

## Nursing Maths Practice questions for Test 1

**Calculators may not be used.**

**Show all working for each question as partial marks will be awarded for working calculations where there was a slight error for example in basic times tables facts, but the calculation process was correct.**

### Section A. Short Answer Questions

1) Double 236 =

6)  $15 \div 0.5 =$

2) Half of 186 =

7)  $6^2 =$

3)  $600 \times 700 =$

8)  $24 + 6 \div 3 =$

4)  $30,000 \div 50 =$

9)  $-1 - 5 =$

5)  $0.7 \times 0.4 =$

10)  $2 \times (3+4^2) =$

### Section B. Whole Numbers

**Show ALL working.**

1. An average heart beats at around 75 beats per minute. Show a method for calculating the total number of heart beats beaten by an average heart in 5 minutes.

2. You have drunk a cup of brewed coffee containing 133mg caffeine and a glass of pepsi containing 38mg caffeine. Show a method for calculating the **total** amount of caffeine you have consumed.

3. It is recommended that you consume 1200mg of calcium a day.

You have had:

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 200ml milk (mL = 1mg) | 280mg calcium |
| 50mg cheese           | 370mg calcium |

a) How much calcium have you consumed?

b) How much do you still need to consume to reach the recommended daily allowance?

4. Starship hospital has 9 wards with a **total** of 216 beds. How many beds are there on average **in each** ward?

5. A patient needs 12ml of medication 4 times per day for 35 days.

a) Round these three numbers to **1 significant figure**:

12:

4:

35:

b) Use these rounded numbers to ESTIMATE how much medication she will need:

c) Reread the information for question 5, and calculate exactly how much medication needs to be prescribed. (Check this corresponds with your estimate).

6. A pharmacist had 2715ml of paracetamol. She poured it equally into 3 containers. How much was there in each container?

7. Dunedin has a population of 111,185. If there are 47 doctors in Dunedin, ESTIMATE approximately how many patients each doctor works with by rounding these numbers and dividing. Round to numbers that make the division easy. DO NOT CALCULATE THE EXACT ANSWER. (2 marks)

**Section C. Decimals**  
**Show ALL working.**

1. A child weighs 35kg. A year ago he weighed 31.7kg. How much heavier is the child than he was a year ago?





**Section D. Rounding, Integers**

1) Round the following to the amount shown in the brackets.

(a) 462,362 (tens of thousands)

(d) 119.87 (whole number)

(b) 76,389 (hundreds)

(e) 0.8923 (2 decimal places)

(c) 2645 (1 significant figure)

(f) 0.0089 (1 significant figure)

2) Normal body temperature is  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If you are in the Antarctic and the temperature is  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , how many degrees difference is there between the temperature inside your body and the temperature outside? (1 mark)

3) Plasma from blood donations can be frozen and stored at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . To thaw it, this temperature has to be increased by  $34^{\circ}$ . What temperature is this? (1 mark)

**Section E Heart Rate**

1. a) Your maximum safe heart rate (**M**) in beats per minute is found by subtracting your age from 220. Ngahuia's age is 36.5 years old.

(1 mark)

Calculate the maximum safe heart rate, **M**, for Tilisa.

**M =**

- b) Once you know your maximum safe heart rate you can calculate your appropriate target heart rate zone while doing moderate exercise.

With moderate exercise a person's target heart rate zone is between  $0.5 \times \mathbf{M}$  (lower limit - in beats per minute) and  $0.7 \times \mathbf{M}$  (upper limit - in beats per minute).

Using your answer in part a) Do the necessary calculations to find Tilisa's target heart rate zone after exercise.

**Show all your working.**

Lower limit:

Upper limit

**Section A. Mental calculations**

- 1) 472
- 2) 93
- 3) 420,000
- 4) 600
- 5) 0.28
- 6)  $150 \div 5 = 30$
- 7)  $6 \times 6 = 36$
- 8)  $24 + 2 = 26$
- 9) -6
- 10)  $2 \times (3 + 16) = 2 \times 19 = 38$

**Section B. Whole Numbers**

- 1)  $75 \times 5 = (80 \times 5) - (5 \times 5) = 400 - 25 = 375$  heart beats  
Or  $(70 \times 5) + (5 \times 5) = 350 + 25 = 375$  heart beats  
Or  $75 \times 10 \div 2 = 750 \div 2 = 375$  heart beats  
Or  $275$   
$$\begin{array}{r} \times \quad 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

375 heart beats
- 2)  $133 + 38 = 133 + 40 - 2 = 173 - 2 = 171$ mg  
Or  $100 + (30 + 30) + (3 + 8) = 100 + 60 + 11 = 171$ mg  
Or  $100 + (35 + 35) - 2 + 3 = 100 + 70 + 1 = 171$ mg  
Or  $1^{133}$   
$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 38 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

171mg
- 3) a)  $280 + 370 = 650$ mg  
b)  $1200 - 650 = 550$ mg
- 4)  $216 \div 9 = 24$  beds
- 5) a) i) 10 ; 4 ; 40 ii)  $10 \times 4 \times 40 = 40 \times 40 = 1600$ ml  
b)  $12 \times 4 \times 35 = 48 \times 35 = 1680$ ml
- 6)  $2715 \div 3 = 905$ ml



### Section C. Decimals

- 1)  $35 - 31.7 = 3.3\text{kg}$
- 2) a)  $0.8 \times 75 = 60\text{g}$   
b)  $11.6 + 8 = 19.6\text{g}$ ;  
c)  $60 - 19.6 = 40.4\text{g}$
- 3) a) i) 80 ; 10 ii)  $80 \times 10 = 800\text{mg}$   
b)  $78.4 \times 12 = 940.8\text{mg}$
- 4)  $4.3 \div 10 = 0.43\text{g}$
- 5) a)  $\$2400 \div 8 = \$300$  (or similar)  
b)  $2565 \div 8 = 320.625$  so  $\$320.63$
- 6)  $1.2 \div 0.06 = 120 \div 6 = 20$  days (or similar)
- 7) i) 0.7 ; 400 ii)  $0.7 \times 400 = \$280$

### Section D. Rounding, Integers

- 1) (a) 460,000  
(b) 76,400  
(c) 3000  
(d) 120  
(e) 0.89  
(f) 0.009
- 2)  $37 + 25 = 62^\circ$  difference
- 3)  $-30 + 34 = 4^\circ\text{C}$

### Section E. Heart Rate

1. a)  $M = 183.5$  beats per minute
2. b) Lower limit =  $.5 \times 183.5 = 91.75$  beats per minute  
Upper limit =  $.7 \times 183.5 = 128.45$  beats per minute