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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*This paper consists of **FIVE** questions*

*Answer question **ONE** (compulsory) and any other **TWO** questions*

*This paper consists of two **PRINTED** pages*

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms:-
 - i. Pharmacology **(2 marks)**
 - ii. Bioavailability **(2 marks)**
- b) State Four advantages of enteral route of drug administration **(4 marks)**
- c) Differentiate between pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics **(4 marks)**
- d) Describe the following **(4 marks)**
 - i) Generic name of a drug
 - ii) Brand name of a drug
- e) Outline FOUR responsibilities of a health practitioner **(4 marks)**
- f) Give **FOUR** routes of drug excretion **(4 marks)**

g) Interpret the following medication order (**4 marks**)

Chlorpromazine 200 mg 2 tabs po bid

- i. How many milligrams of Tegretol are in each tablet? (**1 mark**)
 - ii. What is the dosage of Tegretol that needs to be given in milligrams? (**1 mark**)
 - iii. What is the route? (**1 mark**)
 - iv. How many times per day will you be giving the Tegretol? (**1 mark**)
- h) Name **TWO** routes of drug excretion (**2 marks**)

QUESTION TWO

Describe five different routes of drug administration and give **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of each route (**15 marks**)

QUESTIONTHREE

Discuss the factors affecting drug absorption and bioavailability following oral administration of a drug (**15 marks**)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Outline any **FIVE** pharmacological classes of drugs and give two examples of each (**10 marks**)
- b) Distinguish between side effects and toxic effects (**5 marks**)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe **FIVE** types of medication errors (**10 marks**)
- b) Outline the components of a medication order (**5 marks**)

