MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL SURGERY

PART 1 EXAMINATION

SAMPLE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

This paper consists of 200 multiple choice questions in 'best of five' format. There are equal marks for each question. The examination lasts 3 hours.

The candidate guidance and information on the multiple choice questions given below should be read in conjunction with the 'Guidance to Candidates for Part 1 and Part 2' available on College Websites.

Guidance to candidates

- There are equal marks for each question.
- Marks are not deducted for an incorrect answer: you should attempt all questions.
- You will not gain a mark if you make an entry in more than one box for the same question.
- The answer sheets are scanned by machine. If you do not enter your answer clearly in accordance with the guidelines given below, the machine may reject it.
- Faint entries in the boxes on the answer sheet may be misread, resulting in no mark being given for that question.
- You may wish to enter your answers on the question paper first and then transfer them to the answer sheet later. However, you must allow sufficient time to transfer your answers before the end of the examination, as extra time will not be given to do this.
- You should check that each page of your question paper has been correctly printed.

Instructions to candidates

- Do not make any marks on your answer sheet other than inserting your candidate number and indicating your answers with a bold horizontal line in the boxes provided.
- Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint.
- If you need to change an answer, make sure that you rub it out completely so that the machine can accept your final answer.
- Do not fold or crease the sheet.

Single best answer (SBA) – best of five format

- There will normally be 200 questions in best of five format.
- Each question contains five possible answers, only one of which is the single best answer.
- After reading a statement, you should decide which option from the list is the single best answer.
- When you are satisfied with your decision, you should record your answer on the answer sheet.
- In the example, the answer is A. You would record your answer by making a heavy black mark in pencil in the box labelled A on line 76, as shown.

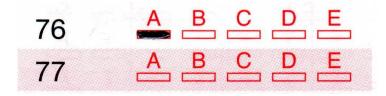
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Example of a single best answer question

A 58-year-old man is attending your surgery for extraction of his upper right canine and lateral incisor and his upper left second premolar and first molar, with insertion of an immediate partial denture. After extracting the teeth, you attempt to insert the denture but are unable to seat it.

Which one of the following is the most likely cause of this problem?

- A Bony undercut not blocked out ✓
- B Distortion of tissues by local anaesthetic
- C Failure to use a soft lining material
- D Porosity introduced during processing of acrylic
- E Post-extraction swelling



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