



UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA – FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY

FOURTH BPHARM PART I EXAMINATION – MARCH/APRIL 2026

PH4143 COMMUNITY PHARMACY II - SEQ

TIME: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **four** questions in **Parts A and B** of the SEQ paper.
- Answer **all** questions.
- No paper should be removed from the examination hall.
- Do not use any correction fluid.
- Use illustrations where necessary.

PART A

1.

- 1.1. Define the term communication. *(10 marks)*
- 1.2. Briefly describe the key elements of communication. *(40 marks)*
- 1.3. Name five skills that a pharmacist should have for assertive communication. *(15 marks)*
- 1.4. List five reasons why communication is important to a pharmacist. *(15 marks)*
- 1.5. Briefly describe patient or end user-related barriers to effective communication. Give appropriate examples. *(20 marks)*

2.

- 2.1. Write five communication skills that a pharmacist would use when counselling a patient. *(20 marks)*
- 2.2. Briefly describe any three skills mentioned in 2.1. *(30 marks)*

PART B

- 2.3. List five clinical situations in which special diets are needed. *(20 marks)*
- 2.4. Describe the risks associated with infants who are not breastfed. *(30 marks)*

3.

3.1. Alternative systems of medicine emphasise holistic approaches to health and healing.

3.1.1. List five mind-body therapies/interventions. (20 marks)

3.1.2. Describe Traditional Chinese Medicine. (30 marks)

3.1.3. Describe the fundamental concepts of Ayurveda. (20 marks)

3.2. Briefly describe the emergency contraceptive pill and the combined oral contraceptive pill as contraceptive methods. (30 marks)

4.

4.1. List five professional intervention strategies used to reduce or manage drug misuse and abuse. (20 marks)

4.2. Briefly describe physical and psychological drug dependence. (20 marks)

4.3. Write the possible consequences of the misuse of central nervous system depressants and opioids. (20 marks)

4.4. Describe the role of a community pharmacist in minimising prescription drug abuse. (40 marks)

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