



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

04 November 2005 (Friday)

09:00 h. – 10:00 h.

Instructions:

- I. There are eight short answer questions.
- II. Please answer **six** questions only and they carry equal marks.
- III. Please write your answer for each question in a separate answer book and label them appropriately.
- IV. Record your candidate number and question number on each answer book.

1. Outline the mechanism of action of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Discuss the role of Cyclooxygenase 2 inhibitors in the management of chronic pain.
2. Anxiety and depression are common in patients with chronic pain. Discuss the implications of this statement.
3. Discuss the mechanisms of phantom pain.
4. List the advantages and disadvantages of regional techniques on post-operative outcome.
5. Describe the common symptoms and disabilities that may be seen in a patient suffering from cancer pain.
6. A patient with low back pain is considering acupuncture treatment and asked for your advice. Discuss the pros and cons of acupuncture in this context.
7. Outline the management of migraine with aura.
8. Discuss the role of organ imaging techniques in performing interventional procedures.

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