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Read the text and answer the questions

Changes to Healthcare

The advantage of technology for most people who use it is that they can message and talk with friends. Another advantage, for the lucky few, is that they could become a celebrity by creating a website. Many people use social media to connect with other individuals, but technology also benefits the wider community, especially in healthcare.

Advanced testing equipment provides more efficient feedback to patients. Before modern testing methods became available, patients had waited longer for results to arrive, the consequence of which was delayed treatment that harmed their chance of a full recovery. Nowadays, treatments are not delayed for long. Samples can be analysed immediately after they are taken and the results are sent by email, cutting waiting time dramatically. As far as healthcare professionals are concerned, fast responding equipment is essential.

Computerised records, which hold all the information about patients' health and medication in one place, ensure that doctors have all the relevant information about patients. Before digital systems were used, rooms had been filled with paper files which could get lost or damaged. Now, doctors and nurses feel more confident that they have all the relevant data. It is thought that patients probably benefit even more than the doctors, knowing that all their previous health history is available to staff every time they visit the hospital or clinic. Similarly, worried family members don't need to be upset with intrusive questions about loved ones during difficult times. A disadvantage of relying on this technology is that medical staff may need training in computer skills. Computerised records are easy to access, on the condition that people know how to use the technology.

The benefit of using the internet to research symptoms is that it is a quick way of avoiding unnecessary doctor visits, provided that you think about the information you read carefully. Panic might be felt as a consequence of symptoms of a minor illness being mistaken for those of a more serious one. If you take care, using the internet to find treatments for general aches and pains is easy and fast. It's going to be unnecessary to visit the doctor with minor health issues in the future due to online assistance. Overall, health benefits are going to increase even more as new technology is developed.

How might the internet make someone famous?

1. They communicate and share personal data with people they know. ☐
2. They make their own site with information about themselves. ☐
3. They put pictures and personal news on social media sites. ☐

It was harder for patients to get treatment in the past, because test results were ____.

1. analysed poorly ☐
2. difficult to understand ☐
3. not returned in time ☐

3 - 8

10.00 Marks

How are patients' medical records usually stored now?

1. All the details have been moved to a single digital area. ☐
2. Specific rooms have been designed to hold paper copies. ☐
3. Doctors hold the records in their personal computer files. ☐

4 - 8

10.00 Marks

*****BONUS*****Which group of people benefit most from digital records?

1. health care professionals working in hospitals ☐
2. people attending appointments at the clinic ☐
3. relatives trying to cope with severe illnesses ☐

5 - 8

10.00 Marks

Why would some medical workers be worried about new technology?

1. They might not know how to access and update files. ☐
2. They could store the wrong information about patients. ☐
3. They have to annoy people whilst gathering information. ☐

6 - 8

10.00 Marks

Which two technological advances have improved the speed of healthcare delivery?

1. computerised systems and booking sites

☐

2. emails and methods of hospital care

☐

3. testing equipment and the internet

☐

7 - 8

10.00 Marks

People get worried when accessing medical information at home due to ____.

1. not visiting the doctor personally

☐

2. many illnesses having the same effects

☐

3. only accessing information on minor problems

☐

8 - 8

10.00 Marks

The main point of paragraph 4 is that people ____.

a. may not need to visit doctors at all in the future

☐

b. can find online solutions to some health problems

☐

c. have no risk following advice from the internet

☐