

BioMedical Admissions Test

4500/13

Wednesday

4th November 2009

30 minutes

SECTION 3

Writing Task

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Instructions to Candidates

Please read this page carefully, but do not open this question paper until you are told that you may do so.

A separate answer sheet is provided for this section. Please check you have one.

Please first write your initials in the space provided at the top of the answer sheet. For example, Noora Louise Al-Musalam should enter her initials like this:

Candidate initials

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Please also write your BioMedical Admissions Test candidate number and centre number in the spaces provided. Please write very clearly.

This question paper contains a choice of three tasks, of which you must answer only **one**. It also provides space in which you may make any preliminary notes you wish, but **your answer must be written on the single page answer sheet**.

The tasks each provide an opportunity for you to show how well you can

- select, develop and organise ideas and
- communicate them effectively in writing.

Before you begin writing, take time to think carefully about what you need to say and the ways in which the organisation and layout of your response might help convey your message. Diagrams etc. may be used if they enhance communication.

Take care to show how well you can write and be concise, clear and accurate.

Dictionaries may NOT be used.

Remember that when you are told that you may begin you will have only 30 minutes to choose and complete your task, and that your complete response must be contained on the single page provided for your answer. The disciplines involved in this are regarded as key features of the task.

Please wait to be told you may begin before turning this page.

Use this space and the back page for notes etc. if you wish. Remember that your response must be written on the single page answer sheet provided.



YOU MUST ANSWER ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1 You must be honest and open and act with integrity.

UK General Medical Council, Good Medical Practice 2006

Explain what is meant by the above statement. Why might honesty, openness and integrity be important in a good doctor? Under what circumstances might a good doctor be justified in being less than perfectly honest or open in the course of their professional practice?

2 Science is a way of trying not to fool yourself.

Richard Feynman, 1964

Explain why not fooling oneself is necessary for a scientist. Why might it be easy for scientists to make the mistake of fooling themselves? How might scientists guard against this mistake?

3 It is an obscenity that rich people can buy better medical treatment than poor people.

Explain the argument behind the statement. What assumptions does it make? Argue to the contrary, that patients are entitled to spend money on better healthcare if they choose to.

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