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# Home Economics: Child Development

Unit 1

Parenthood, Pregnancy and  
the Newborn Baby

**MV18**

**[GCD11]**

**FRIDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING**

## **Time**

1 hour 15 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

## **Instructions to Candidates**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

**Do not write on blank pages.**

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all eight** questions.

## **Information for Candidates**

The total mark for this paper is **75**.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **7** and **8**.

1 Read the following statements and tick the box beside each correct answer.

Tick [✓] only **one** box for each statement.  
[1 mark for each]

(a) This health professional supports the mother 10 days after birth.

**A** midwife

**B** sonographer

**C** health visitor

**D** GP

(b) Blocked oil glands around the baby's face and nose are known as:

**A** vernix

**B** lanugo

**C** milia

**D** fontanelle

**(c)** This measures how the baby cries in response to stimulation:

**A** grimace

**B** appearance

**C** pulse

**D** respiration

**(d)** The female sex hormone is called:

**A** testosterone

**B** oxytocin

**C** prolactin

**D** oestrogen

2 (a) Explain **one** function of the umbilical cord. [2 marks]

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(b) Write down **three** symptoms of post-natal depression.  
[3 marks]

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Explain the role of a:

(i) Gynaecologist [2 marks]

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(ii) Midwife [2 marks]

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(d) Describe the development of the fetus in the womb at 14 weeks. [4 marks]



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**3 (a)** Antenatal care is important for a pregnant woman.

Explain why the following are carried out:  
[2 marks for each]

**(i)** Baby's heartbeat check

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**(ii)** Blood pressure test

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**(b)** Describe the following types of delivery:  
[2 marks for each]

**(i)** Induction

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**(ii)** Breech

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**(c)** Identify **five** reflexes of a newborn baby. [5 marks]

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**(d)** Discuss the role of grandparents in the family.  
[4 marks]

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**4 (a)** Diseases can affect the baby in the womb.

Explain how rubella can affect the unborn baby.

[2 marks]

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**(b)** Explain why a pregnant woman should avoid:

[2 marks for each]

**(i)** Liver

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**(ii)** Raw or lightly cooked eggs

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**(iii)** Caffeine

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**5 (a)** Write down **three** ways to help prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). [3 marks]

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**(b)** Explain why a pregnant woman should eat foods that contain: [2 marks for each]

**(i)** Iron

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**(ii)** NSP (fibre)

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**(iii)** Calcium

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