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Fourth Medical (Part II) Examination

Medical Jurisprudence/Forensic Medicine

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Time allowed: Three hours
Answer four questions

1. Discuss what is meant by Medical Confidentiality? Under which circumstances can a medical practitioner reveal confidentially-obtained information?
2. What are the current theories in relation to the causation of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Cot Deaths). What are the characteristic features of these deaths?
3. Write notes on three of the following:
 - (a) The causes of death in Paraquat poisoning.
 - (b) The duties and responsibilities of the police doctor when examining a motorist suspected of drunken driving.
 - (c) Sources of Carbon Monoxide poisoning. What would make you suspect a patient had been exposed to Carbon Monoxide?
 - (d) Contrast the entrance wounds of a shot gun and rifle.
4. Write short notes on each of the following:
 - (a) Adipocere
 - (b) Post-Mortem Lividity
 - (c) Hypothermia
5. What is the difference between Medical Negligence and Professional Misconduct? Illustrate your answer with examples of each.