



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

13 September 2002 (Friday)

09:00 h. – 10:00 h.

Instructions:

1. There are eight short answer questions.
2. Please answer **six** questions only and they carry equal marks.
3. Please write your answer for each question in a separate answer book and label them appropriately.
4. Record your candidate number and question number on each answer book.

- Q1 Describe the possible mechanisms for the development of neuropathic pain.
- Q2 Outline the factors that you would consider in deciding on the use of opioids in patients suffering from non-cancer pain.
- Q3 Describe your recommendations for the practice of epidural analgesia in acute pain management.
- Q4 Discuss the features and management of complex regional pain syndrome I in children.
- Q5 List the common indications for and potential complications associated with local anaesthetic stellate ganglion block.
- Q6 Discuss the pharmacology of mexiletine in the management of neuropathic pain.
- Q7 Discuss psychological risk factors as 'yellow flags' for low back pain.
- Q8 Briefly discuss the etiology and treatment of phantom limb pain.