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SUBJECT:	Hairdressing and Beauty
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Answer **ALL** questions in the space provided.

Question 1

K-1 (4 marks)

a. List **TWO** different skin diseases and **TWO** disorders apart from those mentioned in Question 1b.

Skin Disease 1: _____ (0.25)

Skin Disease 2: _____ (0.25)

Skin Disorder 1: _____ (0.25)

Skin Disorder 2: _____ (0.25)

b. Identify the diseases and disorders in Table 1. Use the words provided below:

Psoriasis	Sebum	Infestations	Corneum	Widow's Peak
Seborrhea	Porosity	Telogen	Pityriasis capitis	Pheomelanin

Table 1: Skin diseases and disorders

i.	An inflamed, abnormal thickening of the skin, often raised and patchy silvery scales, commonly found on the scalp and at the joints of the arms and legs.	_____ (0.25)
ii.	Tiny parasitic insects live on the scalp, feeding on blood and causing itching and irritation.	_____ (0.25)
iii.	This condition is caused by over production of sebum.	_____ (0.25)
iv.	This condition is characterised by excessive flaking of the scalp.	_____ (0.25)

c. i. Describe a cause and a treatment for **ONE** skin disease from the ones you listed in Question 1a.

(1)

ii. Describe a cause and a treatment for **ONE** skin disorder from the ones you listed in Question 1a.

(1)

Question 2

C-1 (6 marks)

a. Outline **TWO** ways how a client is examined for any skin and scalp diseases and disorders.

Way 1: _____

(1)

Way 2: _____

(1)


b. Explain **ONE** way how a client should be dealt with when skin and scalp diseases or disorders are present, apart from wearing gloves.

(2)

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b. i. Identify the hair conditions in Table 2.

Table 2: Hair conditions

<p>Condition 1</p>	<p>A slow-growing lump beneath the skin, usually caused by a blocked sebaceous gland, contains a fluid substance.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(0.25)</p>
<p>Condition 2</p>	 <p>(Source: https://www.sciencephoto.com/)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(0.25)</p>

ii. Identify the skin conditions in Table 3.

Table 3: Skin conditions

<p>Condition 1</p>	<p>The skin may appear less firm and saggier, particularly around the jawline, cheeks and eyes.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(0.25)</p>
<p>Condition 2</p>	<p>The skin may appear red, and/or blotchy especially if exposed to harsh skin care products, wind or sun.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(0.25)</p>

c. i. Describe any **TWO** hair conditions from the ones you named in Question 3a.

Hair condition 1: _____

_____ (0.5)

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Hair condition 2: _____

_____ (0.5)

ii. Describe the **TWO** skin conditions from the ones you named in Question 3a.

Skin condition 1: _____

_____ (0.5)

Skin condition 1: _____

_____ (0.5)

Question 4

C-2 (6 marks)

The therapist should provide aftercare advice on proper maintenance and precautions related to the treatment after addressing their skin or hair conditions.

a. State **TWO** reasons why follow-up appointments are important for hair and skin conditions.

Reason 1: _____
_____ (1)

Reason 2: _____
_____ (1)

b. Describe **TWO** important reasons for providing aftercare advice for hair and skin conditions.

Reason 1: _____

_____ (1)

Reason 2: _____

_____ (1)

c. Discuss **TWO** different aftercare advice, that can be provided to clients who present various hair and skin conditions.

Aftercare advice 1: _____

_____ (1)

Aftercare advice 2: _____

_____ (1)

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Question 5

K-4 (4 marks)

a. Name the adequate shampoo for the following hair types:

Chemical-treated hair: _____ (0.25)

Greasy hair: _____ (0.25)

Naturally dry hair: _____ (0.25)

Hair/scalp affected by dandruff: _____ (0.25)

b. Match the different hair types with the ideal shampoo ingredient provided in the text box below.

Selenium Sulphide	Lanolin	Lemon and tea tree	Protein
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Chemical-treated hair: _____ (0.25)

Greasy hair: _____ (0.25)

Naturally dry hair: _____ (0.25)

Hair/scalp affected by dandruff: _____ (0.25)

c. Outline the cleansing process of shampooing the hair and scalp in the correct order from the moment the hairdresser starts the process. Note that Step 2 has been provided.

Step 1: _____
_____ (0.5)

Step 2: Seat client at the back basin, check water temperature and gently wet the hair.

Step 3: _____
_____ (0.5)

Step 4: _____
_____ (0.5)

Step 5: _____
_____ (0.5)

Question 6

K-7 (4 marks)

a. List **FOUR** different massage movements used during a scalp massage.

Massage Movement 1: _____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 2: _____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 3: _____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 4: _____ (0.25)

b. Outline the **FOUR** massage movements listed in Question 6a.

Massage Movement 1: _____
_____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 2: _____
_____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 3: _____
_____ (0.25)

Massage Movement 4: _____
_____ (0.25)

c. Describe a benefit of **EACH** scalp massage movement listed in Question 6a.

Benefit of massage movement 1: _____

_____ (0.5)

Benefit of massage movement 2: _____

_____ (0.5)

Benefit of massage movement 3: _____

_____ (0.5)

Benefit of massage movement 4: _____

_____ (0.5)

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Question 7

K-8 (4 marks)

a. List **FOUR** different products used in a face care treatment, apart from cleanser and eye cream.

Product 1: _____ (0.25)

Product 2: _____ (0.25)

Product 3: _____ (0.25)

Product 4: _____ (0.25)

b. Outline the purpose of the following ingredients found in face care products.

Waxes: _____
_____ (0.25)

Preservatives: _____
_____ (0.25)

Detergents: _____
_____ (0.25)

Emulsifier agents: _____
_____ (0.25)

c. Describe the effects of the **FOUR** face care treatment products you listed in Question 7a.

_____ (2)

Question 8

C-4 (6 marks)

a. Outline the difference between a setting mask and a non-setting mask.

(2)

b. i. Describe an action of the following individual dry ingredients used in a clay mask:

Oatmeal: _____

(0.5)

Calamine: _____

(0.5)

ii. Describe an action of the following individual active ingredients used in a clay mask:

Orange flower water: _____

(0.5)

Almond oil: _____

(0.5)

c. Explain the purpose of the following specialised masks.

Paraffin wax mask: _____

(1)

Natural masks: _____

_____ (1)

Question 9

K-9 (4 marks)

a. List the **FOUR** different heating methods that can be used during a face care treatment:

- Heating Method 1: _____ (0.25)
- Heating Method 2: _____ (0.25)
- Heating Method 3: _____ (0.25)
- Heating Method 4: _____ (0.25)

b. Name **TWO** benefits of heating the face during a face care treatment:

- Benefit 1: _____ (0.5)
- Benefit 2: _____ (0.5)

c. Outline the missing steps of a face care treatment procedure correctly.

- Step 1: First start the face care treatment with a deep cleanse
- Step 2: _____ (0.4)
- Step 3: _____ (0.4)
- Step 4: Use heating equipment to open pores
- Step 5: Extract blackheads
- Step 6: _____ (0.4)
- Step 7: Apply eye cream
- Step 8: _____ (0.4)
- Step 9: _____ (0.4)
- Step 10: Finish off the face care treatment with a moisturiser.