



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

02 November 2007 (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. How will you determine the outcomes of a trial of tricyclic antidepressant in a patient with post-herpetic neuralgia?
2. Outline the proposed pathophysiology of migraine.
3. Discuss the mechanism of placebo response in chronic pain management.
4. Discuss the role of interventional pain management techniques in the management of Failed Back Surgery Syndrome.
5. List the clinical features of depression. Briefly outline your management of depression in a patient suffering from terminal cancer.
6. Briefly discuss the problems that may be anticipated in a patient with HIV/AIDS.
7. Describe your management of an irritated and crying 6-month old baby 4 hours after laparotomy.
8. Discuss the role of cannabinoids in pain management.

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