

**FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION**  
**PSYCHIATRY**

Summer Examination 2005

**Time Allowed: Three hours**

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**ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY**

**QUESTIONS 1 & 2 ARE COMPULSORY**

- Q1.** You are an SHO in Psychiatry and have been asked to assess a 21 year old man who has attempted to hang himself. Describe how you would assess the ongoing risk of suicide. In your answer please ensure that you not only discuss socio-demographic risk factors but also relevant clinical factors including findings of mental state examination.
- Q2.** Compare and contrast the clinical features and the conditions of Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa. Outline the treatment of one of these conditions including a comment on its prognosis.

**ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS**

- Q3.** Write brief notes on four of the following:-  
(a) Post traumatic Stress Disorder  
(b) Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
(c) Phobic Anxiety Neurosis  
(d) Pseudo Dementia  
(e) Biological Symptoms of Depression
- Q4.** You are asked to see the mother of a young man diagnosed with schizophrenia. He continues to experience persecutory delusions and auditory hallucinations in the third person of a derogatory nature. He is currently being prescribed an atypical antipsychotic. She wishes to find out more about the drug treatment of schizophrenia.  
What information would you give her? Give an outline of the other components necessary in developing this patient's treatment plan.
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- Q5.** You are a general practitioner. You are asked by a health visitor to assess a 30 year old woman who gave birth to her third baby about three weeks ago. She has had intrusive thoughts about killing the child.  
How would you assess the risk of harm to the baby?
- Q6.** A child presents at age 5 years. His parents have read about autism and the teacher says he is not mixing well at school. How would you investigate this?