



**UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA**  
**FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Fourth Year Second Semester Examination in BScHons (Nursing) - 2023/15<sup>th</sup> Batch Proper**

**NURGN 4222 GERIATRIC NURSING – PAPER II**

**Date: 28.04.2025**

**Time: 2 hours**

**ANSWER ALL <sup>SIX</sup> FOUR QUESTIONS**

1.

- 1.1. Define the term “ageism”. (20 Marks)
- 1.2. List common examples of ageism in healthcare. (20 Marks)
- 1.3. Briefly explain the strategies to reduce the ageism in clinical settings. (30 Marks)
- 1.4. Briefly describe how ageism negatively affects the self-esteem of elderly. (30 Marks)

2.

- 2.1. List the myths related to sexuality in elderly. (20 Marks)
- 2.2. Briefly describe the importance of recognizing the sexual needs of elderly. (40 Marks)
- 2.3. Describe the ways that nurses can support sexual health in older patients. (40 Marks)

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- 3.1.1. Briefly describe the common communication barriers when interacting with elderly in the clinical settings. (30 Marks)
- 3.1.2. Describe the impact of poor communication on diagnosis, treatment and patient safety of the elderly (30 Marks)

- 3.2. Describe, how age-related musculoskeletal, sensory, and cognitive changes contribute to fall risk among the elderly (40 Marks)

4.

- 4.1. List the types of elder abuse. (20 Marks)
- 4.2. Briefly describe the physical and emotional consequences of elder abuse. (50 Marks)
- 4.3. Briefly describe the roles of nurses in preventing the elder abuse. (30 Marks)

5.

5.1. Briefly describe the population aging trends of Sri Lanka. (20 Marks)

5.2. Briefly describe the challenges posed by population aging on Sri Lanka's health and social sectors. (50 Marks)

5.3. Suggest the strategies to manage the challenges mentioned in 5.2. (30 Marks)

6.

6.1. Define "poly pharmacy". (10 Marks)

6.2. Briefly describe how polypharmacy affects treatment outcomes (30 Marks)

6.3. Describe, how polypharmacy increases the health risks. (30 Marks)

6.4. Explain the strategies to promote safe medication use in elderly. (30 Marks)