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Third Medical Examination  
**Behavioural Science**

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Answer 5 questions; **two** from Section A, **two** from Section B and **one** other question.

Use one answer book for Section A  
and separate answer books for *each question* attempted in Section B.

Time Allowed: 2.5 hours

**Section A: Psychology (Ms. A. Freeley)**

- Q. 1. Discuss the psychological consequences of a sudden unexpected hospital admission.
- Q. 2. Psychological theories of stress emphasise the way in which individuals both appraise potentially stressful situations and also how they evaluate their coping resources. Discuss.
- Q. 3. Consider how an understanding of the patient's perception of illness could be used to increase the uptake of vaccines.
- Q. 4. Chronic pain may have no visible signs, may not be easily explained in terms of underlying pathology and often does not respond to active treatment. Describe how an understanding of the psychological aspects of pain could be incorporated in its treatment.

**Section B:**

- Q.5. Discuss the importance of good communication skills for health care professionals.  
(Dr. Claire Connolly)
- Q. 6. Using examples from the literature, consider how community-based health promotion programmes could contribute to the Irish National Cardiovascular Strategy.  
(Dr. Margaret Barry)
- Q. 7. Consider whether the sexual stereotyping of women has any effect on their health care.  
(Ms. Marilyn Moylan)
- Q. 8. Explain what is meant by Confirmation Bias and illustrate how it has been examined experimentally by use of the 2-4-6 task and the Wason selection task.  
(Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick)