

The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Final Fellowship Examination Paper II

17th March 2006 (Friday) 11:00 – 12:30 hrs

Instructions:

- a) There are three pre-labelled answer books. Please make sure you answer the respective questions in the appropriately answer book.
- b) Write your examination number on the cover of each answer book.
- c) Answer <u>ALL</u> questions (nine questions). They worth equal marks and you should spend approximately ten minutes for each short question.
- 1) A 50-year-old ex-drug addict is scheduled for debridement and secondary suture of a left thigh ulcer. He is currently on methadone maintenance of 30 mg per day. Discuss your anaesthetic and pain management for this patient.
- 2) A 50-year-old man presents for inguinal hernia repair. He is known to have acromegaly. Highlight the specific anaesthetic problems which may arise from this condition.
- 3) Describe the patterns of peripheral nerve stimulation that can be used to monitor non-depolarising neuromuscular blockade during anaesthesia. How is each used in clinical practice?
- 4) List the possible causes of non-surgical postoperative visual loss and outline its prevention.
- 5) Evaluate the clinical benefits of sevoflurane and desflurane in paediatric anaesthesia. (Cost-benefit analysis NOT required)
- 6) A 90-year-old man presents with a fungating mass on the vertex of his head that requires excision and a local rotational flap. Describe the sensory innervations of the scalp and outline the nerves block you will perform to completely anaesthetize the scalp.
- 7) Write an account of the factors, with examples, that lead to the occurrence of mishap during clinical anaesthesia.
- 8) Outline the advantages, disadvantages and risks on the use of transdermal fentanyl patch in cancer pain management.
- 9) A healthy 19-year-old man undergoes general anaesthesia for reduction of a fractured nose. Justify the use of a laryngeal mask airway for this surgery.