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SUBJECT:	Health and Social Care
PAPER NUMBER:	Synoptic – Unit 2
DATE:	3 rd November 2021
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

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AFTER THE EXAMINATION.**

Answer **ALL** questions in the space provided.

Section A

- Gilbert is an MCAST student following a course in Health and Social Care.
- As part of his vocational studies, he started attending a work placement at Mater Dei Hospital.
- Dr Camilleri was assigned to be his mentor on placement.
- When Gilbert and Dr Camilleri met, the doctor started asking him on the human body to test his knowledge.

Question 1

K-1 (6 marks)

Look at the picture of the human body in Figure 1.

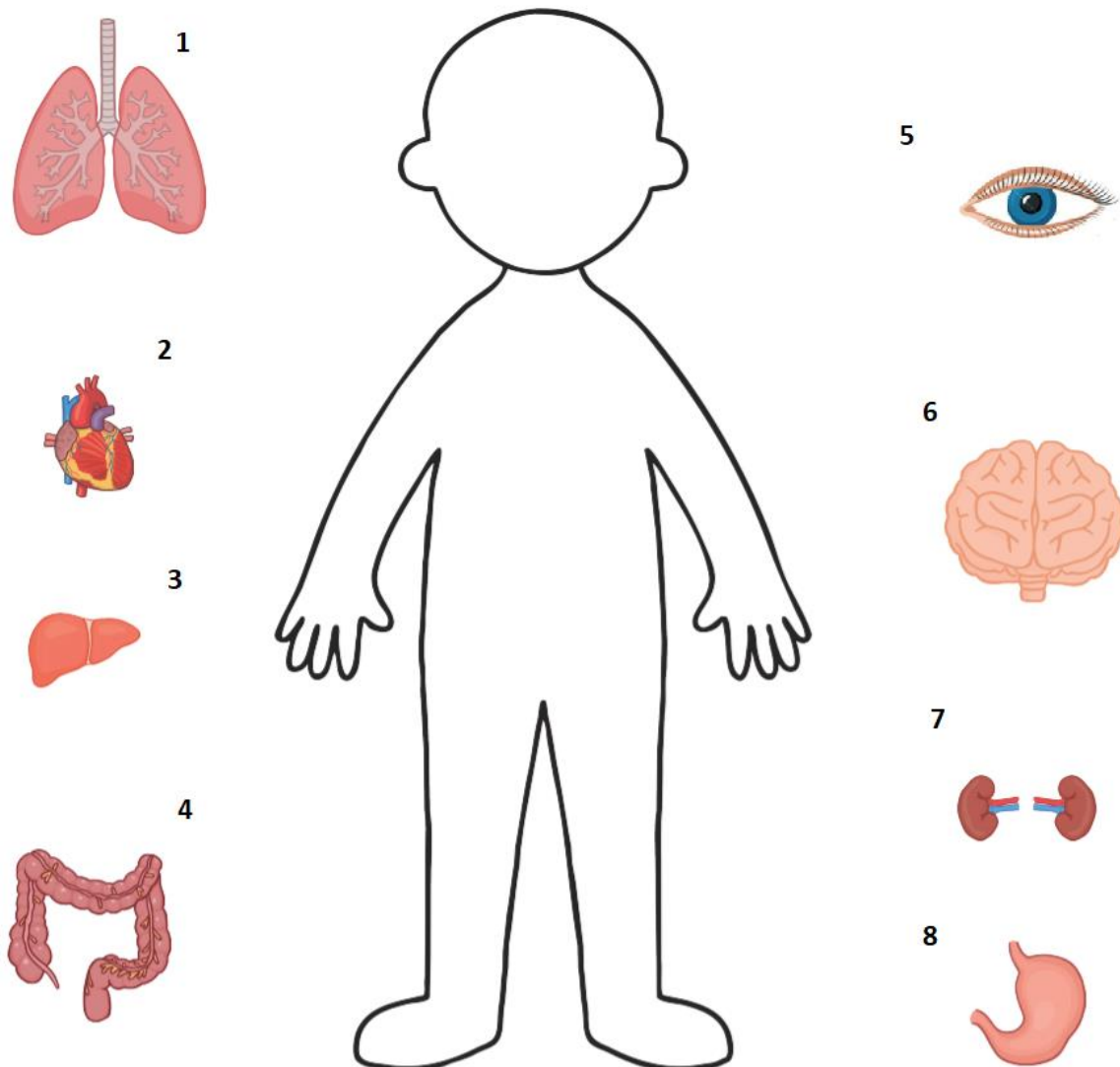


Figure 1: The Human Body (Source: <https://content.twinkl.co.uk>)

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c.

- Gilbert was asked to talk to a teenager who had an injury whilst playing football.
- This teenager fell and hurt his ankle during the game.

Explain how the musculoskeletal and nervous systems interact with each other when a person gets injured.

(4)

Question 3

K-4 (8 marks)

a. List **TWO** signs/symptoms for **EACH** of the vital signs when the readings are outside the normal range. Some signs might be used twice.

Blood Pressure: Above: _____ (0.25)
Below: _____ (0.25)

Temperature: Above: _____ (0.25)
Below: _____ (0.25)

Pulse: Above: _____ (0.25)
Below: _____ (0.25)

Breathing: Above: _____ (0.25)
Below: _____ (0.25)

b. Identify a consideration that must be taken before measuring each vital sign.

ensure individual is at rest	asking the patient if he usually coughs
assess the most adequate place from where to take the reading	check if patient has cuts
settle patient down and reassure him/her	ask individual whether s/he is an athlete or not

Blood Pressure: _____ (0.5)

Temperature: _____ (0.5)

Pulse: _____ (0.5)

Breathing: _____ (0.5)

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c. Indicate **ONE** underlying factor that influences each of the following vital signs readings.

Low Blood Pressure: _____ (1)

High body temperature: _____ (1)

Rapid Pulse: _____ (1)

Irregular Breathing: _____ (1)

Question 4

C-2 (12 marks)

a. Outline **FOUR** reasons why it is important to take measurements of the vital signs.

Reason 1: _____
_____ (1)

Reason 2: _____
_____ (1)

Reason 3: _____
_____ (1)

Reason 4: _____
_____ (1)

b. List **FOUR** reasons why the readings of the vital signs might not be within an acceptable range.

Reason 1: _____ (1)

Reason 2: _____ (1)

Reason 3: _____ (1)

Reason 4: _____ (1)

c. Explain **TWO** common reasons why the vital signs might not be within the acceptable range.

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(Source: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au>)

b. Describe **TWO** hazards found in the picture above and mention **ONE** associated risk for **EACH**.

i. _____

_____ (1)

ii. _____

_____ (1)

c. Refer to the picture above and identify **FOUR** safety measures to keep in mind when designing a waiting room in a hospital area.

- Measure 1: _____ (1)
- Measure 2: _____ (1)
- Measure 3: _____ (1)
- Measure 4: _____ (1)

Question 6

K-7 (8 marks)

Gilbert decided to have a look at some Health & Safety legislation to help with the current situation.

a. Name **FOUR** Health and Safety legislations Gilbert could refer to.

Legislation 1: _____ (0.5)

Legislation 2: _____ (0.5)

Legislation 3: _____ (0.5)

Legislation 4: _____ (0.5)

b. State the main aim of any **TWO** legislations mentioned in Question 6a.

i. _____

_____ (1)

ii. _____

_____ (1)

c. Outline how each of the **TWO** Health and Safety legislations mentioned in Question 6b promotes Health and Safety practices.

Question 8

K-10 (8 marks)

- One day on the way back home from his placement, Gilbert saw a massive car accident.
- Gilbert wanted to lend a hand.
- He knew it helps to work in a team during an emergency.

a. Outline **TWO** reasons why it is important to work in a team during an emergency situation.

Reason 1: _____
_____ (1)

Reason 2: _____
_____ (1)

b. State the **FIVE** pieces of information needed when calling for help in an emergency situation.

i. _____ (0.4)

ii. _____ (0.4)

iii. _____ (0.4)

iv. _____ (0.4)

v. _____ (0.4)

c. Identify, from the box below, **FOUR** emergency situations that might require someone to ask help from a health care professional.

Fractures	Nose bleed	Unconsciousness
Jelly fish sting	Cardiac arrest	Minor cut Choking

i. _____ (1)

ii. _____ (1)

iii. _____ (1)

iv. _____ (1)