analysis

5. Which statement pertaining to Benner's practice model for clinical competence is true?

1)

Progression through the stages is constant, with most nurses reaching the proficient stage.

2)

Progression through the stages involves continual development of thinking and technical skills.

3)

The nurse must have experience in many areas before being considered an expert.

4)

The nurses progress through the stages is determined by years of experience and skills.

ANS: 2

Movement through the stages is not constant. Benner's model is based on integration of

knowledge, technical skill, and intuition in the development of clinical wisdom. The model does not mention experience in many areas. The model does not mention years of experience.

PTS:1 DIF: Moderate REF: p. 15

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Recall

6. Which of the following best explains why it is difficult for the profession to develop a definition of *nursing*?

1)

There are too many different and conflicting images of nurses.

2)

There are constant changes in healthcare and the activities of nurses.

3)

There is disagreement among the different nursing organizations.

4)

There are different education pathways and levels of practice.

ANS: 2

The conflicting images of nursing make it more important to develop a definition; they may also make it more difficult, but not to the extent that constant change does.

Healthcare is constantly changing and with it come changes in where, how, and what nursing care is delivered. Constant changes make it difficult to develop a definition.

Although different nursing organizations have different definitions, they are similar in most ways. The different education pathways affect entry into practice, not the definition of nursing.

PTS: 1 DIF: Moderate REF: p. 11; How Is Nursing Defined?

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Analysis

7. Nurses have the potential to be very influential in shaping healthcare policy. Which of the following factors contributes most to nurses influence?

1)

Nurses are the largest health professional group.

2)

Nurses have a long history of serving the public.

3)

Nurses have achieved some independence from physicians in recent years.

4)

Political involvement has helped refute negative images portrayed in the media.

ANS: 1

Nurses are trusted professionals and the largest health professional group. As such, they have political power to effect changes. If nursing were a small group, there would be little potential for power in shaping policies, even if all the other answers were true.

Serving the public, while positive, does not necessarily help nurses to be influential in establishing health policy. Independence from physicians, although positive, does not necessarily make nurses influential in establishing healthcare policy. Refuting negative media, although positive, does not necessarily make nurses influential in establishing healthcare policy.

PTS: 1 DIF: Moderate REF: p. 21

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Analysis

8. Nursing was described as a distinct occupation in the sacred books of which faith?

1)

Buddhism

2)

Christianity

3)

Hinduism

4)

Judaism

ANS: 3

The Vedas, the sacred books of the Hindu faith, described Indian healthcare practices and were the earliest writings of a distinct nursing occupation.

PTS:1DIF:EasyREF:p. 7

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Recall

9. The American Red Cross was established

by 1)

Louisa May Alcott 2)

Clara Barton

3)

Dorothea Dix

4)

Harriet Tubman

ANS: 2

Clara Barton was an American teacher, nurse, and humanitarian who organized the American Red Cross after the Civil War. Louisa May Alcott was an American novelist who wrote *Little Women* in 1868. Dorothea Dix was an American activist who acted on behalf of the indigent population with mental illness. She was credited for establishing the first psychiatric institution. Harriet Tubman was an African American abolitionist and Union spy during the Civil War. After escaping captivity, she set up a network of antislavery activists, known as the Underground Railroad.

PTS:1DIF:EasyREF:p. 10

KEY: Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Recall

10. Which of the following is the most important reason to develop a definition of nursing?

1)

Recruit more informed people into the nursing profession

2)

Evaluate the degree of role satisfaction 3)

Dispel the stereotypical images of nurses and nursing

4)

Differentiate nursing activities from those of other health professionals

ANS: 4

Nursing organization leaders think it is important to develop a definition of *nursing* to bring value and understanding to the profession, differentiate nursing activities from those of other health professionals, and help student nurses understand what is expected of them. A definition of *nursing* would not be likely to increase the number of informed people recruited into nursing. A definition of *nursing* would do little to improve the nurses role satisfaction. Although a definition of *nursing* might contribute to fighting stereotypes of nursing, other, more powerful influences (e.g., media portrayals) exist to counteract it.

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Nursing process: N/A | Client need: N/A | Cognitive level: Recall