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- 1ai) Ref to medical history taken to: aid diagnosis AW (1) obtain patients own account of illness (1) determine previous/linked conditions/family problem – diseases/medication/severity – time of illness (1)
Not lifestyle check. max 2 2 marks
- a ii) Ref to: check to see if in normal range – 36-37°C (1) since ‘illness’ causes lowered/raised temperature above range (1) which indicates body fighting disease (1) max 2 2 marks
- a iii) Any 4 of: visual examination AW/using stethoscope/palpating/testing reflexes/ percussion/taking blood pressure
Allow example. max 4 4 marks
- b) Strength – reach large number of patients/easy to analyse/cost efficient.
Ignore quick. 1 mark
- Limitation- number of returns may be low/validity of answers idea/can be misunderstood/no follow up questions. 1 mark
- ci) MRI – ref magnetic resonance imaging (1) uses (strong) magnetic field (1) and radio waves (1) causes hydrogen/protons in body tissues (1) to line up parallel to each other (1) the radio wave knocks then out of alignment (1) and they realign they make radio signals (1) picked up by scanner (1) converted by computer into an image (1) max 5 5 marks
- cii) Radionuclide scanning – small amount of radioactive material (1) injected/ swallowed (1) material ‘taken-up’ by tissues (1) some ‘active’ ones more than others (1) allowing cancer cells (1) ref ‘hot spots’ (1) gamma radiation/decaying radioactive isotopes (1) emitted/detected by gamma camera (1) max 5 5 marks
- Total 20 marks
- 2a) Ref to: Nutrition blood/digestive disorders/hormone imbalance/heart and circulation/ lung chest problems/central nervous system prescriptions similar both years/only slightly less 2005 1 mark each
Suggested comparisons/conclusions include:
Overall less prescriptions in 2005 (1) may reflect improved health (1) or less patients (1) Ref to comparisons between systems – 1 mark each e.g. relatively few/least nutrition and blood prescriptions – compared to others/over 2 x prescriptions digestive disorders(1) similar levels for digestive disorders/lung and chest problems/hormone imbalance (either/both years) (1)
Central nervous system more than twice as many prescriptions as digestive disorders/lung and chest problems/hormone imbalance (1)
Heart and circulation prescriptions most (either/both years) (1) nearly 2x as many as CNS system prescriptions.
Allow comparators relating to incidence of disease/disorder (1) e.g. relatively few individuals with nutrition/blood disease/disorder (1) heart and circulation problems most common (1)
Allow valid ideas on disease incidence suggested by data and/or resourced. max 9 9 marks

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- bi) Ref to: by mouth/cream on skin/spray/suppository/inhaled/eye drops max 3 3 marks
- bii) Ref to: bed rest (1) drinking plenty of fluids (1) keep warm (1) steam inhalation (1) exercise (1) 2 marks
- ci) Ref to: (firstly by) chemical composition AW (1)
 (secondly by) disorder treated AW (1)
 (thirdly by) specific effects on the body (1) 3 marks
- cii) Ref to: alteration AW (1) of a living organism's genetic make up/DNA (1)
 to produce useful chemicals/vaccines/proteins allow ref – biotechnology (1)
 example bacteria/produce insulin (1) max 3 3 marks
- Total 20 marks
- 3ai) Ref to: blood (1) passed through kidney machine (1) where waste
 products removed (1) plus excess fluid (1) this is done by separating blood
 using different membranes (1) allow ref to peritoneal filtering (1) in abdomen (1)
 draining fluid into abdomen (1) drained out after few hours (1) contains waste/
 excess water (1) dialysate/minerals reabsorbed AW (1) max 4 4 marks
- Importance is to prevent build up of waste materials AW (1) toxic
 conditions developing (1) maintains water balance of the body AW (1) homeostasis maintain
 mineral balance (1) 3 marks
- a ii) Ref to: Biochemical tests (1) e.g. for diabetes (1) testing glucose levels (1)
 in blood (1) max 3
 Allow other examples: potassium (1) kidney disease (1) enzyme (1) heart
 attack (1) blood sample (1) cell counts (1) anaemia (1) haemoglobin content (1)
 number red cells (1) size shape red cells (1) amniocentesis/ CVS (1) cells in fluid (1) check for
 genetic abnormality (1) max 3 3 marks
- bi) Ref to: donor organ AW (1) different genetic composition AW (1) replaces
 diseased/damaged organ (1) using immunosuppressive drugs AW (1) to
 prevent rejection AW (1) max 4 4 marks
- bii) Aseptic techniques: microbes AW free environment (1) created by
 sterilization (1) prevents infection entering the body during surgery (1) 3 marks
- biii) General anaesthesia: giving drugs (1) by liquid injection/inhalation (1) to
 cause unconsciousness AW (1) so patient unable to feel pain (1) relaxes muscles (1)
 max 3 3 marks
- Total 20 marks
- 4ai) Ref to endoscopic surgery: minimally invasive AW (1) using small tube
 inserted into body (1) often through natural opening (1) view inaccessible areas (1) visual
 inspection through optical fibres (1) surgery/biopsy using instruments at end of the
 tube AW (1) max 4 4 marks
- a ii) Ref to laser surgery: surgery using light source (1) intense strong beams of light (1)
 heat cells until they burst (1) allow example of use – cutting/shrinking
 tumours/cauterizing/removing moles – warts – wrinkles (1) eye treatment 3 marks
- a iii) Ref to radiotherapy: using radiation AW (1) high intensity (1) convergent
 beam (1) onto malignant cancer cells (1) damages cell DNA/kills cells/
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- reduces tumour (1) allow may be used internally as implant (1) max 3 3 marks
- b) Any one harmful side effect – hair loss/fatigue/healthy cell death/burns/
loss of tissue elasticity/nausea 1 mark
- c) Ref to relevant ethical issues associated with re: smoking addictive/lifestyle
choice/associated with variety of cancers/heart disease/circulatory problems/reduces life
expectancy of heavy smokers/costs of treatment/limited resources/
individual rights to treatment/'waste' of resource/effectiveness of treatment/
consideration of other factors – age/other medical conditions.

Band 1 1-3 marks

1/2 marks – generally simplistic arguments, often one sided tending to offer own view rather than discussion on points.

For 3 marks must consider both a point for and one against treatment

Band 2 4-6 marks

4/5 marks – valid points made but may lack some detail or coherence. Some reasoning given for both for and against for 6 marks. Points made supported with reasoning rather than simply stated. Generally 4/5 points on for/against treatment.

Band 3 7-9 marks

7/8 marks – points made in detail covering most of potential range. For full marks must be well reasoned in good detail throughout making five or more points both for and against treatment.

9 marks

Total 20 marks

Paper total 80 marks