

**Question 20** (7 marks)

(a) What does the term *cultural diversity* mean?

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Cultural diversity means a variety of different cultures, races, ethnic backgrounds, beliefs. e.g. Australia is a culturally diverse nation as we have a wide variety of different cultures within our country.

(b) How can aged care, health care facilities and/or allied health services cater for various cultures?

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All health care facilities ~~and~~ and environments can cater for various cultures by having someone to translate languages.

This will enable ~~the~~ optimum communication between patient/client/resident and care giver.

Allowing patient/client/resident to participate in activities close to their culture e.g. Going to church, decorating their room, allowing them to wear their own clothing of choice, what they watch on tv. It is up to the health care provider to understand a clients beliefs and cultures and to be accepting of them. This will make the patient feel more comfortable and give their trust to their health care professional e.g. nurse.