



# The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

## Diploma in Pain Management Examination

### Paper One (Short Questions)

27 October 2006 (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.

- Q.1 Step 2 of the WHO analgesic ladder for cancer pain is redundant. Discuss.
- Q.2 Briefly describe the clinical features, proposed mechanisms and management options for patients with fibromyalgia.
- Q.3 Comment on the usefulness of Waddell's signs for assessing patients with back pain.
- Q.4 A 30-year-old male intravenous drug addict had open reduction and internal fixation for fractured femur 7 days ago. He still requires intravenous patient controlled analgesia of morphine 100 mg per day and refused to ambulate. Outline your management.
- Q.5 Briefly outline the mechanisms for pain sensitization.
- Q.6 Explain 'yellow flag' in pain assessment. Describe your management of patients with these features.
- Q.7 Compare and contrast the application of facet joint block and medial branch block in patients with facet joint disease.
- Q.8 Discuss different approaches and tools that you would use to assess burns dressing pain in a 6 year old child and a 14 year old adolescent.

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