**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 2, The Nursing Assistant**

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| 1a. Students’ answers should include the following:Tell the nurse you are not legally allowed to give medications.Tell the nurse that you would be unable to keep the medications safe if you were in the bathroom with Miss Marple.1b. Students’ answers should include the following:When Miss Marple comes out of the shower, you should tell her the nurse left her medications for her to take.You can assist Miss Marple to take her medications by bringing her a glass of water. | 3, 5, 6 |

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| 2a. Students’ answers should include the following:Do not ignore this delegated task, but let the nurse know it is not in your scope of practice to supervise other nursing assistants.The RN is the person responsible for ensuring that this NA understands asepsis and the safe handling of blood specimens.2b. Students’ answers should include the following:You must state clearly to the nurse that you cannot do the task, and give your reason why.Your refusal must be communicated, because the care or safety of the patient or resident can be jeopardized. | 3, 5, 6 |
| 3a. Students’ answers should include the following:Must attend a state-certified class that contains a minimum of 75 hours of classroom and clinical practice.Must take and pass an examination that tests both knowledge and skills required of a nursing assistant.3b. Students’ answers should include the following:The registry is an official record of all individuals who have successfully passed the nursing assistant examination.Contains information concerning the individual’s performance as a nursing assistant. | 1, 2 |