**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 34, The Sensory System**

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| Suggested Answers for Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
| 1a. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Be sure they have easy access to their glasses. * Be sure their glasses are clean and in good repair. * Encourage them to wear their glasses regularly. * Keep their room well lit and clutter free to avoid falls.   1b. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Encourage them to remove glasses when sleeping/napping. * Place them in a case for storage when not being used. * Offer to clean them when needed. | 6, 7, 8 |
| 2a. Students’ responses should include the following:   * They have frequently misunderstood what is being said to them, and answer inappropriately. * They are avoiding social settings and large groups where there is a lot of background noise and many conversations. * They have needed to ask people to repeat what they said to them. * They sometimes seems confused and disoriented. * They watch your lips intently when you are talking to them. * They may turn their head and cup their ear with their hand to better hear what you are saying. * They may not hear you enter the room and will be surprised to see you.   2b. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Report any of the above behaviors you have noticed to the nurse. They may need a hearing assessment and perhaps a hearing aid. * Speak slowly and clearly. * Lower the tone of your voice. * Face them when you are speaking to them. * Do not chew gum. * Do not put your hand over your mouth when you are speaking. * Use writing or a picture board to share important information. | 11, 13 |