

Ollscoil na hÉireann

The National University of Ireland, Galway

**FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION
PSYCHIATRY**

Winter Examination 2003

Time Allowed: Three hours

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ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY
QUESTIONS 1 & 2 ARE COMPULSORY

- Q1.** (a) List **six** features of alcohol dependence.
(b) How would you detoxify a 55 year old man who is alcohol dependent and admitted to a medical ward?
(c) Describe the principles of longer-term management of such a patient.

- Q2.** Define and write a brief account of the symptoms of the following:-

- (a) Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
(b) Chronic Anxiety State
(c) Panic Disorder.

Describe a treatment programme for a typical case of agoraphobia in a thirty year old female patient of normal intelligence.

ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS

- Q3.** (a) What are the criteria used in the diagnosis of a major depressive episode?
(b) How would you manage a patient with a history of recurrent depression who has in the past a history of two significant overdoses?

- Q4.** What information and advice would you give a patient before initiating treatment with the following:-

Paroxetine (Seroxat)
Clozapine (Clozaril)
Disulfiram (Antabuse)
Sodium Valporate (Epilim)

In each instance name the commoner psychiatric conditions for which these drugs are used in treatment.

- Q5.** What is meant by morbid jealousy? Give an account of the clinical features and mention those psychiatric disorders which need consideration in the differential diagnosis.

PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR QUESTION 6. (Dr. MA. Smith)

- Q6.** A 13-year-old boy in his second term of his first year in Secondary School has been found truanting. His parents say that he has presented no problems to date. Discuss how you would approach this problem.