HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Written examination

Monday 6 November 2006
Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)
Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

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- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
- Question and answer book of 14 pages.

Instructions
- Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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Question 1
Ruby and Cody are both two years old. Ruby lives with her parents in Melbourne while Cody lives with his parents on a wheat farm south of Mildura in northwest Victoria. They do not have siblings. Both are developing within the normal range for height and weight for two year olds.
a. List one normal characteristic of their development at this lifespan stage.

Physical development


Social development


Emotional development


Intellectual development


4 × 1 = 4 marks

b. Describe the role of one inherited factor in determining the physical development of two-year-old children.

Inherited factor ________________________________

Role


3 marks
c. One environmental factor that is important in optimising the development of Ruby and Cody is nutrition. Describe the interrelationship between protein, vitamin D and calcium in the formation of hard tissue.

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6 marks

d. Describe the influence of one environmental factor (apart from nutrition) on Cody’s social development.

Environmental factor

Influence on social development

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3 marks

Total 16 marks
Question 2

Table 1. The annual percentage of deaths by cause for children under five years of age in two World Health Organization (WHO) regions (selected causes)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Causes of death</th>
<th>Western Pacific (Australia, Japan, New Zealand) %</th>
<th>Southeast Asia %</th>
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<tr>
<td>HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>less than 1</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diarrhoeal disease</td>
<td>less than 1</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measles</td>
<td>less than 1</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Injuries</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>2</td>
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Source: Adapted from World Health Organization, The World Health Report 2005, Make Every Mother and Child Count www.who.int/whr/previous/en

a. The factors that contribute to health status and developmental outcomes in developing countries include poverty, illiteracy, cultural factors and lack of access to primary health care. Choose one of these factors and identify how it may account for the differences in the percentage of deaths between the two regions given in Table 1.

Factor ____________________________________________

Difference

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2 marks

b. Many organisations such as AusAID have a range of strategies to optimise health and development globally.

i. Identify one strategy supported by AusAID and explain how it would reduce the burden of disease from one of the causes of death listed in Table 1 in Southeast Asia.

Name of strategy ____________________________________________

Cause of death ____________________________________________

Explanation

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Question 2 – continued
ii. List three elements of sustainable primary health care. Describe the effect of each of these elements on the strategy in decreasing the burden of disease from the cause of death identified in part i.

Element 1

Effect

Element 2

Effect

Element 3

Effect

3 × 3 = 9 marks

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Total 14 marks
Question 3
In 2001 the estimated Indigenous population in Victoria was 27,928. This is 0.6% of Victoria’s overall population and 6.1% of Australia’s Indigenous population. The estimated residential population of Indigenous Victorians is distributed evenly between metropolitan and country regions. The health status of Indigenous Victorians varies from non-Indigenous people in Victoria; for example
- life expectancy for Indigenous people is 17 years shorter than for the non-Indigenous population
- Indigenous people in Victoria are hospitalised more frequently than non-Indigenous people
- alcohol and substance-use related disease is 2.0–7.7 times more frequent in the Indigenous population
- cardiovascular disease, including stroke and rheumatic disease, is 1.4–5.0 times more frequent in Indigenous people
- chronic lung disease, including emphysema, is 1.9–25.7 times more frequent in Indigenous people.


a.  i. List four important characteristics of the social model of health.

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

ii. Explain how socioeconomic status may impact on the variations in health status between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians as listed above.

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iii. Explain how lifestyle and behaviour may impact on the variations in health status between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians.

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4 + 2 + 2 = 8 marks

b. Table 2. State government expenditure on public health activities, percentages, Victoria, 2003–04

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Public health activities</th>
<th>(%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Communicable disease control</td>
<td>17.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selected health promotion</td>
<td>28.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organised immunisation</td>
<td>19.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental health</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food standards and hygiene</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Breast cancer screening</td>
<td>10.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cervical screening</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prevention of hazardous and harmful drug use</td>
<td>10.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public health research</td>
<td>5.6</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total public health</strong></td>
<td><strong>100.0</strong></td>
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Evaluate how well the public health expenditure in Victoria reflects the characteristics of the social model of health you listed in part a.i.

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4 marks
c. The National Aboriginal Health Strategy states that

*Health to Aboriginal peoples is a matter of determining all aspects of their life, including control over their physical environment, of dignity, of community self-esteem, and of justice. It is not merely a matter of the provision of doctors, hospitals, medicines or the absence of disease and incapacity.*

Source: Australian Health Ministers’ Advisory Council’s Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Working Party, 2004, *Cultural Respect Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health 2004–2009*, Department of Health, South Australia, p. 6

Using the information provided at the beginning of this question, Table 2 in part b. and the statement above, how could public health expenditure improve the health of Indigenous people in Victoria?

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6 marks

Total 18 marks
Question 4

Table 3. Disease burden attributable to overweight/obesity by condition, Victoria, 2001

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
<th>DALYs</th>
<th>% of total DALYs</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type 2 diabetes</td>
<td>1190</td>
<td>23479</td>
<td>3.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ischaemic heart disease</td>
<td>1255</td>
<td>113579</td>
<td>2.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Osteoarthritis</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3130</td>
<td>0.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colo-rectal cancer</td>
<td>217</td>
<td>3130</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hypertension</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>1301</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ischaemic stroke</td>
<td>124</td>
<td>5255</td>
<td>0.8</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total burden</strong></td>
<td><strong>2937</strong></td>
<td><strong>149874</strong></td>
<td><strong>7.9</strong></td>
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Source: Adapted from Department of Human Services 2005, *Victorian Burden of Disease Study, Mortality and Morbidity in 2001*, Public Health Group, Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services Division, Victorian Government Department of Human Services, Melbourne, p. 87

**a.**

i. Explain the term DALY.

ii. Outline one reason why there is a large difference in deaths between osteoarthritis and colo-rectal cancer, while the DALYs for these two conditions are the same.

2 + 2 = 4 marks
b. i. Nutrition can be a **risk** factor for each of the conditions in Table 3. Choose **one** of these conditions (except osteoarthritis) and show how a person’s food choices may be a risk for developing that condition.

Condition chosen 

Nutrition as a risk factor for this condition

ii. Nutrition can be a **protective** factor for each of the conditions in Table 3. Choose **one** of these conditions (except osteoarthritis) and show how a person’s food choices may protect them against developing that condition.

Condition chosen 

Nutrition as a protective factor for this condition

2 + 2 = 4 marks

c. *The Australian prevalence of obesity and overweight is high and continues to rise. Over half of adult Australians are overweight or obese, a proportion that has risen sharply in the last twenty years.*


Describe **two** consequences of the rise in figures for obesity and their effect on the Australian health budget in the future.

Consequence 1 ____________________________

Effect on the health budget

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Consequence 2 ____________________________

Effect on the health budget

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3 + 3 = 6 marks

*Question 4 – continued*
d. The Australian Government has developed dietary guidelines across the lifespan, partly in an attempt to reduce the risks associated with obesity.

i. Choose two of the Dietary Guidelines for Adults and show how they may assist an individual to maintain a healthy **body mass index**.

Dietary guideline 1

________________________________________________________________________________________

Assistance in maintaining a healthy body mass index

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Dietary guideline 2

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Assistance in maintaining a healthy body mass index

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ii. Describe why the Dietary Guidelines for Adults may not be a complete success in assisting an individual to make effective changes to their food intake.

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6 + 4 = 10 marks

Total 24 marks
Question 5

Globally, alcohol consumption has increased in recent decades, with all or most of that increase in developing countries. The rise in alcohol consumption in developing countries provides ample cause for concern over the possible rise in alcohol-related problems in those regions of the world most at risk. Worldwide, alcohol causes 1.8 million deaths (3.2% of total) and 58.3 million (4% of total) of DALYs.


a. i. Describe one possible consequence of increased alcohol intake on the health of people in developing countries.

b. ii. Describe one possible consequence of increased alcohol intake on the development of people in developing countries.

2 + 2 = 4 marks
b. The Australian Government has addressed the issue of high alcohol consumption through laws limiting the sale of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years.

i. Give two reasons why this strategy may decrease alcohol consumption in a **developed** country such as Australia.

   Reason 1

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   Reason 2

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ii. Give two reasons why this strategy may **not** decrease alcohol consumption in a **developing** country.

   Reason 1

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   Reason 2

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2 + 2 = 4 marks
c. The World Health Organization is coordinating a range of strategies aimed at reducing the levels of alcohol intake worldwide to enhance the health and development of people.

i. Identify **two** components of primary health care that may reduce inappropriate alcohol consumption.

Component 1

Component 2

ii. Select **one** of the components of primary health care as listed in part i. and explain how it could be implemented to reduce inappropriate alcohol consumption.

Component

How inappropriate alcohol consumption could be discouraged

iii. Explain **two** barriers that may make it more difficult to implement one of the components identified in part i. in developing countries when encouraging appropriate alcohol consumption.

Component

Barrier 1

Barrier 2

\[2 + 4 + 4 = 10\text{ marks}\]

**Total 18 marks**