**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 12, Infection Control Measures**

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| Suggested Answers for Topics for Discussion | Learning Objective(s) |
| 1. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Wash hands at all appropriate times—after coming into contact with body fluid or substance; after using the toilet; after helping Mrs. Treacher with elimination needs; before handling food, drink, or eating utensils; before and after any contact with other patients or residents. * Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of tissues in waste container and wash hands. * Avoid coming to work ill. * Do not use other patients’ personal care items for Mrs. Treacher. * Keep his or her uniform clean. Keep dirty items and linens away from the uniform. * Do not stir up dust when cleaning, and do not shake bed linens. * Maintain good personal hygiene. * Handle trash and laundry properly. * Care for Mrs. Treacher’s indwelling catheter using required sanitization practices. | 3, 4, 5 |

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| 2. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Julie must wear a mask while caring for the resident when she is within 3 feet of her. * Julie should wear gloves if she might come in contact with body fluids such as this person’s sputum. * If she must transport the patient out of her room, she must apply a mask to the person’s face. * She should limit the amount of time this person is out of her room. | 3, 5, 6 |
| 3. Students’ responses should include the following:   * Medical asepsis is used to minimize the transfer of pathogens, while surgical asepsis is used for procedures that involve entering a person’s body. An example of medical asepsis is handwashing, while surgical asepsis includes surgical procedures. * Procedures requiring surgical aseptic techniques are not usually included in the job description of a nursing assistant. | 4 |