Unit #40 Reproduction and Childbirth I

Below is a list of the vocabulary needed to pass this unit with a good score.

**afterbirth**
all fluids providing nutrition for an unborn baby which are expelled after the birth
"The placenta is delivered as part of the afterbirth with a small gush of blood."

**amnion**
the tissue covering an unborn baby
"The unborn baby is surrounded by the amnion which protects it."

**amniorrhexis**
a breakage or rupture of the amnion
"Amniorrhexis is more commonly known as "breaking water" and is a sign that birth is imminent."

**amniotic fluid**
liquids surrounding the unborn baby
"Amniotic fluid swallowed by the fetus helps in the formation of the gastrointestinal tract."

**amniotic sac**
a mass of tissue around the unborn baby
"Rupturing of the amniotic sac usually occurs at the moment of entering labor."

**aspermia**
the state of having no sperm
"He was infertile due to having aspermia."

**breech birth**
a birth in which the head is not the first part of the baby to come out
"Most babies born from breech births are healthy but there is a slightly higher risk for certain problems."

**coitus**
sexual intercourse
"For many people coitus is about more than just reproduction."

**conception**
the very beginning of a pregnancy
"Pregnancy tests start to become accurate at two weeks after conception."

**ejaculation**
the discharge of semen at the moment of sexual climax
"Most of the time, ejaculation happens during an orgasm."
fetus
an unborn baby after 9 weeks from conception
"At 12 weeks the average fetus is about the same size as a lime."

impotent
not being able to get or maintain an erection
"His medication made him temporarily impotent."

lactate
to produce breast milk
"It can take a couple of days for a woman to start to lactate after childbirth."

lactogenic
causing the production of breast milk
"Oats and other cereals are well-known lactogenic foods."

libido
sexual desire
"A decrease in libido may be an indicator of a more serious condition."

ovum
the female sex cell or egg that joins with the sperm
"A mature ovum is released from ovaries every 28 days."

puerperal
immediately after childbirth
"Puerperal psychosis is a severe mental illness which can include symptoms such as depression, confusion and hallucinations."

puerperium
the period of between 3 to 6 weeks after childbirth
"During the puerperium physiological changes to the mother's body that occurred in pregnancy revert back to normal."

reproduction
the production of offspring by sexual intercourse
"It is important for youths to be educated on reproduction."

semen
fluid containing sperm
"An analysis of his semen showed low motility."

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