



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Diploma in Pain Management Examination

Paper One (Short Questions)

03 November 2008 (Monday)

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.

1. Step 2 of the WHO analgesic ladder for cancer pain is redundant. Discuss.
2. How would you consent a patient with trigeminal neuralgia for radiofrequency neurolysis?
3. A 74 year old woman with osteoporosis presents with an acutely painful stress fracture of the T6 vertebral body. Outline your management.
4. Describe the risk factors for persistent pain after surgery.
5. Discuss the role of Calcium Channel Antagonists in pain management.
6. Explain what fear avoidance is. Describe the relationship between fear avoidance behaviors and persistent pain.
7. Your patient with chronic low back pain considers having acupuncture for pain management. What advice will you give him?
8. Discuss the role of ion channel abnormalities in pathogenesis of pain.

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