



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

26 October 2012 (Friday)

09:00 – 10:00

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.

Compulsory questions (answer all questions):

1. Give a brief account of the psychosocial flags of back pain assessment.
2. Discuss the usefulness of ultrasound in the interventional treatment of musculoskeletal pain.
3. Explain the mechanisms of bone cancer pain.
4. Discuss the use of transdermal opioids for chronic non-malignant pain.

Non-compulsory questions (answer any 2 questions):

5. Discuss when you would consider ordering an MRI scan in your patient with low back pain.
6. Evaluate the use of topical analgesics for musculoskeletal pain.
7. Discuss the roles of foods and supplements in the management of migraine.
8. Compare and contrast opioid associated hyperalgesia and opioid tolerance.

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