



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

25 September 2009 (Friday)

09:00 h. – 10:00 h.

Instructions:

- I. The Question Paper carries a total of eight short answer questions.
 - II. Please answer **six** questions only and they carry equal marks.
 - III. Questions **1-4** are **compulsory**. Candidates can choose to answer **2 questions** from Questions **5-8**.
 - IV. Please write your answer for each question in the appropriate "Pre-labelled" Answer Book.
 - V. Record your candidate number and question number on each answer book.
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1. Describe the guidelines you would put in place to ensure the safe management of postoperative epidural analgesia.
 2. Give an account of pain assessment in children.
 3. List the possible causes of pain in a patient with carcinoma of lung. Describe briefly your management of metastatic rib pain.
 4. A 75 year old lady was referred to you for persistent pain at the site of L2 vertebral collapse secondary to osteoporosis. Outline your management for this patient.
 5. Discuss the effect of gender on pain experience.
 6. What is pseudo-addiction? How would you make this diagnosis in a 32 year old opioid tolerant woman complaining of severe pain following a diagnostic laparoscopy?
 7. Discuss the mechanisms of action and roles of serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRI) in pain management.
 8. Outline the key points of radiation safety during interventional procedures for pain management.

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