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."